

PILOT - Large Group

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GO Picture:

God is our Guide

GO Answer:

I will always be ready to serve God

GO Verse:

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Psalm 32:8 (NLT)



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LARGE GROUP FUN!

Supplies Needed:

None

Game: "Pilot Says"

Contestants: *Everyone participates.*

Instructions: *A variation of "Simon Says". Pick 2-4 kids who know last week's Go Answer to lead the classic game of "Simon Says". Instead of "Simon Says" they need to say "Pilot Says". Line up your kids shoulder to shoulder on stage at an arm's length (or whatever works for your campus) and have them give a command one after another.*

Keep the game high energy and fun and don't let it go too long. The focus should be on fun and remembering last's week Go Answer!

Say: *I'm so glad you guys are in the Go Port room this week! It's always so much fun and a great time to gather as the church! You may not know it but our entire theme of Go Kids at River Valley Church is based on travel. By air, by sea, by whatever means necessary we want you to be kids who "Go" into all the world and share the gospel. Do you know that a pilot has to safely lead people up a river, across the sea, or from one airport to another? I need a couple of kids to be pilots! To be picked you have to know last week's Go Answer! [Pick your kids, explain the game, and play.]*

INTRO/ GO BANTER

Supplies Needed:

-PILOT theme image
-"Be Prepared" audio clip
-PILOT slide with explanation for each

Two characters (people) needed for CHARACTER SKETCHES during lesson:

One level headed who carries the flow = EMCEE (E)

One silly, crazy who needs a dilemma resolved = CHARACTER (C)

Emcee is alone on stage or in the front of the room talking to the audience. Comic Relief Character will approach later from off-stage. For this character sketch, we have provided a sound bite from The



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letter
 -PILOT Weekly Slide with "P" filled in
 -Pilot costume for Comic Relief
 Character to wear every time he enters

Lion King movie ("Be Prepared".) Anytime the Character says "As a Pilot, I need to ..." the audio clip "Be Prepared" should play loudly. Be sure your tech team is "prepared" by going over the concept with them in rehearsals. Whenever the Character says this tag line and the sound bite plays, he/she needs to get into a Superman pose – head high, shoulders back, hands on hips, and mouth the sound bite – "Be Prepared!"

Emcee: This week we are kicking off our brand new teaching series called "PILOT."

[ProPresenter Note: Show image of PILOT home screen.]

E: Everyone is going to learn how to be a PILOT! *[This is a great moment to engage kids about having a PILOT's license to fly, etc.]* Through this series, we are going to learn what it takes to be a PILOT. But we won't stop there ... We will be focusing on this every week of the year. The question being asked of you is, "Are you being a PILOT today?"

[Character (C) comes in clearing his/her throat and doing vocal scales.]

E: "Sorry about this, boys and girls, it appears we have a slight disturbance happening here."

(Character gets louder and louder.)

E: "Ummm, can I help you?"

C: "Oh, no thanks. I'm good. I'm just getting ready for my flying lessons. You know, every Pilot needs to take flying lessons. As a Pilot, I need to... *(Character gets in a superman pose. TECH CUE: Play*



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sound clip) ...Be prepared!"

E: "Wait a minute. You're training to be a Pilot?"

C: "Yes, indeed! I am really confident that I am going to be top in my class."

E: "Why is that?"

C: "Well, you see, as a Pilot, I need to... *(Character gets in a superman pose. TECH CUE: Play sound clip) ...Be prepared!"*

E: "Does that happen every time you say that?"

C: "Of course! Don't you have sound effects when you talk?"

E: "No, I can't say that I do. But, hey, that's wonderful that you are getting prepared! It is a great idea to prepare in order to be ready for such an important career. We are actually learning today about how important it is to be prepared so that we are ready to serve God."

(As Emcee speaks, character makes loud flying noises.)

E: "So wait, I am a little confused. What exactly are you doing?"

C: "I'm getting ready!"

E: "To?"

C: "To be the best Pilot the world has EVER seen!" *(Character continues to make loud flying noises – noises should continue to build [and get sillier] as character also begins waving his/her arms and*



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'flying' around.)

E: "Wait, you mean to tell me that this is how you are preparing for such a big career?"

(Character continues flying noises – using the entire front / stage area. Character can also go out into the crowd for added fun.)

C: "I'm going to be the greatest!"

E: "This is not going to help you at all! This is just getting ridiculous. We are going to continue with our lesson today while you go figure out how to prepare a little better!"

[Character continues with the noises and flies off-stage. Emcee continues with lesson intro.]

Through our brand-new series, we are learning how to be a PILOT. You see, we've taken each letter of the word "PILOT" and are using those letters to stand for a different word. That's called an acronym.

[ProPresenter Note: Display slide of PILOT letters with their meaning.]

- PREPARED
- INVOLVED
- LOVING
- OPEN TO GOD
- TEAM PLAYER

This week is all about being PREPARED. *(TECH CUE: Play sound bite "Be Prepared.")*

As we continue into the school year instead of reminding you of our one rule – RESPECT – we are going to challenge you each week to BE A PILOT. Since this is week one, let's start with the first letter.



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[ProPresenter Note: Display image of PILOT Weekly Slide with the letter "P" filled in.]

[IMPORTANT programming change: The One Rule, Respect, has been replaced with: Be A PILOT]

Our **Go Answer** is "I will always be ready to serve God."

GO ANSWER

"I will always be ready to serve God"

Consider having the kids say it with you or repeat after you.
Optional: Create actions/hand motions to help kids memorize the Go Answer.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

As the kids come to the front of the room to be "involved" in worship pause and pray to help them "prepare" their hearts and minds to worship God. This will prove to be a great pastoring moment every week!

You choose your songs [2-3] from our Go Kids approved song list.

Song 1: _____

Song 2: _____

Song 3: _____



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GO VERSE

“The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.’”

Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

The Go Verse is the scripture verse that corresponds to the Go Picture for the children to commit to memory over the course of the five week PILOT teaching series.

Make this fun for your campus, whether it is a repeat-after-me or a game. Feel free to get creative and use actions, etc!

OFFERING

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Offering bucket
- Offering slide w/music

Note: *Our kids give their tithes and offering to the LORD. We call this Kingdom Builders. However, this is not giving above and beyond our tithe like our adults do, it is merely just their tithe. All of the Go Kids Kingdom Builders across the House goes to support Jay Risner. Visit <http://kidlinkinternational.org> for videos and explanation of how our giving is making a difference.*

Jay Risner is the missionary we support with our Kingdom Builders. What is the name of the home for disabled kids he works at? [Joyland] And what are the 3 countries he is visiting this year to tell kids about Jesus? [Cambodia, China, and Indonesia] And who makes it possible for this entire ministry to take place? [We do!]

Pray for the ministry work that will be accomplished because of the kids' giving or have a child come up and pray for the work of the ministry that happens because of our offering.



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MESSAGE

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Bible
- PILOT theme slide
- Fuel Depot slide
- 1 Samuel 3:10
- Minecraft video
- Weights (fake or real)
- SOAP Journal

Title: “Be Prepared”

Scripture References for Leaders: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 4:2; Exodus 19:10-11, 16; Isaiah 6:8

TEACHING, PART 1:

Everyone open up your Bibles to 1 Samuel chapter 3. [*Wait for kids to find the passage until you look around to see the majority are doing nothing.*] Looks like some of you were not **prepared** to read from your Bible in church today! As we begin talking about being prepared, I want to take this moment to encourage you to bring your Bible and Go Kids journal **EVERY week**. If you have a Go Kids backpack or Bible carrier that might help you get it here. This way you are prepared to find scripture, read it with me, and highlight it or underline it. By bringing your SOAP Journal, you get stamps from the Fuel Depot, which you can save up for some pretty cool stuff. [*If needed, promo Fuel Depot at this time.*]

You can follow along in your Bible or on the screen. We are reading from 1 Samuel chapter 3 verse 10. This is a book found in the Old Testament. This verse talks about being ready to listen to God and serve Him. God came to young Samuel and had a very important message for Him. At first Samuel didn’t know who it was, but once he realized it was God, Samuel answered: “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” There’s another verse in the Bible – 2 Timothy 4:2 – that talks about always being ready no matter when it is. We need to always be ready and prepared to serve God – to obey Him and listen to His voice.

We serve God by having a willing heart, by being obedient to Him

[Comic Relief Character (C) ENTERS from off-stage and interrupts the Emcee (E). Character is lifting power weights as he



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walks up.]

C: "I've got it!" *[Continues to lift weights while making exaggerated lifting, 'strong man' sounds.]*

E: "Have you figured out what it takes to fly a plane?"

C: "Definitely! I am just about ready to go!"

E: "Wait. What? You haven't even taken your first lesson yet and what exactly are you doing lifting weights?"

C: "Well, I've got to be able to fly the plane. My arms are going to get crazy tired. How am I going to power this plane if I can't even power-lift these weights?"

[Character puts the weights down and dramatically illustrates what it will look like as he flies the plane with his arms outstretched like the wings.]

E: "I think you've officially lost it."

C: "Wait! You're right. I haven't even stretched yet! I mean, we all know that, as a Pilot, I need to... *{CR gets in a superman pose. TECH CUE: Play sound clip} ...Be prepared!'"*

[Character begins doing ridiculous stretches and random Yoga poses in an effort to stretch for the big flight.]

E: "That is not how you prepare to fly a plane!"

C: *(Stops mid-stretch)* "It's not?"



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E: “No way! Don’t you know anything about being a Pilot? *(At this point, CR should have gotten stuck in a stretch. Emcee walks over to assist.)* You know what? I think you could learn a lot from our lesson today. We are learning about how to be a PILOT. But not the kind of Pilot that flies a plane, we are learning how to live our lives for God.”

C: “Well, that will come in handy!”

E: “Absolutely! Today we are learning about how to ... *{Both Aviator and Comic Relief Character get into the superman pose. TECH CUE: Play sound clip}* ...Be prepared!”

(Character runs off-stage.)

ILLUSTRATION:

Does anyone in here today like to play Minecraft? *[Allow responses.]* In order to defeat the Ender Dragon in Minecraft, you can’t simply wander to the End. You have to be **PREPARED!** Books and experts who play say you should enter the End with diamond armor, diamond swords, bows and lots of arrows, and make sure it’s all enchanted. Oh, and snowballs! You had better be prepared or you won’t make it. **Check out this video!**

[TECH CUE: Play Steve Minecraft scene]

The same is true with the being a Christian. You need to be prepared! And unlike Minecraft, where you can plan and prepare for as long as you want before you engage the Ender Dragon in combat, you never know when God is going to call on you. Just like young Samuel who was minding his own business and sleeping! Or how about a guy named Isaiah from the Old Testament... Isaiah heard the



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voice of God calling out for someone who was PREPARED and ready to serve Him. Do you know what Isaiah said? He said: "Here I am. Send me." Isaiah was prepared. He was ready to serve God.

TEACHING, PART 2:

How can we be prepared to serve God?

- Go to church
Church is a place where we learn more about God, we hang out with our friends and make new ones, we grow in our relationship with God, we worship Him, and we serve in ministry. Many of you already serve here at church and that's great! Perhaps God is calling others of you to also serve at church – to be a part of a ministry team and help to make a difference.
- Read our Bible
Just as a Pilot has a flight manual, we have a manual for life – it's God's Word, the Bible. By reading the Bible, we learn more about God and His great plan for our life. We learn how to live and how to know right from wrong. God's Word prepares us, challenges us, and encourages us. By reading God's Word, we read about how Jesus served. Jesus is the perfect example of serving, and the more we know about how He served, the better prepared we will be!
- Pray
If you had a best friend and never talked to him/her, would you know him/her very well? No! Prayer is talking with God. When we listen to God (just like Samuel and Isaiah did), God will tell us incredible things. He also wants to hear from you – tell Him about your day, what you're thankful for, and what you need His help with. He wants to hear your voice and, when you listen to His voice, He will speak to you.



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It's so important to have a willing and obedient heart. When you are prepared and ready to serve God, He will use you in amazing ways! He will use you to tell your friends about Jesus! He will use you to help minister at church! He will use you to set an example to your family! He will use you to help support missionaries! He will use you to spread His love and His Word to the world!

Is your heart willing? Are you obedient to God?

Are you PREPARED?

MINISTRY RESPONSE

This is your opportunity to invite all the children to respond to what was just taught.

Before service begins, make sure you're prayed up and allow God to lead you during this time of response.

There is a video loop in ProPresenter with music for you to play while you minister to your children creating an ideal atmosphere.

CONCLUSION

Supplies Needed:
 -Notepad
 -Pen
 -"Flight Manual"
 (another notepad or notebook)

The Resolution: Emcee (E) and Comic Relief Character (C) take stage post prayer/altar time

C: *[excitedly]* "I'VE GOT IT!"

E: "Seriously? Have you learned how to prepare for your flying lesson?"

C: "Absolutely! I've got my notepad, my pen, and my flight manual... I am prepared for class! I also did a little research and it turns out I don't have to make sounds as I fly."



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E: *(sarcastically)* "You don't say."

C: "Yeah, crazy, I know. Also, turns out I don't have to actually do any lifting of the plane so that's a relief."

E: "Bravo! Looks like you are prepared. You know, we've been talking a lot today about being prepared to serve God and answer His call. These kids have done a great job listening. Would you like to see how well they've been listening? It's time for our Go Quiz!"

Character leads kids in Go Quiz

GO QUIZ

You will have multiple slides with questions corresponding with today's lesson. Each slide will have a question followed by multiple-choice answers. Kids in audience will need to guess the correct answer. Reveal the correct answer after kids have had a chance to guess.

Question 1: From our lesson today, who said: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"?

- A. David
- B. **Samuel**
- C. Joshua
- D. Goliath

Question 2: What does the "P" stand for in PILOT?

- A. **Prepared**
- B. Peanut Butter
- C. Positive
- D. Pilot

Question 3: *True or False:* According to our Go Verse, God says that He will watch over us.



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A. **True**

B. False

Question 4: *Fill in the Blanks:* "I will always be ready to ____ ____."

A. stand up

B. turn left

C. **serve God**

D. obey God

GO GROUPS

Emcee or Character dismisses kids to Go Groups or introduces leader who dismisses to Go Groups.

