

# PILOT - Large Group

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## **GO Picture:**

God is our Guide

## **GO Answer:**

I will focus on the team

## **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:

-Play fun background music during game time

### Game: "DOO-DADS"

Contestants: Everyone

Instructions: Split your group into two or more teams/groups, and ask each team to select a 'runner.' You then call out an item that kids are likely to have with them. Objects can include: a watch, a quarter, blue socks, glasses, a Bible, SOAP Journal, stripes on their shirt, a number on their shirt, their Bible open to a specific verse....

Teams must find the item amongst themselves (without leaving the group), and give it to their runner to deliver to you. The first team to deliver the item receives a point, and the team with the most points at the end of the game – wins.

To mix it up even more, try calling out things like 'a person with blonde hair.' That person cannot simply run up to the front, they must be delivered to you via their runner.

*[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," "O," and "T" filled in  
-Pilot costume (shirt, hat, glasses) for Character to wear any time he/she enters. Costume now also includes Pilot

**Two characters (people) needed for Intro:**

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

**One silly, crazy who needs a dilemma resolved = COMIC RELIEF 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.]*

Today, we are closing out our "PILOT" series. This has been a great series learning about what it takes to be a PILOT.

Through this series, we have been learning that a PILOT is:



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headset.  
-Note pad and pen

**Prepared  
Involved  
Loving  
Open to God and a  
Team Player**

Let's take a look at what we've been learning and where we are at...

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

Today, we are on the final letter – "T." "T" stands for "TEAM PLAYER." We are focusing on teamwork and how to help out those around us. Together we can do far more than we ever could alone!

***[Character frantically enters, running around. He is stressed out and mumbling to himself.]***

E: "Sorry for the interruption, kids. Let me just take care of this..."  
*[Approaches Character]* "What's going on? Are you okay?"

C: "There's so much to do!"

E: "For what? What are you talking about?"

C: "To fly! I'm on my first solo flight and it is complete madness. How am I supposed to get everything done?"

E: "Well, let me see if I can help you out. Should we make a "to-do list" or something?"

C: "That would be helpful!"



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*[Emcee pulls out note pad and pen and begins to take notes as the Character talks.]*

C: "Okay, so I get that I need to be loving to my passengers and let them on the plane. We're all good there, but now I need to help them load their luggage, and then I have to check over the flight controls and make sure everything is working. Next, I have to go over the safety information over the intercom. And now, the passengers are wanting *beverages*? How am I suppose to have time to serve them all drinks and tasty snacks? This is *madness!*"

E: "Hold up, I'm confused. If you are doing all this, then who is flying the plane???"

C: *[Panics]* ".....I'll be right back!"

***[Character frantically runs off stage. Emcee continues lesson.]***

E: "Yikes! He's a mess! Sounds like he is trying to everything on his own and that is never easy."

Today, as we close out our series, we are learning about the power of a team and how to be a "TEAM PLAYER." I hope you're ready!

This week's Go Answer says...

## GO ANSWER

### **I will focus on the team**

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



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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 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)
- Quarterback Challenge slide
- Jay Risner slide

**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.

This Month = “Quarterback Challenge.” Each child will receive a



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w/music

container to take home and collect quarters in and bring back to Go Kids over the course of the month. Each child only receives one container, but they can fill it up as many times as they can.

## MESSAGE

### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- PILOT slide with definition of each letter
- Chair
- Glass of water
- Large rope for tug-of-war
- Colored tape

**TITLE:** "We're All in This Together"

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:** Exodus 17:8-13; Ecclesiastes 4:9; 1 Corinthians 12:20-25; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Hebrews 10:24-25

In the Bible, in the book of Exodus, we read about a battle between God's people, the Israelites, and the Amalekites who were attacking them. But before we jump into that, I need a volunteer. Now, I'm not just looking for any volunteer; I am looking for someone who is pretty strong. I'm looking for someone with muscles ... lots of them. Someone who is pretty good at holding heavy things. *[Ask for a show of hands and select your volunteer.]*

*[Really "ham" up the fact that you need them to be strong which will be ironic when you reveal the simple glass of water. Instruct your volunteer that you need them to hold the glass of water out in front of them with their arm completely outstretched. They cannot lower the arm, switch arms, bend their elbow, etc. while you speak. Have them stand a couple feet away from you while you continue the Bible lesson. Every-once-in-a-while, check in with them to see how they're doing.]*

Back to our Bible lesson, the Israelites and the Amalekites are at war. Moses is leading God's people, the Israelites, and he tells his top soldier, Joshua, that he is going to "stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in [his] hands" (v. 9).

So Joshua goes out with the Israelites to fight the Amalekites just as



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Moses had ordered. Meanwhile, Moses went up to the top of the hill with two other people – Aaron and Hur. (Yes, in Bible times, that was a guy’s name.)

The Bible tells us that “as long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning” (v. 11). Trouble started to brew when Moses began to get tired. It’s tough work to hold your hands up for a long time, and the Israelites began to lose the battle. *[Check in again with your volunteer.]*

***[Character abruptly runs in, interrupting service.]***

C: “Okay, we’re good. I put the plane on ‘auto-pilot’ for a minute. Now... back to that ‘to-do list’ and all the things that I still have to do to complete my first solo flight...”

E: “You do know that you have a flight crew, right? It’s not actually a “solo” flight – You have a whole crew there ready to help you and take over different responsibilities so that you can focus on one thing – safely flying the airplane and getting it to its destination. Where’s your flight crew?”

C: *[Looks confused]* “Is that who those people were standing on the tarmac frantically waving at me? I thought they were cheering me on and waving ‘goodbye!’”

E: “That was most definitely your flight crew. Your flight attendants, co-pilot... All the people that help you during your flight. Everyone works together in order to get the job done.”

*[Character spots your volunteer holding the glass of water.]*



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C: "What about this guy? Looks like he'd be great at serving drinks! Do you want to join my Crew?!"

*[Emcee interrupts.]*

E: "No, your Flight Crew is waiting for you! You left them behind! Quick, go get them!"

***[Character quickly exits. Emcee continues with lesson.]***

Back to our story... The Israelites are losing the battle because Moses' arms are getting tired. Remember, whenever his arms are raised, the Israelites are winning the fight.

*[At this point, your volunteer's arm will be very tired from holding the cup outstretched.]*

The Bible tells us that Aaron and Hur took a large stone and put it under Moses for him to sit on. *[Bring chair over to your volunteer so he can sit down.]* Next, Aaron and Hur held Moses' arms up – "one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset" (v. 12b). *[Call up another volunteer to hold up first volunteer's arm.]*

Because of this teamwork, Joshua and the Israelites were able to overcome the Amalekite army that day. **When we are a team player, it means that we help out the team. We work together to make a difference. We are loyal to the team. We have a good attitude. We look out for others.** Let's give our volunteers a big hand! *[Instruct volunteers to return to their seats.]*

## OBJECT LESSON





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*Preparation: Prior to service time, tape a line down the center of stage area for "Tug of War" game.*

*[OPTIONAL Presenter Note: If you would like to take this illustration to another level, stuff the shirt of your adult leader with blown-up balloons, cotton material, etc. in order to make it appear that he/she has large muscles. Instruct adult leader to "ham" up the fact that they have huge muscles.]*

What happens when we work together as a team?

*[Hold up large rope]*

How many of you like to play "Tug of War?"

*[Call up one child and one adult leader to assist you in object lesson. They will compete against each other in a round of "Tug of War." Be sure to select a smaller child and your largest adult leader in order to best illustrate that they are unevenly matched.]*

*[After playing round one, adult leader clearly wins.]*

This isn't very fair, is it? Looks like our volunteer could use some help. *[Select more volunteers - anywhere from 2-7 - to assist the child volunteer.]*

*[Play round two. This time, the children will win. Dismiss all volunteers back to their seats.]*

Alone we are limited, but when we work as a team, there's so much more we can do! Let's take a look at God's Word. The book of Ecclesiastes talks about teamwork.



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*[ProPresenter Note: Display Ecclesiastes 4:9 slide]*

**“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.” Ecclesiastes 4:9, NLT**

Whether you are competing in a sport, playing in a band, or playing a game in your Go Group, together we can do so much more than we could ever do alone. That’s how God wants us to live. He wants us to be there for each other to help each other out, and be a friend to those in need. **As a Christian, we are part of God’s team.** Do you know what that means? It means we are on the winning team! Being on God’s team is the greatest team of all! I’m on your team, and you’re on mine! We are in this together! We are here for each other. I’m here for you to help, and you’re here for me.

How are you going to build the team and make it better? How are YOU going to be a team player? Working together as a team means that we look out for each other

*[Transition to response time. Today’s response time will be more of a celebration.]*

## MINISTRY RESPONSE

**Supplies Needed:**  
-PILOT wings

*[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. Today’s response time will be more of a celebration.]*

Over the past several weeks, we have been learning about what it means to be a PILOT. The choice is yours. Will you be PREPARED to serve God? Will you be INVOLVED and give God your best? Will you



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put God first and be LOVING to others? Will you be OPEN TO GOD and His ways? And, finally, will you be a TEAM PLAYER?

***[Character abruptly and victoriously interrupts service one final time.]***

C: "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! I did it! I successfully flew my first flight and I couldn't have done it without my flight crew."

E: *[Cheering]* "That's amazing! You are officially a PILOT! And you know what that means, don't you? You've earned your WINGS!"

*[Have the audience cheer as Emcee attaches a PILOT wings pin onto Character.]*

If you say "yes" to being your best and becoming a PILOT, then, in just a moment, I'm going to ask you to come up to the front to receive *YOUR* wings!

***[Instruct your adult leaders in the room to line-up across the front and hand out PILOT wing pins to kids. Instruct kids to form lines and wait their turn to receive their pin. Character should remain at the front cheering kids on and congratulating them.]***

***[Use this moment as a perfect photo op by taking a picture of your service group as a whole wearing their pins. Email your group photo to Central ([go@rivervalley.org](mailto:go@rivervalley.org)) and they will add it to next week's ProPresenter show for you to display at the beginning of next week's service.]***

GO QUIZ

*[ProPresenter Note: You have a collection of slides with questions*



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*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 "T" in PILOT stand for?

- A. **Team Player**
- B. Trouble
- C. Tasty Treat
- D. Tried and True

Question 2: What does PILOT stand for?

- A. People In Line Open Treats
- B. Peter Is Laughing On a Trolley
- C. **Prepared, Involved, Loving, Open to God, Team Player**
- D. Proud, Interested, Lovely, Obedient, Talkative

Question 3: *True or False:* As a Christian, we are part of God's team.

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

Question 4: *Fill in the Blanks:* "The Lord says, 'I will \_\_\_\_ you along the best \_\_\_\_ for your life. I will advise you and \_\_\_\_ over you.'"

- A. watch ... pathways ... speak
- B. send ... route ... sing
- C. guide ... route ... see
- D. **guide ... pathway ... watch**

**GO GROUPS**

*Dismiss kids to their Go Groups.*

