

“Tipping Point” - LESSON 3

“GO”

Main Focus:

I will share the Gospel with others!



Power Verse:

“...Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”

- Mark 16:15



Whatchagaddaknow:

“I Will Tell About Jesus Everywhere I Go!”

LEADER'S INFO

Many kids think, “I’m too young to tell someone about Jesus.” But the truth is, they are perfectly placed to reach people that grown-ups might never meet - classmates, teammates, neighbors, and even family members. God doesn’t wait until someone is an adult to use them. He wants to use kids right now to help others know Him.

Through the story of Philip and the Ethiopian, the kids will learn that when they share what Jesus has done for them, it can be the tipping point for someone else’s faith journey. Even small moments - a kind word, an invitation to church, or a simple story of what God has done - can lead someone to Christ.

It’s important that we always remember - when God says “GO,” He means kids, too!



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Where Do I Go?”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Terry Yaki teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Penny Worth”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Start Spreading The News”



Bible Story

“Philip & The Ethiopian Official”



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Call To Action

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Rewind!

Review Game



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Lesson 3 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 3 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Lesson 3 - Whatchagaddaknow Teaching” Video

- “Lesson 3 - Whatchagaddaknow Trigger” Video

Character Skit

- “Penny Worth” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video

- “Start Spreading The News” Graphic

- Two Rolls Of Newspaper

- Two Bicycles (*optional*)

Bible Story

- “Lesson 3 - Bible Story” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 3 - Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Lesson 3 - Call To Action” Graphics

- A Large “Hiking” Backpack

- Graphic With A Green Traffic Light (*provided*)

- An Old-School Tipping Weight Scale

- Weights To Place On The Scale

- “Lost” And “Found” Labels

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video

- “REWIND!” Lesson 3 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Mad Lib Print Piece

- Pencils, Crayons, Or Markers

- Mark 16:15 Power Verse Print Pieces

- Large Envelope

- I Will Tell About Jesus Print Piece

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Welcome back to our final week of “The Tipping Point.” We’ve learned that when we PRAY, God hears us. When we GIVE, God uses our gifts to change lives. And this week, we’re going to learn about one more powerful way we can make a difference - “GO!”

Have you ever really wanted to GO somewhere that seemed impossible? Maybe you really wanted to go to your grandmother’s house, but it was late at night - and there was no way your parents were going to take you over there to wake her up. Maybe you always wanted to go to the moon! How cool would that be? Where is somewhere you have always wanted to GO? (*allow several kids to respond*)

Well, when we talk about “GO” today, we aren’t talking about going to any of those places. We are talking about something very specific - especially when it comes to Missions.

I want you to watch this video to see what I am talking about...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 3”)

Leader: How cool is that even kids can “GO!” I don’t mean just go to the store or go outside to play. I’m talking about going into the world to tell people about Jesus! You don’t have to be a pastor or a missionary to do that. God can use YOU - even as a kid! You can share His love with the people around you.

Here’s what’s really cool: sometimes, people need to hear about Jesus several times before they decide to follow Him. You never know when the next conversation, the next invitation, or the next act of kindness you do might be *the tipping point* that helps someone say “yes” to Jesus!

So let’s get ready to see what happens when we decide to go and tell the world about Jesus! But first, let’s check in to find out “Whatchagaddaknow!”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Penny Worth” *(A lively, optimistic, and quirky character whose personality revolves around the idea that little things make a big difference. She’s the personification of the phrase “small but mighty” and loves collecting small items.)*

Penny: Whew! I made it! *(Pants)* That’s my new record - thirty-two blocks in three minutes!

Leader: *(Alarmed)* Penny! Are you okay?

Penny: *(Holding up a finger)* I think so... *(checks pulse)* ...Yep! Still alive! Just a few bugs in my teeth.

Leader: Ew! Why on earth were you running that fast?

Penny: I finally figured out the secret to saving time! If you go fast enough, you can arrive before you left!

Leader: *(Shaking head)* That’s not how time works, Penny.

Penny: Says who? Einstein? I’m sure he’d agree! He was a pretty smart cookie. *(Pulls a cookie from her backpack and takes a bite)*

Leader: *(Laughs)* Penny, did you come all this way to tell us about how fast you can run?

Penny: Yep!

Leader: Well, I’m glad you’re here! Today, we’re learning our final lesson from our series, “Tipping Point”!

Penny: What are we learning today? How each chocolate chip makes a cookie so delicious? *(Takes a bite)*

Leader: No, although I do love cookies with lots of chocolate chips!

Penny: Then what are we learning about?

Leader: Well, so far, we have learned about praying and giving to missionaries. Today’s lesson is actually about the next step: “Go.”

Penny: *(Confused)* Go? Go where? Back home? But I just got here!

Leader: *(Smiling)* Not exactly.

Penny: Wait... are we going somewhere right now? Should I pack snacks? I’ve got raisins, M&Ms, and... I think that’s a chocolate chip... nope, definitely a beetle.

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Leader: Ew! Penny, I think you need to clean out your backpack!

Penny: Maybe you're right... I think there is a whole family of beetles in here! And they're eating my M&Ms!

Leader: Definitely clean that out later! Right now, we need to get back to our lesson!

Penny: Right! The lesson! So, where are we going? Are we going to meet a missionary? Where are they?
Africa? China? Germany?

Leader: Not exactly! We're talking about how God tells US to go tell others about Jesus!

Penny: Wait... You mean God wants ME to go to another country and tell people about Jesus?

Leader: Well, God could certainly tell you He wants you to go overseas, but that's not what we're talking about today. This kind of “Go” means we share the Good News of Jesus with people we see every day.

Penny: *(Confused)* You mean, like, people at school?

Leader: Exactly! And your teammates, your neighbors, even your family.

Penny: But I thought only missionaries told other people about Jesus. You're saying I need to do that, too?

Leader: That's right! God wants EVERYONE to tell people about His love. You don't have to be a missionary to do that. In fact, Jesus gave everyone the same mission to spread His name, love, and gospel across the world! That includes right where we are!

Penny: Wow! I guess if every single person is supposed to find out about Jesus, missionaries definitely need our help! They can't do it all on their own!

Leader: Exactly! We have to do our part! You never know when one small conversation could change someone's life.

Penny: You're right! I want everyone to know about Jesus like I know about Jesus! I will do my part to make that happen, and I'll start right now! I'm Penny Worth. Never forget that the little things stack up! See ya!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“Start Spreading The News”

Items Needed For Game:

Two rolls of newspaper; Two bicycles *(optional)*

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Preparation:

Choose three boys and three girls to play the game.

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How To Play:

Choose a point at the back fo the room for the kids to run *(or ride a bicycle like a paper delivery person)* to and back from. Once a player reaches the starting line, they must pass the newspaper to the next player. The first team to get all their players back to the starting line wins!



Bible Story

“Philip & The Ethiopian Official”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 3; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Acts 8:26-40; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in the book of Acts, chapter 8. It takes place just a little while after Jesus had risen from the dead and the early church was getting started. Philip, one of Jesus’ twelve apostles, was walking along the road when (*show pic*) he looked over and saw a court official from the country of Ethiopia sitting in his chariot.



The Holy Spirit spoke to Philip and told him to go over to the chariot. Of course, Philip knew how important it is to always listened to the Holy Spirit, so he went over to see what the man was reading. The Ethiopian man was reading the writings of the prophet Isaiah, which are now found in the Bible.



So Philip asked the man, “Do you understand what you are reading?” The Ethiopian man admitted that he didn’t understand and asked Philip to teach him. So that is exactly what Philip did. (*Show pic*) For hours, he sat there in that chariot and told the man all about Jesus and how He had died on the cross to forgive the sins of the world. The Ethiopian man believed and became a Christian right there in the chariot.



Not far down the road, they came upon a body of water. The Ethiopian man spoke to Philip, (*show pic*) “Look! Here’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?” At that moment, Philip took the man down to the water and (*show pic*) baptized him. They were both overjoyed that he had received salvation!



Then, suddenly, the Holy Spirit took Philip away to another town. The man looked around and couldn’t see Philip anywhere because the Holy Spirit had taken him away. That didn’t keep him from celebrating what God had done. The Ethiopian man continued on his journey, rejoicing all the way. He was saved from his sins!

In today’s lesson, you are going to learn that, just like Philip, you, too, can GO tell others about Jesus! You don’t have to wait until you are older. You can GO now!



Call To Action

“GO”

Materials Needed:

The “Lesson 3 - Call To Action” graphics; a large “hiking” backpack; graphic with a green traffic light (provided); an old-school tipping weight scale; weights to place on the scale

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Lesson 3 - Call To Action - Title”; label one side of the scale “Lost” and the other side “Found”

The Message: *(title slide)*



I want you to imagine something for a moment. Imagine that you are on a hike with your friends. *(put the hiking backpack on and begin to wander around the room)* Imagine you are deep in a forest. There are waterfalls, canyons, and a lot of really cool places to explore. You climb up hillsides, walk through streams, and discover lots of really cool stuff.

Then, suddenly, you realize something. Your compass has stopped working. You didn’t bring a map of the area. You have NO cell phone signal, so your GPS is totally useless. What do you do? You are LOST! That’s a scary feeling, especially as you realize it is getting dark. There are many wild animals in the woods that would love to eat you for dinner. You and your friends have NO idea how to get out of the forest. You are LOST!

You and your friends decide to split up. All of you decide to search for the path to get you back to safety. After a while, you suddenly find the path. You’re saved! But you decide that you don’t want to tell your friends about the path you found. You’re going to just keep this path to yourself. They can figure out how to get home on their own. It’s not YOUR responsibility to tell them about the path to safety.

Does that sound like the right thing to do? *(allow response)* Of course not! If you really care about your friends, you will GO to your friend and tell them all about the path you found. You don’t want them to die out in the wilderness, having NEVER found the path to safety, right? Of course, you don’t!

(take off the backpack) Okay, we are done imagining. Now, I want to talk to you about something REAL, not imaginary. There are some Christians who do the very thing I just described. They know people who are lost, but they refuse to GO help them find the right path. Let me explain...

The World Is Lost Without God *(slide)*



There are millions of people - many of them in our schools and neighborhoods - who don’t know Jesus. They are living lives of sin. Sin has separated them from God. They don’t know anything about what Jesus has done on the cross to pay the price for their sins. They are completely “lost.” The good news is...

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Call To Action *(Continued)*

God Told Us To Go! *(slide)*



When Jesus was getting ready to return to Heaven, He gave His followers some really big instructions. In Mark 16:15, He said, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.” That command wasn’t just for grown-ups. It was for all people who follow Jesus, including kids! God didn’t say, “Wait until you’re older” or “Let someone else do it.” He said, GO!

That means we don’t just sit around hoping people find out about Jesus on their own. We go and tell them! We can go to our friends, our neighbors, our schools, or even to the other side of the world. Wherever we are, God wants us to be ready to share His love.

(Put the green traffic light graphic on the screen) When you’re in a car and see a green light, what does it mean? *(Kids shout “GO!”)* Exactly! Green means GO! You know what? God has already given us a big green light. He doesn’t want us to wait for the perfect time or the perfect words. He’s already told us to GO and share His love. Every time we tell someone about Jesus, invite a friend to church, or pray for someone who doesn’t know God, we’re obeying His command to GO. The coolest part is...



My Obedience Might Be The Tipping Point *(slide)*



We’ve learned that the world is lost without God, and that He told us to GO. But there’s one more truth that makes this lesson come alive! Your obedience might be the tipping point that changes someone’s life forever.

Sometimes, God asks us to do something that feels small like say a kind word, invite a friend to church, pray for someone who’s hurting, or tell a classmate that Jesus loves them. You might think, “That’s not a big deal.” But to God, it’s huge. You never know what’s happening in that person’s heart. You never know how many other people have already prayed for them or talked to them about God. Your obedience might be the tipping point when they finally say, “Yes, I want to follow Jesus.”

(Bring out the tipping scale one last time. Use the weights to demonstrate how each act of obedience adds up until ultimately someone moves from being “lost” to “found”.)

There it is! The tipping point! That one act of obedience made all the difference. But remember, it wasn’t just that one act. Every person who obeyed God helped bring that person closer to Jesus. So, let’s “GO”, believing that God will use our obedience to change someone’s life!

ALTAR RESPONSE *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children to have boldness to “GO!” Pray they will obey and become “the tipping point” for someone to accept Jesus as their Savior.

**Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Lesson 3 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “I Will Tell About Jesus Everywhere I Go!”

2. What was the name of the apostle in the Bible Story?

Answer: Philip

3. Who did Philip see on the road?

Answer: An Ethiopian Official

4. What did the Ethiopian Official ask of Philip?

Answer: To Be Baptized

5. True Or False: The Ethiopian man chose not to believe in Jesus.

Answer: False

6. According to our lesson today, “The World Is _____ Without God.”

Answer: Lost

7. According to our lesson today, “God Told Us To _____!”

Answer: Go

8. According to our lesson today, “My Obedience Might Be The _____.”

Answer: Tipping Point

9. True or False: Only adults can go.

Answer: False

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Mark 16:15