

# Leader's Guide: A Journey with Jesus—and Out into the World

## **Stop #1: WAIT**

Note: This will be at your starting location. There should be a place to sit since you will be WAITing a little while!

### Scripture:

[Acts 1:3-5](#). This occurs after Jesus' death and resurrection and before His ascension into heaven.

[Acts 2:1-4](#) This is Pentecost, which occurs after Jesus' ascension.

Treasure: Paper flames and water drops in various colors—written on each one are different ways that the Holy Spirit helps us. See the attached documents for pages that you can copy and then cut out the shapes. (Have them all together in a bag so the group can't see them).

### Activity/Discussion Topic:

- Read Acts 1:3-5. Where were they supposed to stay (Jerusalem) and what were they supposed to do (wait)?
  - Why is it hard to wait?
  - What would they have missed out on if they hadn't waited? (promise of God the Father/baptism with the Holy Spirit)
  - Read Acts 2:1-4. How were the followers of Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit? (rushing wind, tongues of fire)
  - Say: We aren't filled with the Holy Spirit by having tongues of fire appear on our heads anymore. It happens differently now—through drops of water at our baptism.
  - Say: The waiting time is over! Toss the paper flames and water drops over the children. Have them collect one of each color to keep.
  - Say: These are some of the gifts that we receive from the Holy Spirit. [Have the children read the statements on the various colors.] Point out the flame that says "Brings us to faith"—that is one of the things that happens when we are baptized.
  - Say: Save these for our journey—we may need these gifts later. [Give each child a paper bag to carry their treasures in.]
  - Move on to your next location using whatever method you have come up with (GPS, map, clues, etc).
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## **Stop #2: GROW**

### Scripture:

[Matthew 28:18-20](#)

[Psalm 119: 105](#)

Treasure: Bookmark—you could make your own or find them online. Here is a [sample](#) of what you might find.

### Activity/Discussion Topic:

- Read Matthew 28:18-20. We already talked about baptism at our first stop. What happens after baptism in these verses? (teaching them to observe all that I commanded)
- Say: If you were going to teach someone how to do something—like play a game of basketball—what would it be helpful for you to know? (rules of the game; how to pass and dribble and shoot, etc)
- Say: If you wanted to teach someone about being a follower of Christ, then you need to know something about that. So you might need to GROW in your faith a little.
- Ask: How is it that you grow in your faith? (reading the Bible, church, Sunday School, family devotions, etc.) Are there any gifts from the Holy Spirit (the flames/waterdrops) that might apply? (Is our Helper; Helps us lead a godly life)
- Read Psalm 119:105. Say: God's Word is like a flashlight—it helps us to see what Jesus is all about and helps us to know what to do and what not to do. [Hand out the bookmark treasure.] You can use this bookmark to help you learn more about God.
- Move on to your next location.

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## Stop # 3: GO

Scripture:

[Acts 1:8](#)

Treasure: Target Handout (with Jerusalem—Judea—Samaria—End of the Earth). See attachment for pages to copy.

Activity/Discussion Topic:

- Read Acts 1:8. Show a map of Jerusalem & Judea & Samaria. Notice how Jesus has them start close to home (Jerusalem). Each location that He mentions is further out—Judea, then Samaria, and finally the end of the earth.
- Say: We know that we are a part of God’s family. We’ve been growing in our faith. Now it is time to go out and be witnesses—to share the Good News of Jesus with other people.
- Give each child a “Target Handout” and a pencil. We’re not going to go to Jerusalem to share about Jesus—we’ll start with our own “close to home” location. Have them think what their Jerusalem—Judea—Samaria—End of the Earth would be and how they could share about Jesus there. [Option: Have them move to a different—and slightly further away—spot as you talk about each of the four areas.]
- Are there any gifts from the Holy Spirit (the flames/waterdrops) that might apply? (Teaches us what to say)
- Move on to your next location.

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## Stop # 4: RENEW

Scripture:

[Matthew 11:28](#)

Treasure: Granola Bar or small bag of Trail Mix (be alert to food allergies)

Activity/Discussion Topic:

- Sometimes life can be hard—with being worried or overly busy or tired out. What are some things that can make life hard for you.
- Say: Sometimes we need a little pick-me-up when things get us down. Hand out the treasure—they can eat this little “pick-me-up” during the rest of the discussion.
- Read Matthew 11:28. What does Jesus tell us to do there? (come to Him and He will give us rest) How might we come to Him—or how does He come to us?
- Are there any gifts from the Holy Spirit (the flames/waterdrops) that might apply? (Is our Helper; Prays for us; Is our Hope)
- Move on to your next location.

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## Stop # 5: SHARING

Scripture: [1 Peter 3:15](#)

Treasure: Card or flyer with your church’s information on it

Activity/Discussion Topic:

- Say: So, you are ready to go out and share about Jesus. Who can you share this with? [Give them the treasure/church card that they can give to one of these people]
- Read 1 Peter 3:15. We should be ready with a few things to say about our relationship with Jesus. What are some things that you can share with someone that you know. [Optional—have them practice sharing this with each other].

- Are there any gifts from the Holy Spirit (the flames/waterdrops) that might apply? (Is our Helper; Teaches us what to say)
  - Move on to your next location.
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## Stop # 6: OBSTACLES

Note: When planning your route, this would be a great time for the group to have to make their way past some obstacle.

Scripture:

[1 Peter 5:8](#)

Treasure: Picture of a Roaring Lion (plenty of options when you do a web search)

Activity/Discussion Topic:

- Say: Jesus wants us to go out and share the Good News about Him with the world. However, there is someone who DOESN'T want us doing that. Who is that? Read 1 Peter 5:8. (the devil)
  - Hand out the lion picture. What are some things that the devil might do or some thoughts that he will put in your mind to keep you from sharing about Jesus? (don't know what to say; people don't want to hear this; I don't have time; etc). They could write these down on the paper if desired.
  - Are there any gifts from the Holy Spirit (the flames/waterdrops) that might apply? (Is our Helper; Prays for Us)
  - Move on to the last location.
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## Stop # 7: "LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

Scripture:

[Matthew 28:18-20](#)

Treasure: Jesus Door hanger. See attachment for hangers that you can print and cut out.

Activity/Discussion Topic:

- Read Matthew 28:18-20. Say: At the end of these verses, what does Jesus promise His disciples—and that includes us? (with you ALWAYS)
  - For this next section, you will read a statement and then say, "If this is true, then do this action". Actions might include clapping hands, jumping up and down, touching a certain tree, etc. Here are some possible statements (they are all true, by the way!):
    - Jesus is with me when I'm sad.
    - Jesus is with me when I have to do something hard.
    - Jesus is with me when I am having a good time.
    - Jesus is with me when I am alone.
    - Jesus is with me at school.
    - Jesus is with me when I am talking to someone about Jesus.
  - Hand out the door hanger. This is a reminder that Jesus is ALWAYS with you. You can color/decorate it later.
  - Say: And because Jesus is with us, we don't need to be afraid of the devil and his tricks. Pull out that piece of paper with the roaring lion on it and rip it into several pieces to remind you that Jesus is stronger than the devil.
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