

PILOT - Large Group

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GO Picture:

God is our Guide

GO Answer:

I will love God and others

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)



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LARGE GROUP FUN!

Supplies Needed:

-None

Game: 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' Growing Train

Contestants: Everyone

Instructions: All kids pair up and play "rock, paper, scissors." Whoever loses falls in behind the winner in a Conga Line fashion. The "winner" now goes around the room to find another winner. The game will end when two contestants, each with a giant train of people behind them, face off.

Remember any large group fun should be done prior to the start of service to help with time.

INTRO

Supplies Needed:

-PILOT Image
-PILOT Weekly Slide with "P," "I," and "L" filled in
-Pilot costume (shirt, hat, glasses) for Character to wear any time he/she enters

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

One level headed who carries the flow = EMCEE (E)
One silly, crazy who needs a dilemma resolved = CHARACTER (C). The silly character is the same each week as, over the course of this 5-week series, he/she discovers what it takes to be a PILOT.

[ProPresenter Note: Show image of PILOT theme slide.]

We are continuing our series called "PILOT." Can anybody tell me what PILOT stands for? *(let kids respond)*

A PILOT is:

Prepared
Involved
Loving
Open to God and a
Team Player



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Let's take a look at where we are at...

[ProPresenter Note: Show image of PILOT weekly slide with "P," "I," and "L" filled in.]

Two weeks ago, we talked about a "PILOT" being someone who is PREPARED. Last week, we talked about a "PILOT" being someone who is INVOLVED and giving God their best.

[Character interrupts Emcee]

C: "Hold the phone! There are major problems aboard!"

E: "What seems to be the problem?"

C: "I'm ready to get onboard the plane with my instructor so he can show me how to fly when all of a sudden, passengers start loading the plane as well. What is happening?! There's loud talking... Crying babies... Big, heavy luggage... And now they want us to give them beverages? It's crazy!"

E: "Wait, you didn't know there would be passengers onboard your future flights?"

C: "No! Just me and the open air!"

E: "I think you could learn a lot from our lesson today. We are talking all about loving others. That's the next letter in "PILOT." "L" stands for "LOVING."

C: "Yeah, I don't know about that. It's very hard to love these loud people... That crying baby is *really loud!*"



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E: "Stay tuned. We're going to learn all about loving God and loving others."

[Character exits mumbling about heavy luggage and crying babies.]

Let's check out this week's Go Answer...

GO ANSWER	<p>I will love God and others</p> <p>Consider having the kids say it with you or repeat after you. Optional: Create actions/hand motions to help kids memorize the Go Answer.</p>
PRAISE & WORSHIP	<p>You choose your songs from our Go Kids approved song list.</p> <p>Remind Kids to be "involved" in worship! Set the tone and atmosphere before you begin.</p> <p>Song 1: _____</p> <p>Song 2: _____</p> <p>Song 3: _____</p>
GO VERSE	<p><i>"The Lord says, 'I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.'"</i></p> <p>Psalm 32:8 (NLT)</p> <p>The Go Verse is the scripture verse that corresponds to the Go</p>



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Picture for the children to commit to memory over the course of the 5-week PILOT teaching series.

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

OFFERING

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Offering bucket(s)
- \$31 in 31 slide
- Jay Risner slide w/music

Note: Our kids give their tithes and offering to the LORD. We call this Kingdom Builders. However, this is not above the tithe like our adults, it is merely what we call their tithe. All Go Kids Kingdom Builders giving goes to support Jay Risner.

Each month focus on the campus and House goal for Kingdom Builders. August is "\$31 in 31." September will be a "Quarterback Challenge." (Go Kids will be providing quarter collecting containers to the kids.)

MESSAGE

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- PILOT slide with definition of each letter
- Media clip: "It's Raining Tacos"
- Mark 12:30 slide
- 1 large empty mason jar
- 3 smaller jars, 1 filled with sand, another with small

TITLE: "It's All About Love"

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Mark 12:30; John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-10; Luke 6:31; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Are you "prepared" to find today's Scripture? (*This is a great time to encourage kids to bring their Bibles and SOAP Journals.*) Our Scripture for today's message comes from the book of Mark. The book of Mark is in the New Testament and one of the four Gospels that tell the story of Jesus. Gospel means "good news" and Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell the "good news" of Jesus and **God's great love for us.**

People "love" a lot of things. For instance, have you ever heard



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pebbles, and third with larger rocks -Rolled up diaper

someone say, "I love my dog...my cat...my pillow...tacos (*elaborate as desired, just end on tacos*). Who doesn't love tacos?! They even make songs about tacos.

[ProPresenter Note: Play "It's Raining Tacos." Song has been edited to only play the chorus 1x.]

Millions of people have watched that silly video and love it. Is that the kind of love we are reading about in our Scripture verse? *[Allow for response.]* We may love that song, but when the Bible says, "**And you must love the LORD your God...**" it is a different kind of love than the love we have for tacos!

This command to love God that we read about in Mark is actually the Greatest Commandment. Did you know the Bible has a "greatest" commandment? It's true! Jesus is speaking in this verse. **To love God is the greatest thing we can do!** But Jesus doesn't stop there. The second greatest thing we can do is to love others. Listen to what Jesus says, "**And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second is equally important: 'love your neighbor as yourself'. No other commandment is greater than these.**"

There you have it! Jesus says, 1) love God and 2) love others. To be a PILOT and someone who follows Jesus, we must love God and love others. To love with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength means to give all of our attention, focus, and passion to doing that.

[Character returns and interrupts service. He/she is holding a 'dirty' diaper.]

C: "Okay, I've decided to show love to my friends. They can board the plane."



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E: "Well, that's great! Sounds like you've been listening really well."

C: "Absolutely! My friends can board, but definitely *not* that crying baby! He will have to catch the next flight coming through."

E: "Now wait just a minute! You can't pick and choose who you show God's love to. God wants us to show His love to everyone ... and that includes noisy, crying babies."

C: "But you don't understand! He was trying to bring *THIS* onto the plane." [*On "THIS," character holds up a 'dirty' diaper.*] "Do you know how nasty this dirty diaper smells??"

E: "Smelly or not, we have to show love to everyone! It's what God has commanded us to do."

C: "Clearly I have some work to do! Am I alone in this?"

E: "Not a chance. God will help and guide you every step of the way."

[Characters exits wrinkling his nose at the dirty diaper. Emcee continues with lesson.]

Emcee: What are things that can keep us from loving God and giving Him our very best? [*Ask for a response from one or two kids.*]

When we let other things become the main focus in our lives, God is often left out. We must arrange our lives and the things we give our time to so that God gets the attention and focus He deserves. He should be #1! When we put Him first, we are proving we love God. And when we've experienced the awesome love that comes from God, we need to go out and share that love with others.



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Love God. Love Others.

OBJECT LESSON

[Hold up large, empty Mason jar.]

Take a look at this jar. It is an empty jar waiting to be filled. This jar is going to represent our lives. We make choices every day on what we put in our jar (lives).

[Hold up large rocks.] These larger rocks represent God, our relationship with Him, going to church, reading our Bible...

[Hold up pebbles and sand.] This sand and these small pebbles are going to represent smaller, less important things in our lives. These are time-fillers like playing video games, watching TV,

Look what happens if I fill this jar with all the little things in life.

[Add sand and small pebbles to jar in order to fill a large portion of the jar.] Looks like there's not much room for the big, important things, is there? *[Empty contents of jar.]*

Now watch what happens when I put in the big things first.

Remember, these larger rocks represent God and our relationship with Him. *[Put the big rocks in first and let the sand and small rocks be sifted and shaken as they fill in around the big rocks.]*

By focusing on the big things, or the important things, I make sure that my relationship with God comes first. The little things in life still happen, but God comes first because He is the most important.

If you love God, make room and make time for Him. Put Him first!

[Transition to response time.]



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MINISTRY RESPONSE	<p><i>[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.]</i></p> <p><i>[As you close in prayer, speak of the importance of God and putting Him first in our lives. Challenge kids to follow Christ's words to love God and love others. Acknowledge the fact that this can be difficult at times, but that the Holy Spirit will help us every step of the way.]</i></p> <p><i>[There is a video loop in ProPresenter with music for you to play while you minister to your children creating an ideal atmosphere.]</i></p>
GO QUIZ	<p><i>[ProPresenter Note: You have a collection of slides with questions corresponding with the day's lesson. Each slide will have a different question followed by multiple-choice answers. The kids will need to guess the correct answer. Reveal the correct answer after kids have had a chance to guess.]</i></p> <p><u>Question 1:</u> What does the "L" in PILOT stand for?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Love B. Loudly C. Loving D. Laughter <p><u>Question 2:</u> True or False: When we love God, we put him first.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. True B. False <p><u>Question 3:</u> What does the word "Gospel" mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Go get 'em B. Good news



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- C. Godly life
- D. Great news

Question 4: Fill in the Blanks: This week's Go Answer says: "I will love ___ _ ___."

- A. just my friends
- B. God every day
- C. **God and others**
- D. family and friends

Bonus Question: What are ways we can be "PREPARED" to come to church?

- A. Bring our Bible
- B. Bring our SOAP Journal
- C. Invite a friend
- D. **All of the above**

GO GROUPS

Dismiss kids to their Go Groups.

