

LESSON 1

Therefore, GOL



OPENING

[Leader] - Open in prayer.

[Leader] - There are many ways you can say hello.

How do you say Hello?

Are there other ways you can say hello?

[Wait for response from kids]

[Leader] - How about in a different language? [Wait for response from kids]

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GO FIND MY COUNTRY—

Supplies Needed

- Pieces of paper or cards with four different ways to say "Hello"
- Container to draw the cards from

[Leader] - Choose and display four ways to say, "Hello" in different languages. Teach students how to say the greetings. Have each student draw a secret card with a greeting. Keep the greeting secret. Then, set a timer for 30 seconds. On "Go", have them begin greeting each other in their secret language. Have them keep going until they find and gather all the people in the room who have the same greeting as they have. First nation to form, with the same greeting, wins.

[Leader] - That's awesome! Some other ways to say hello in different languages are:

Salut, ¿Qué tal?, Privet, Nî hâo, Ciao Yã, Yõ, Hallo, Hi, Oi, Anyoung, Hujambo, Yassou, Witaj, Halo, Helo, Selam, Hey, Tjena, Hei

(feel free to add others you may know)

[Leader] - Does anyone recognize or know any of these languages?
[Wait for response from kids]

[Leader] - How we say hello when we meet new people and want to start a conversation, the words we start with, are so important. We need to be willing to take the first step and, in this case, say hello. Just like missionaries, we should desire to meet new people and tell them about Jesus.



[Leader] - Could we have someone read the following verses?

Matthew 28:18-20

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

[Leader] - Often, people are cautious in what they do. But Jesus said go!

If you were playing a game with friends, wouldn't you like to be picked first?

[Wait for response from kids] You're eager to go! The first disciples were also ready to go!



[Leader] - I want you to imagine that you are missionaries to another country, and, as the first missionaries, you have to learn to say the word "Hello".

[Leader] - Would it be difficult? [Wait for response from kids] But, you would be willing to try, just like the first disciples were willing to try.

1. We must go!

[Leader] - We may not be missionaries to another country, but it's been said, and is very true, that when you leave your local church you are on the mission field. There are many people in your neighborhood, at your school, and maybe even in your home who have yet to hear the name of Jesus for the first time like those who haven't heard in Eurasia and around the world.

[Have a student read Matthew 28:18-19]

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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..."

2. We must say hello and make disciples!

[Leader] - What is a disciple?
[Wait for response from kids]

[Leader] - A disciple is a personal follower of Jesus.
That means you have asked Jesus into your life and you are following him in all aspects of your life.

[Have a student read Matthew 28:19]

"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..."

[Leader] - We are all called to make disciples around the world. When you get something new you are excited about it. Don't you want to tell everyone?

[Wait for response from kids] Use a personal example.

[Leader] - It's the same with Jesus. We shouldn't keep Him all to ourselves; we need to tell everyone about Him!

[Leader] - Remember when you first learned John 3:16? You probably went and told your parents?
[Wait for response from kids]

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

[Leader] - There are many kids in the world that have never heard about Jesus! If you grew up in the church you may have heard about Jesus from the day you were born and every week after that. However, there are boys and girls who have never heard that Jesus came to die on the Cross for them, that He loves them, and that He wants them to have eternal life!



"Who Am I?" is a guessing game where players use yes or no questions to guess the identity of a person. Questions are based upon the traits and characteristics of a person everyone will be able to identify. This game works well with any size group, however the larger the group, the more fun the game becomes.

- To use very few materials and almost no time for preparation, simply write the names of famous people on sticky notes.
- You can prepare in advance with pictures of famous people cut from magazines or names written on notecards. Use masking tape to adhere to the players' foreheads or backs.

Additionally, depending on the group size and the amount of time you wish to take for the game, you can choose one of the following methods.

- Everyone receives a sticky note or note card with the name of a famous person. The name is placed on either the person's forehead or upper back with a piece of masking tape. Players circulate and ask yes or no questions until everyone has identified the name on their own sticky note or card.
- Each player takes a turn with the other players asking yes or no questions, until the player with the sticky note or card guesses the identity of the famous person.

A specific amount of time or number of questions is given to the players. Ten to twenty questions are usually enough, depending on how difficult the category, as well as the age and maturity level of the players. The game should not take more than about twenty minutes - ten for preparation and explanation and ten for play.

[Leader] - Encourage players to move throughout the room, mingling and asking each other questions. Once a player guesses their character's identity correctly, they can continue to play answering the questions other players ask, or you can decide they need to wait in an area away from the other players.

Who Am I? Game Rules

[Leader] - Make sure you explain the game to the group before you begin playing.

Each person tries to figure out which famous person they are by only asking "Yes" or "No" questions to gain clues about the name that is on their back or forehead.

[Leader] - Do not look at the name on your forehead.

[Leader] - Start by asking broad questions.

[Leader] - Get more specific with your questions.

[Leader] - State your guess as to your identity

Players may ask any question that can be answered by Yes or No. Play is more fun and proceeds at a steadier pace if the questions are like the following:

- Are you a male (female)?
- Are you an entertainer?
- Are you a singer (dancer, actor)?
- · Are you a historical figure?
- · Are you young (old)?
- · Are you alive now?
- Are you considered beautiful (handsome)?

WRAP-UP We are all missionaries. We need to be willing to go and say hello, whether down the road or around the world! Let's be willing to go and say hello for Jesus!

CLOSING [Leader] - Close in prayer.

RESOURCE OPTIONS

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