



## 3, 2, 1...Freeze!

### Peter Tells Cornelius about Jesus

**BIG IDEA:** I can tell others about Jesus.

**BIBLE BASIS:** Acts 10

**KEY VERSE:** “[Jesus] said to them, ‘Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone.’” Mark 16:15

## ★ PLAY TIME ACTIVITY

### TELEPHONE

**Supplies:** Paper cups (2), string (1 piece)

**Preparation:** In order to make the “telephone,” poke a small hole in the bottom of each cup. Feed one end of the string through the hole and tie a knot to keep the string from slipping back through. The knot should be on the inside of the cup. Do the same with the other end of the string and the other cup.

**Directions:** Invite children to take turns listening on one end of the “telephone” by placing their ear in the cup as you speak into the cup on the other end. In order to work, the string must be pulled taut. After hearing what you say, have the children repeat it back to you through the telephone. Use the list below for ideas on what to say.

#### Phrases:

- I have good news!
- Jesus died and now He is alive.
- Jesus loves you so much.
- Jesus wants you to follow Him.
- You can live with Jesus in Heaven.
- You can tell others about Jesus.

**Question:** Do you ever talk to anyone on the phone? Who do you talk to and what do you talk about?

## ★ LARGE GROUP LESSON



## ★ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

### TELEFRIEND

**Supplies:** None

**Directions:** Have the children sit with you in a circle. Begin by whispering one of the phrases below to the child on your right. Tell that child to then whisper the same phrase to their neighbor. Continue around the circle until the phrase reaches the last child in the circle. The last child must then say the phrase out loud so everyone can hear it. The phrase should only be whispered once by each child, so players must pay close attention. If the phrase has changed, tell the children what the phrase started as. Continue until all three phrases have been used.

#### Phrases:

- Jesus died and now He's alive.
- Jesus loves you.
- Jesus wants you to follow Him.

**Say:** In our true Bible story for today, Peter told Cornelius the good news about Jesus. We can tell our friends and family the good news too. We can tell them Jesus died and now He's alive. We can tell them Jesus loves you. And we can tell them Jesus wants you to follow Him. But we don't have to whisper it. We can say it loud enough for everyone to hear! Let's practice.

**Directions:** Invite the children to loudly repeat the above phrases with you one at a time.

**Question:** What do you want to tell people about Jesus? (Optional: have children whisper what they want to say about Jesus to their neighbor and play additional rounds of the game.)

### GREEN LIGHT GO (Application Activity)

**Supplies:** None

**Directions:** Have all of the children line up against one wall. Tell them they have to get to the opposite wall in whatever way you tell them to, but they can only move when you say "Green Light...GO!" When you say, "Red Light...STOP!" they must all stop immediately. Use the list below for ideas on methods of movement, but feel free to make up your own as well. When the children reach the opposite wall, they must shout, "Jesus loves you!" Play for as long as time and interest allow. When finished playing, have the children sit with you in a circle.

#### Methods of Movement:

- Walk
- Run
- Skip
- Hop on two feet
- Crawl
- Crab walk
- Bear crawl
- Hop on one foot
- Twirl

**Say:** Jesus ALWAYS gives us the green light to tell others about Him. He says, "GO! into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone!" Preach means to tell. It doesn't matter how we go—we can walk, run, skip, or crawl. But when we get there, we can tell people, "Jesus loves you!"

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**Question:** Who could you tell about Jesus? What would you say to them?

## **OVER UNDER RACE** (Bible Memorization Activity)

**Supplies:** Ball or balloon (1 per group)

### **Today's Bible verse:**

"[Jesus] said to them (*spread arms like a cross*), 'Go into all the world (*alternate pointing in different directions with both hands*). Preach the good news (*cup hands around mouth*) to everyone (*splay hands out with palms up*).'" Mark 16:15 (*extend hands like you're holding a book*).

**Directions:** Practice the verse together until the children can remember it. When ready, divide the children into two groups. Have the children in one group line up, single-file, facing the same direction with about one foot in-between each child. Give the ball or balloon to the child in the front of the line. Have that child pass the ball with both hands over their head to the child behind them. The child behind them must receive the ball with both hands and pass it under/between their legs to the child behind them. Each child must alternate between passing the ball over their head and under their legs until it reaches the end of the line.

At the same time, the other group must recite the Bible verse aloud with hand motions while the first group is passing the ball. If they can recite the entire verse before the ball reaches the end of the line, they win the round. Have the groups switch roles and repeat. Continue playing rounds for as long as interest allows.

## **WIGGLE FREEZE** (Bible Story Review Activity)

**Supplies:** None

**Directions:** Tell the children that when you say, "Wiggle," they can move and wiggle in whatever way they want, but when you say, "Freeze," they have to stop and remain totally still until someone is caught moving. Begin by repeatedly saying "Wiggle" for as long as you would like, then say "Freeze!" The children will freeze in place. Watch closely to see which child moves first. Whichever child moves first, ask that child what happened first in today's Bible story. (They don't have to tell the whole story, just the first part.) If necessary, allow the other children to help. When finished, begin saying "Wiggle" again and repeat the above instructions. For each additional round, ask the child who moves first to tell what happened next in the story. Continue playing until the whole story has been told.

## **COLORING SHEET AND SNACK TIME** (GO! Deeper Activity)

**Directions:** Give each child a Bible story coloring sheet and some crayons or markers. While the children are coloring, give them a snack to eat and ask the following questions to help them go deeper into the story:

**Question:** How do you think Cornelius and his friends felt when Peter told them the good news about Jesus? Why do you think they felt that way?

**Question:** If you were Peter, what would you have told Cornelius about Jesus?

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**Say:** In today's Bible story, Peter told Cornelius the good news about Jesus. **We can tell people about Jesus too.** Let's say a prayer and ask Jesus to help us tell our friends and family about Him.

**Prayer:** Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by asking Jesus to give the children courage and strength to tell their friends about Jesus.