

PILOT - Large Group

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GO Picture:

God is our Guide

GO Answer:

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GO Verse:

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LARGE GROUP FUN

Game: "Partner Up!"

Supplies Needed:

-Music

Contestants: Everyone

Instructions: All children start off in the middle of the room. When the music plays, children walk randomly around the room. When music stops, each child must find one other child to "partner up" with by linking elbows. Any child left without a partner is "out." If there is an even number of children playing, the pair that "partner up" last is out. Continue playing until there is only one remaining pair. Restart game and continue playing until service time (countdown ends).

[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," "L," and "O" filled in
 -Pilot costume (shirt, hat, glasses) for Character to wear any time he/she enters
 -Pilot headset

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). 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.]

Our "PILOT" series continues today.

Through this series, we are learning that a PILOT is:

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Team Player

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

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

Three weeks ago, we talked about a "PILOT" being someone who is PREPARED. Two weeks ago, we talked about a "PILOT" being someone who is INVOLVED, and, last week, we talked about a "PILOT" being someone who is LOVING.

Today, we are going to take a look at a few different guys who were PILOTs, but not the type of PILOT you might think. Today, we are talking about guys who were Prepared, Involved, Loving, and ... drum roll, please... Open to God.

[Character aimlessly walks onstage wearing Pilot headset.]

E: "Sorry for the interruption, kids. Let me just take care of this..."
[Approaches Character] "Can I help you?"

C: "Oh, I'm good. I'm just out for a walk."

E: "What is that on your head?"

C: "Oh this?" *[Motions to headset]* "This is my official Pilot Headset. Pretty great, isn't it?"

E: "Yeah, that looks great! Looks like you are really getting the hang of this Pilot thing! But shouldn't there be noises coming from your headset?"



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C: "Oh yeah, there were *lots* of noises coming from this thing. 'Alpha. Bravo Zulu. Charlie. Delta. Echo. Sierra. Tango...It was never ending! So I decided to take charge and turn it off."

E: "You turned your Pilot headset off? How in the world is Air Traffic Control supposed to contact you if your headset is off?"

C: "Oh, I'll be fine. I can navigate all on my own. No worries."

[Character boastfully walks off stage. Emcee continues lesson.]

Yikes! We will have to check in later about that. In the meantime, let's check out this week's Go Answer...

GO ANSWER

I will be open to the ways of 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

You choose your songs from our Go Kids approved song list.

Remind Kids to be "involved" in worship! Set the tone and atmosphere before you begin.

Song 1: _____

Song 2: _____

Song 3: _____



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GO VERSE

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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 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. This year, 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
-1/2 gallon of milk

TITLE: “Are You Open to God?”

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Psalm 119:18, Matthew 4:18-22; Jeremiah 29:11; John 10:27-28; Psalm 25:4-5

In the Bible, in the book of Matthew, we read about Jesus choosing His disciples. These disciples were ordinary guys. There was



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- Clear glass
- Bottle of chocolate syrup
- Spoon
- “I Lift My Hands Up” worship song

nothing special about them. We are going to look at four of them today.

[Read or Summarize: Matthew 4:18-22]

These four guys – Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John – had no idea what that day had in store for them. They thought it would be like any other day. A day filled with smelly fish. These four fished for a living. That was their job. Every day out on the water looking for fish to catch. But on this particular day, their world was about to be forever changed. On this day, the Son of God (Jesus) was going to call them to be His disciples.

You see, we never know what awesome things God has in store for our lives, but when we are open to Him and obedient to what He says, amazing things can and *will* happen.

That day, those four disciples – Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John – had a decision to make. Would they be open to God and listen to His call? Or would they not listen and instead do their own thing?

[Character abruptly runs in, interrupting service, out of breath.]

C: “Whew! That was way too close!”

E: “Whoa, what’s going on? What are you talking about? Is everything okay?”

C: “Oh yeah, it’s good now, but, wow, you should have been there!”

E: “Well, tell us about it!”

C: “There was this CRAZY STORM that came out of NOWHERE! I had



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no idea it was coming and here I am 35,000 feet up in the air. It was something like this...." *[At this point, Character dramatically demonstrates what he went through with turbulence, not being able to see clearly, etc. Have fun "hamming" it up.]*

E: "Didn't anyone teach you that you're not supposed to fly through severe weather? ... Wait a minute ... You turned your Pilot Headset off. How could you have known that you shouldn't be flying in that channel through the storm?"

C: "Yeah, so that was a BIG mistake! Turns out Air Traffic Control helps to guide and direct Pilots. Who knew?! But I remembered what you said about needing to listen and be open to guidance so I turned on my headset. There was someone calling out to me who told me where to go and directed me past the storm. It was awesome!"

E: "You know, that reminds about what God does for us. He guides and directs our lives, but we need to be open to Him and listening to His voice."

C: "Boy, isn't that the truth!" *[Pats headset]* "I'm never turning this trusty headset off again!"

[Character exits making funny Air Traffic Control sounds into his headset. Emcee continues with lesson.]

We need to be listening to God. When God calls you, will you be "prepared" to be "involved?" Will you be "loving" and "open" to His commands? Jesus' disciples were ready to go. The Bible tells us they left everything behind in order to follow after God. Today, in just a few moments, we are going to give you the opportunity to listen and be open to God. It is something that we need to always be ready and



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prepared to do.

OBJECT LESSON

What happens when we are open to God and obedient to His ways? Let me show you something...

[Hold up empty glass and ½ gallon of milk. Keep bottle of chocolate syrup hidden.]

How many of you love to drink a glass of cold milk? It's pretty great. *[Pour milk in glass.]* But what would make this even better? How about ... chocolate! I like plain milk just fine, but chocolate milk is *so much better!* *[Reveal hidden chocolate syrup.]* I can stand here and tell you all about how much I like chocolate milk, but I'm never going to actually *get* chocolate milk unless I pour this syrup in and mix it up.

What do I need to do in order to get the yummy goodness of the chocolate syrup into my glass of milk? *[Ask for suggestions from the audience. You are looking for an answer similar to: "You need to open the lid in order for the syrup to come out."]*

If I don't "OPEN" the lid, nothing is going to happen. I can stand here until I'm blue in the face, but unless I open up the bottle of syrup, there is no chocolate going into my milk.

[Open syrup bottle and add plenty of syrup to milk. Stir with spoon.]

When we are "OPEN" to God and His ways, He will bless us. When the disciples were open to God and obeyed His call to them, their lives were filled with blessings. They were forever changed! The same is true for us. God promises that He has an incredible plan for



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our life. The Bible tells us in Jeremiah 29:11 that He has plans to bless us. That’s great news!

[Transition to response time.]

[OPTIONAL Presenter Note: If you would like to take this illustration to another level, select [and prep] a leader ahead of time to sit on stage while you fill the cup with milk and chocolate syrup over their head. “Accidentally” miss the cup a time or two while filling. Be sure to prep your area with plastic cloth, towels, etc. Important Note: Have the leader exit the stage/front area once you have added the chocolate syrup to the glass and before you begin to apply the object lesson/illustration to the kids’ lives.]

MINISTRY RESPONSE

Supplies Needed:
None.

[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.]

We have been learning today all about being “OPEN” to God. When we are open to God, it means we are listening to Him and we are obedient to what He says. Today, we are going to take some time to practice that.

*[Transition and lead kids into a time of **WORSHIP**.]*

*[Explain the concept of **lifting our hands** in worship and why we do it ... It is an act of surrender to God. It means we are “open to the ways of God.”]*

SONG: “I Lift My Hands Up”



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[ProPresenter Note: There is a video loop for you to play while you minister to your children, creating an ideal atmosphere. The song "I Lift My Hands Up" has been added after this prayer video loop.]

GO QUIZ

[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.]

Question 1: What does the "O" in PILOT stand for?

- A. **Open**
- B. Obey
- C. Onboard
- D. Obedient

Question 2: Today we learned about four disciples of Jesus. Which one of these was *not* a disciple?

- A. James
- B. Andrew
- C. **Jonathan**
- D. John

Question 3: *True or False:* According to our Bible lesson, only 2 of the disciples that Jesus called actually followed Him.

- A. True
- B. **False**

Question 4: *Fill in the Blank:* This week's Go Answer says: "I will be open to the ____ of God."

- A. Word
- B. truth
- C. **ways**
- D. family

Bonus Question: In what book of Bible is our Go Verse found?



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- A. **Psalms**
- B. Proverbs
- C. Isaiah
- D. Ruth

GO GROUPS

Dismiss kids to their Go Groups.

