



Quarter 2 — Lesson 18



Year 3—Quarter 2: The Church is God's Idea

The Work of the Church (*Win the Lost*)

Lesson Introduction

Have everyone read aloud in unison Matthew 7:7-8. (*prepare an overhead*)

Say: God will help you represent him well—all you have to do is ask him to help you. When you face temptations, ask Jesus to help you resist them. When you are scared or anxious, ask God for courage and peace. When someone treats you badly, ask God to help you love that person.

S.H.O.H.E.E.

I now call to order the first meeting of S.H.O.H.E.E. or Several Habits of Highly Effective Evangelists. Listen as I read Matthew 28:16-20.

Say: Jesus tells us to make disciples, but all of us know how difficult that can be. That's why we need this meeting. Our goal is to learn to effectively share our faith.

First, share with your class "Why We Should Share our Faith." (see *supplement to this Lesson*)

Next, have your class discuss what they would do in the situations listed in "Opportunity Knocks." (see *supplement to this Lesson*)

Close by saying: God loves and values each person, no matter what. We represent God, and he will help us represent him well

Power Point

God helps
you talk about
your faith.

Object Lesson: 100 Dollar Bill

Objects needed: A straight, clean, crisp dollar bill or a \$100 dollar bill (*it has more of an affect with the class*).

Take the dollar and show it to the class. Ask if anyone knows what it is. Then ask how much is it worth? What can I buy with it? (*You will get many different answers. One of my kids said a bicycle [I used a \$100], so I went with that idea. You can choose something from their answers to use.*)

Ok, so I'm going to buy a bike with my 100 dollars. (*Crumble up the money. Make it really wrinkled.*) Then

ask, "Will you still except my money now that it's all wrinkled? well yes."

"Hmm", (*put three small tears around the money.*) Ask, "Will I still be able to buy my bike with this? Yes, I will, (*as you drop the money on the floor and squish it*) say, 'This money has been crumpled up, stepped on, torn and ripped, but its value remains the same. This is the same with God. No matter how torn, ripped or stepped on you are, you are still just as valuable and as precious in his eyes.' "



MEMORY VERSE

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
- Matthew 28:19



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Why Should We Share Our Faith?

Jesus told us to tell others about him. But why? What are the benefits?

- **Drawing others toward a relationship with God.** Christ came to seek and save what was lost (Lk. 19:10) and we are to do the same.
- **Helping us live as children of God.** As Christians, we are to set an example of Christ for others. When we do, our own faith is made stronger.
- **Building a community of believers.** When several believers embrace a new Christian or a non-Christian, everyone's faith moves to a higher level.

Ten More benefits:

1. Learning to be good role models.
2. Bringing meaning to others' lives.
3. Deepening our personal faith.
4. Studying the Bible
5. Seeing our friend's faith grow.
6. Developing leadership skills.
7. Exploring life's tough questions.
8. Learning to love others.
9. Listening to God.
10. Building friendships.

Opportunity Knocks

Situation 1

In the lunchroom, you hear a group of kids at the next table talking about evolution. You hear one person say, "Only idiots think a god was in charge of creating this place."

Situation 2

A new kid just came to your school. She seems pretty nice, but she's very shy. She's not really an outcast, but it doesn't seem that she has any real friends.

Situation 3

You read in the newspaper about a family whose house burned down. The newspaper quoted the father as saying, "We lost everything. Why did this happen to us?"

Situation 4

A few weeks ago, your best friend got a bad report card and his parents "grounded" him from TV, the phone, and his computer (except for homework). He keeps saying, "Nothing matters anymore."

Take-Home

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Summary

Bible Passages:

Mt. 28:19; Lk. 15:1-7

Main Point:

God helps you talk about your faith.

Discuss:

Q: When do we represent God?

A: Everywhere and all the time.

Q: How valuable is a hundred dollar bill after it is wrinkled or torn?

A: Still the same value.

Q: Jesus tells us to ask, seek and knock in what Bible passage?

A: Matthew 7:7-8

Explore the Bible

Read: Luke 15:1-7 (*Parable of the Lost Sheep*)

Explain that Jesus told this story to show how much God loves each person and wants to bring them back to Him.

Discuss:

- Why did the shepherd leave the 99 sheep to find the one that was lost?
- How did the shepherd feel when he found the lost sheep?
- How does this story show God's love for us?

Family Activity

Lost Sheep Craft:

- Give each one a piece of paper and crayons/colored pencils.
- Have them draw a sheep and a shepherd.
- Encourage them to write "God loves everyone" on their drawing.

Apply and Pray

Talk about how the church is like the shepherd, always looking for people who are lost and need to know about Jesus.

Ask your child how they can help in this mission. Ideas might include inviting friends to church, praying for others, or showing kindness.

Prayer: Lead your child in a prayer, asking God to help us share His love with others and bring people to Jesus.