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LESSON PLAN

Purpose:

To stir the spirit of evangelism and compassion for the lost.

Bible Lesson and text:

Book of Jonah, Paul and Silas - Acts 16:16-40, Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch - Acts 8:26-39, Fishers of men - Mark 1:17-45, The good Samaritan - Luke 10:30 - 37.

Focus:

We need to see the world the way God sees it; through the cross of Jesus.

Scripture:

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (RSV)

Lie Buster:

I am a preacher of the good news.

Teaching Styles:

Acting out the Bible stories with the children, use flannel graphs.

Object Lesson 1: Prayer Prepares the Way

Point:

We must pray for the lost. Our pray demonstrates our faith.

Props:

a community map.

Directions:

1. Get a community map. Find the locations of where the children live.
2. Have kids pray over the area. As they do have them place a sticker of a heart, cross, light etc. over the locations.
3. Make declarations that these towns belong to Jesus. They are our inheritance. The men, women, boys and girls are people of righteousness. They love Jesus. Darkness go! Jesus Christ is Lord of.....my town, state and nation.



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Object Lesson 2: Pulling the Lost from the Pit

Point:

Hell is a real place and no one wants to go there.

Props:

Trash can; magazine pictures of people, of family and friends; or cut pictures of people from the local newspaper; picture of Jesus on the cross.

Directions:

1. Have a trash can with names or pictures of people, friends inside it. As you pick it up act surprised that there is no trash inside but people.
2. Ask what we would normally do with trash in a can? What will happen to the trash once it gets dumped from this can? (Goes to the dump, to be burned etc.) Never see it again.
3. Wait!!! Should the people inside go to the dump, to be burned? Without Jesus as their Lord they will go to hell. Let's pray and go before them in the Spirit and tell them Jesus saves.
4. Bring out the picture of Jesus on the cross. Lay the pictures on Jesus and make declarations over them that the cross of Christ is their salvation. Jesus is the Lord and Savior of their lives.

Object Lesson 3: Where is the Place to Share Jesus?

Point:

Jesus is wherever we are. People can see Jesus in us as we live lives separated to Christ. There are many different ways to share the love of Jesus.

Props:

Magazine pictures of different places and activities.

Directions:

1. Show the pictures and talk about what happens in these scenes. Talk about each one. A child may pick one.
2. Ask if this is a good place to share Jesus? How do we know if that person is going to hell? Do they look bad? Are they pretty? It is not the outward, but who lives in their heart and who they live for.



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3. Wherever there are people, that is a good place to share Jesus. We need to be sensitive to the moving of God and look for a place where there is an opening for the Good News of Jesus to be ministered.
4. You can do a role playing of some situations in the pictures of lives of the children. Have another child speak of Jesus or pray for them.

Object Lesson 4: Bound and Alone

Point:

Life without Jesus is lonely, empty and has no purpose. Eternity in hell separated from God is the worst existence. Life without Jesus is not life at all.

Props:

A large doll, blindfold, cuff links or ropes.

Directions:

1. Blindfold and tie up the doll. Explain that this doll is like a person without Jesus. Bound, tied and blind. Lost, in darkness, lonely.
2. Sit the doll on a chair. Even though they are in the class, the doll can't receive any thing that is happening. When talked to the doll can't talk. No life.
3. Sit a plate of snacks before the doll, a Bible or whatever you are doing in the class. The doll can't participate.
4. Even though people are living all over the earth, even right next to our house. They are like this doll without Jesus. Can't receive God's very best.
5. Ask the class how they would feel if they were like the doll today. How do they think people feel who don't have Jesus.
6. Give time to pray for the lost. Allow the children to name people they know.
7. Each person in the world must be born again. They are really not alive even though they have been born. The doll is real but not alive. People are real human beings, but only by receiving Jesus and committing their life to Him will they have life eternal.

Object Lesson 5: Fishing for Men

Point:

The right ingredients are needed for catching fish, just like it takes right ingredients to bring people to a saving knowledge of Christ.



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Props:

Play fishing rod, bait cards, scripture cards, container

Directions:

1. Jesus said He would make us fishers of men. What does that mean. We don't really throw a fishing rod in a river and catch a person.
2. Make fish cards with scripture declarations on them. Or make cards with the "BAIT" or ingredients to be an effective witness. (See examples below.)
3. Each child takes a turn to pick a card. As these are read, the child should also be activated by doing what is on the cards.
4. Have a container to put the cards in as they are read. In the container have a few pictures of some people. When a lie is read be sure the children do not put that card in the container. (See if they know it is a lie.)
5. When the right ingredients are together a miracle happens. This is the new birth of a person who was lost.
6. At some point the teacher gets excited and says: "I hear someone saying yes to Jesus." Then pull a picture of a person out to the container. Praise the Lord! (John 4:37 "Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true.") (NIV)
7. Continue with other cards and pull another person from the container.

EXAMPLES: These are words of life to speak to one who does not have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. A child can share simple Truth. In place of the word, "you're," a child can say "my." Such as: Jesus is my Lord and Savior; Jesus is my protector. This brings a personal witness to another.

God's Word says: Jesus is a friend closer than a brother; Jesus is Truth and Life; Jesus is your Light in darkness; Jesus is your greatest treasure; Jesus is your healer; Jesus is the Source of Life; Jesus is your Protector; Jesus is the Answer; Jesus is Living Water; Jesus is your Bread of Life; Jesus is your Freedom Maker; Jesus is Wisdom; Jesus is All Mighty; Jesus is your Deliverer; Jesus is Good; Jesus is your Lord and Savior; Jesus Loves You; I believe in you; God has a plan for you for good.

BAIT OR INGREDIENTS FOR EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM: (Put some lies or negative words on some cards. This helps to sharpen the discernment and interest of the children, plus develop effective listeners.)



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Feeding or clothing a person	Joy
A scripture	Fear
The name of Jesus	Calling a person an ugly name
The Holy Spirit (He must draw a person.)	Pride
An open heart	Cursing
Love God and love others	Being mad at my friend
Kindness	Blaming them for their problem
Prayer	Quit going to church
Worshiping God	Taking a neighbor to the store
Praise	Help someone with school work
Boldness	Give a tape or book to someone
Tears of intercession	A servant's heart
Taking authority over the enemy	Hearing God's voice
A person who is asking spiritual questions	A person who is sick
Complaining	Thankfulness

Drama Skit: The Big Dream

Point:

When God calls what will we answer? Will hell be someone's destination?

Props:

Alarm clock

Characters:

Voice to speak as God, Joey the Christian

Joey:

Enters with a travel brochure. "Oh boy tomorrow is the..... Start to describe all the attractions on the brochure. I can hardly wait..... I'm going to have (name some food) I'm going to (keep the excitement mounting.) I am sooo excited, I can hardly sleep. I don't think I will ever get to sleep.



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(Fluff up your pillow as you sit down and lean back on the chair. Snore and make a few funny actions as you doze off dreaming.)

God's voice:

Joey, preach the good news! (or pray for the lost)

Joey:

Snoring!

God's voice:

Joey, preach the good news!!

Joey:

(stirs awake) Lord, I have a big day tomorrow, can't this wait...yawns.

God's voice:

Don't you remember when Momma Grace told you the good news?

Joey:

(rubs eyes) That's different, that was Momma, I can't share like she does.

God's voice:

If you go, I will give you the words to say.

Joey:

Yeah right, and the next thing I know I will be taking a thumpin.

God's voice:

I sent Jesus to take the thumpin for you, do not fear, go and tell the good news.

Joey:

God I am going to have to pray about this for a while.

God's voice:

It may be too late for thousands that are headed to hell.



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Joey:

Well God, if there are thousands involved, you better get someone else, I am definitely not your guy. I am not good enough to save thousands.

God's voice:

You're right!

Joey:

I knew you would see it my way!

God's voice:

No Joey, you're not good enough to save anyone, but if you will obey my voice and go tell the good news, I will work through you and together you will see thousands saved.

Joey:

Well God, that all sounds great! But I have to get up early. I got a big day tomorrow. I have to get up at 7:00 because I am going to..... After all you do want me to enjoy your creation. Good night God.

As Joey starts snoring again: (at this point you can have sound effects or real people. They would walk across the stage screaming: No I don't want to go.....Why didn't someone tell me hell would be like this! Alarm goes off. Joey is startled awake.

Joey:

Whew!!!! (wipes his forehead and rubs his eyes.) It was just a dream.....or was it?.....Lord?



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TEACHER'S STUDY NOTES Evangelism

1. COMMITMENT TO CHRIST IS AN ABSOLUTE TO REACH THE LOST

Matthew 4:19 "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (KJV)

- A. Before any one of us can be effective in our life as a Christian, we must be sure of who we are following. Then comes the commitment to learn, serve and do as the Master does.
- B. Notice to that the Lord is the one who makes us. The making of a fisher of men and breaking of old mind sets is a process of following Jesus.
- C. A successful fisherman knows when, where, what, how, to fish. The time of day, or year, the place to fish, what is needed for the type of fishing, the proper "techniques" to bring in a catch. The fish don't come to a fisherman, he goes to them.
- D. Thoughts on harvesting: How do apples get off the tree? How does corn get out of the field ? Do farmers pick it ripe or green?

2. COMMITMENT BRINGS CONCEPTION TO FRUITFULNESS

- A. Our fruitfulness is more than just leading someone to the Lord.
- B. Fruitfulness demonstrates the degree of the character, maturity and the person of Jesus evident to our Father and the world.
- C. Fruitfulness shows the faithfulness to commitment.
- D. Fruitfulness shows the longevity of our covenant and resulting glory of God on our lives. A sapling doesn't produce fruit. There is a time to grow, be proven, then comes fruit that remains.

Proverbs 11:30 "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise." (NKJ)

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (NIV)

John 15:8 "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." (NIV)



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John 15:16 "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (KJV)

3. EYES TO SEE AS GOD SEES THE LOST AND A HEART TO RESPOND

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." (NIV)

4. PRAYER GOES BEFORE THE HARVEST CAN BE REACHED OR RECEIVED

Matthew 9:35-38 "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (NKJ)

5. OUR MOUTH RELEASE THE TRUTH TO STIR FAITH IN THE LOST

- A. Our personal testimony of God working miracles in our lives, from things that may even seem trivial are powerful tools to open others up to the Lord, Jesus Christ. Our experience confirms the Word of God's life changing power.

Mark 5:19 "However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." (NKJ)

Matthew 8:8 "The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." (KJV)

Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (NKJ)

6. WHEN CHRIST'S PRESENCE IS UPON US, PEOPLE WILL BE DRAWN

- A. From Tommy Tenney (The God Chasers): "There is a little-understood, much under-used form of evangelism that I call "presence evangelism." This is where



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people take note, saying, 'They have been with Jesus' (Acts 4:13). This is when the residue of God on a person creates a divine radiation zone of the manifest presence of God, so much that it affects those around you."

Acts 4:10-13; "Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus." (NKJ)

7. THE PREACHING OF THE WORD BRINGS DEMONSTRATION OF THE POWER

A. Ministers have stated that miracles are the dinner bell to the gospel.

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (NKJ)

Mark 16:15-20 "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it." (NIV)

8. WE ARE SENT TO TAKE A STAND AND SPEAK GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION

A. The preacher of the gospel, puts his foot on the enemy and his territory. Thus possessing ground the enemy once held in captivity.

Romans 10:14-15 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (NIV)



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EVANGELISM STUDY SHEET

1. Memory Verse: Say out loud three times and fill in the blanks.

John 3:16 "For God so _____ the world that he _____ his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (RSV)

2. God's plan to win souls was **loving** and **giving**. What are the two necessary ingredients for us as Christians to win souls? (Write answers on lines).

L_____ and G_____.

3. For the lost to believe in Jesus Christ, they need? (Circle the **bold** words).

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4. Repeat confessions:

I AM A SENT ONE. I AM A PREACHER OF THE GOOD NEWS. MY FEET CRUSH THE ENEMY AND PEOPLE ARE RELEASED. I AM IN GOD'S TIME.

REQUIREMENTS: YOUNGER CHILDREN QUESTIONS 1 - 4; OLDER CHILDREN; ALL

5. Read Acts 4:10 - 12; What is the only name that saves men? _____

6. Read these verses and write in the missing word in the blank.

Prov 11:30 "The _____ of the righteous is a tree of _____, and he who _____ souls is wise." (NKJ)

John 15:5 "I am the _____; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much _____; apart from me you can do _____."(NIV)



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7. Two big reasons why Christians don't share Jesus are **Lack of Compassion** and **Fear**.
Circle any of the reasons you may have. Pray for love and boldness.

Too tired Not knowing enough scriptures Too busy Don't know any sinners

Too young Not smart enough People will reject you Is hell really that bad