

DONUTS AND DISCIPLES

LESSON SNAPSHOT

Bear Claw

BOTTOM LINE:

Becoming a disciple means I will be bold for Jesus.

OBJECTIVE:

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KEY PASSAGE:

Acts 2:1-7, 14, 37-41, Peter Preaches at Pentecost

MEMORY VERSE:

"Have your roots in him. Build yourselves up in him. Grow strong in what you believe." Colossians 2:7a (NIRV)

SUMMARY:

This donut may be named after a bold and scary animal, but the taste is sweet and delicious. Disciples are called to be bold for Jesus, which can be scary; but when we rely on the Holy Spirit, the results are sweet.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Please help me to overcome my fears so I can be bold.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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MEMORY VERSE

“Have your roots in him. Build yourselves up in him. Grow strong in what you believe.” Colossians 2:7a (NIRV)

“Rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith.” Colossians 2:7a (NIV)

“Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong...” Colossians 2:7a (NLT)

“Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith.” Colossians 2:7a (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

Make A Move

Invite kids to help you come up with motions to go along with the memory verse. Once you can all agree on the motions, go over it several times. Once you have done that, switch it up by seeing how fast they can do the verse with the motions, how slow they can do the motions, if they can do the motions while lying on their backs, etc.

SMALL GROUP:

Dare to Draw

Invite kids to make a drawing about the verse. It doesn't have to be literal; it can just be how the verse makes them feel. Encourage them to include the verse somewhere in their drawing.

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SKIT

BOLD NEW FLAVORS

ITEMS NEEDED:

White coat or chef hat

“No Cell phone” sign

Cell phone

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

Baker Bob

Hannah - Baker Bob's granddaughter

(Hannah walks into Baker Bob's.)

HANNAH: Granddaddy? What's with the “No Cell Phone” sign?

BOB: Hannah, you, my dear are the reason I had to put up that “No Cell Phone” sign in the first place.

HANNAH: But Granddaddy, you've gotten so much new business since I put up that video. I'm just trying to help you pay for my college education! (Winks)

BOB: Very funny!

HANNAH: So Granddaddy, today I think we need to make a promo for some bold new flavors to keep drumming up more business. So what do you have? (Pulls up phone and pretends to start recording.)

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SKIT (Continued from page 3)

BOB: Bold flavors, you say? What about “Pickle Poppers”? Pickle flavored donut holes!

HANNAH: Ugh! That sounds disgusting. Next!

BOB: Okay, how does Happy Jalapeño sound? Stuffed with chopped jalapeños covered with maple syrup!

HANNAH: Cute name. Bad vibes. Try again. This one better be good.

BOB: Tough crowd! Oh well, here we go. What about the Bull Dough-Za? A doughnut shaped like pizza, but instead of pepperoni on top, it’s bologna?

HANNAH: Granddaddy, these are supposed to taste good! I don’t think people will like any of these. I definitely can’t post anything you just said.

BOB: I don’t want you to post anything that I say!

HANNAH: But Granddaddy, the Sweet Life has brought joy to so many people! We should try to share that with even more!

BOB: What if something goes wrong? What if I make a new creation, and order all the supplies to make them and then no one buys them?

HANNAH: What do you always say to me?

BOB: Get your finger out of your nose.

HANNAH: Ugh! Granddaddy, I do NOT pick my nose!

BOB: Sometimes I say, “You can’t make a silk purse out of a sow’s ear.”

HANNAH: What does that even mean?

BOB: I give up. What do I always say?

HANNAH: You always say, you’ll never know unless you try. It’s a hot market out there. There’s a candy shop going in two blocks away. You have to do something bold to make your customers remember you.

BOB: Or, what if I try to promote a new donut and the food critics don’t like it?

HANNAH: Who cares about the food critics? Your customer base is mostly 10 year-olds!

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BOB: What about that Belch website where people give bad reviews?

HANNAH: You mean Yelp? Again. 10 year-olds. You know what 10 year-olds love?

BOB: Clearly, I don't, so why don't you tell me?

HANNAH: Sugar and bright colors! Oh, and things that look like other things.

BOB: I've got it! It can still be the Dough-Za, but it will be a pizza-shaped donut with icing that looks like cheese and sprinkles in the shape of pepperonis.

HANNAH: Granddaddy, I think that just might be perfect!

BOB: Are you sure?

HANNAH: I'm sure! Let's show this thing to the world!

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OBJECT LESSON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A wrapped gift with a bow
Sticky note

I have a gift for someone in this room. *(Pick gift up and show it off, walk around the room so everyone can inspect it closely.)*

In order to decide who gets the gift, I need you to look under your chairs. Whoever has a sticky note, please come up to the front of the room with me!

(As the child walks up, start talking like you're thinking out loud.) I'm so nervous. What if they don't like it? What if they make fun of me? What will they think? What if they don't want to be my friend anymore? What if they think I'm weird? You know what? I'm just not going to do it. I'm not going to give it away. I just can't risk it.

(To child.) I'm sorry, but I've changed my mind. I can't give you this gift. *(Pause a moment to gauge reactions in the room.)*

(To child.) How do you feel about that? Did the things I was afraid of make any sense?

Give the prize to the child and let him or her open it!

Often, we forget about the prize inside us—how great a gift the Good News of Jesus is. We become afraid of what people will think or what will happen if they don't receive it. The Good News is a gift, a wonderful gift. We must be bold to give it away and share it with as many as we can. It hurts them and us if we keep it to ourselves. Read Philemon 1:8-9. In this verse, Paul was talking to Christians about things he needed to talk to them about—however, the principle applies to how we should talk to our nonChristian friends, too. Even though we want to be bold and tell them about Jesus, we still need to do so in a gentle and respectful way. Our boldness comes from God, and He will give us both the words to say and the courage to know what actions to take. Remember, we don't need to make people come to Jesus. Our job is just to tell the Good News and leave the rest to God.

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LARGE GROUP GAME

BIG BEAR, BIG BEAR ARE YOU HUNGRY?

ITEMS NEEDED:

none

INSTRUCTIONS:

Big Bear, Big Bear, are you hungry?

One of our family's favorite easy party games. An adult is the Bear, and stands at one end of the yard. The kids are at the other end of the yard. The kids yell together, "Big Bear, Big Bear, are you hungry?" to which the Bear will say "No, not really, come closer". The kids will all come a little closer and ask the question again. This happens over and over, until the Bear finally answers "Yes!" At this point he tries to tag as many children as possible and they become Bears too. The game starts over, with the new Bears on one side of the yard and the other kids at the other side of the yard.

WHAT'S THE POINT:

Just like we are called to be bold for Jesus, you have to be bold to get closer to the bear!

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INTRO:

Who here has ever had a bear claw donut? So they are a little different from regular donuts because they are flaky and can have fillings like nuts or fruits or cream cheese. They're almost more like a Danish, but they're still quite delicious.

But, I have a question for you. Why do you think bear claws were invented? I mean, donuts and Danishes were already pretty great. I think they were invented because someone wanted to make them even better! Someone wanted to make something bold and new.

In our story today, Peter has to stand up and be bold. He has to talk in front of a lot of people and he has to tell them a bold new idea. Let's find out what it is.

READ ACTS 2:1-7; 14, 37-41

MAIN POINT:

There was a great festival happening in Jerusalem. In the Old Testament, they called it the Feast of Weeks, but in the New Testament, they called it Pentecost. Pentecost literally means the number 50. Why would they name a festival after a number? It was 50 days after the Passover, or in this story, it was 50 days after Jesus was resurrected. Because this great festival was happening, there were people in Jerusalem from every nation. That means there were lots of different people from lots of different places.

Suddenly, a whole lot of crazy things started happening. There was a violent wind. So, not just a nice pleasant breeze, but I bet it felt more like a tornado. Then, people

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began talking, everyone from every nation could understand, even though not everyone could speak the same language.

Then, Peter bravely and boldly, gets up and speaks to the crowd. He preaches a great message and tells people that they need to repent and be baptized. Because Peter was bold for Jesus, around 3,000 people started following Jesus that day!

DRIVE IT HOME:

Sometimes it can be really scary to talk about our faith or to live out our faith. It might mean that you risk a friend thinking you're weird for talking about Jesus. Or it might mean that you risk other people not liking you for making the right choice when everyone else is making the wrong choice.

When you choose to be bold, good things can happen. When Peter chose to be bold, 3,000 people started following Jesus. If you choose to be bold, maybe one of your friends will start coming to church and choose to follow Jesus, and then that friend invites a friend, who invites a friend, and so on until our church is super full of awesome kids like you!

The best part is that we don't have to do it all on our own. Just like the Holy Spirit helped Peter at Pentecost, we can rely on the Holy Spirit today. The Holy Spirit will help guide us to say and do the right things to bring others to Jesus.

We've learned a lot about what it means to be a disciple throughout this series. If you feel like you are ready to take the next step in becoming a disciple, please be sure to talk to a grown up here at church!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Peter to teach us how to be bold.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What do you think of when you think of the word “bold”?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

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SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Wind from Heaven

This activity is a variation to the trust fall activity; however, this activity may get a tad bit trickier. The kids have to be vigilant and careful at all times. Here's how to conduct this activity:

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- The kid in the center has to keep his body stiff.
- The kid in the center has to fall backwards in any direction, and the kids in the circle have to be ready at all times to catch their friend.
- As they catch him, he should gently be pushed around the circle towards the other kids.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Acts 2:1-7, 14, 37-41

- 1) What part about this story was the most amazing to you?
- 2) Why do you think so many languages were being spoken?
- 3) Why were there people from so many different places there?
- 4) What does the word repent mean?
- 5) What did Peter do that was bold in this story?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear God,
Please help me to be bold like Peter.
In Jesus' name,
Amen*

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3RD-5TH)

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Read Acts 2:1-7, 14, 37-41

- 1) How do you think you would have reacted if you saw all of this happening?
- 2) Why do you think so many languages were being spoken?
- 3) Why were there people from so many different places there?
- 4) What was the day of Pentecost?
- 5) What would you say to someone if they were to ask you about Jesus?

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

1. What filled up the whole house?

- a) balloons
- b) the wind*
- c) cats
- d) clowns

2. Who stood up and started preaching?

- a) Peter*
- b) Parker
- c) Paul
- d) Philip

3. Peter said to repent and _____.

- a) Be yourself
- b) Be our guest
- c) Be baptized*
- d) Be free

4. What will you receive if you repent and be baptized?

- a) An X-box
- b) Superhero powers
- c) Holy guacamole
- d) Holy Spirit*

5. How many people were saved after Peter preached?

- a) 3
- b) 300
- c) 3,000*
- d) 3,000,000

MAKE IT STICK

5 SIMPLE WAYS
YOU CAN MAKE
THIS LESSON STICK
WITH YOUR KIDS

Donuts and Disciples Lesson 4



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask your kids ...

Would you be scared to preach in front of 3,000 people?

Do you think Peter was scared?



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

Why would it have been scary to preach about repenting and being baptized and following Jesus?

What do you think gave Peter the courage to get up and talk to all those people?

What is one way you can be bold in your faith this week?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Being bold in our faith is something we struggle with even as adults. We don't want that friend at work to think we're weird. We don't want them to go to HR and report us. We don't want to be associated with some bad past experience they may have had with church or religion before. It can be scary, but what Jesus wants most from us is obedience. Don't think of the negative what ifs. Think, "what if this friend starts following Jesus and leads others to Jesus?" You have to take that first step so that they can take their first step.

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TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

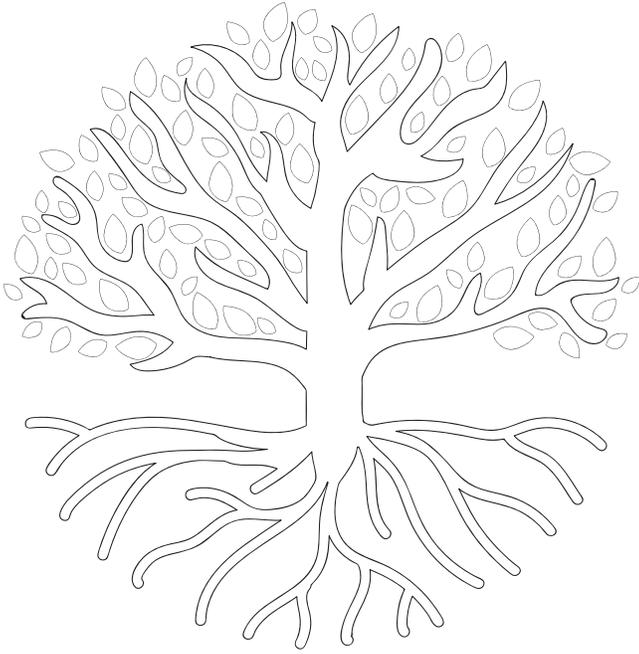
Items needed:

- A new pencil
- 3-inch pipe cleaner
- Paper
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Glue (something fast drying...glue sticks work)

The Sound of Wind Pinwheel Craft

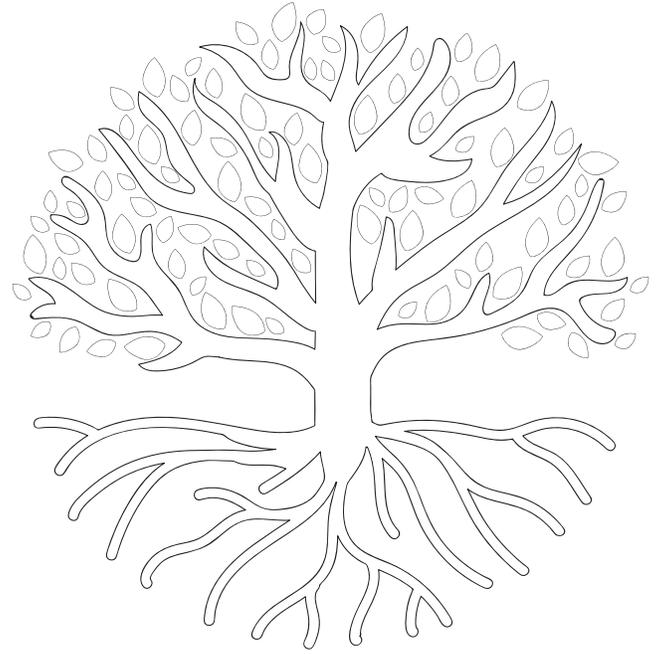
Instructions:

1. Cut your piece of paper into a square.
2. Make a dot in the center of your paper.
3. Draw a diagonal line from each corner of the paper, halfway to the center dot.
4. Cut down the diagonal lines.
5. Fold every other point into the center dot and glue the corners with the dots to the center, one on top of the other. Hold it in place until it's dry.
6. Create one hole through the center of the pinwheel using a hole punch. Be careful not to crush the pinwheel.
7. Twist the pipe cleaner around the pencil top. Make sure it's tight.
8. Put the pipe cleaner through the pinwheel's center.
9. Wrap the end of the pipe cleaner around itself making a ball, but leave space to allow the pinwheel to spin.
10. Now give it a blow!



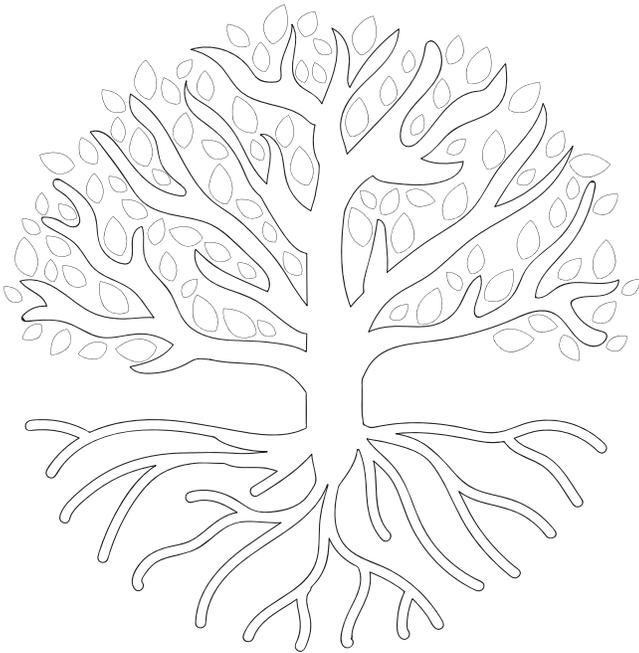
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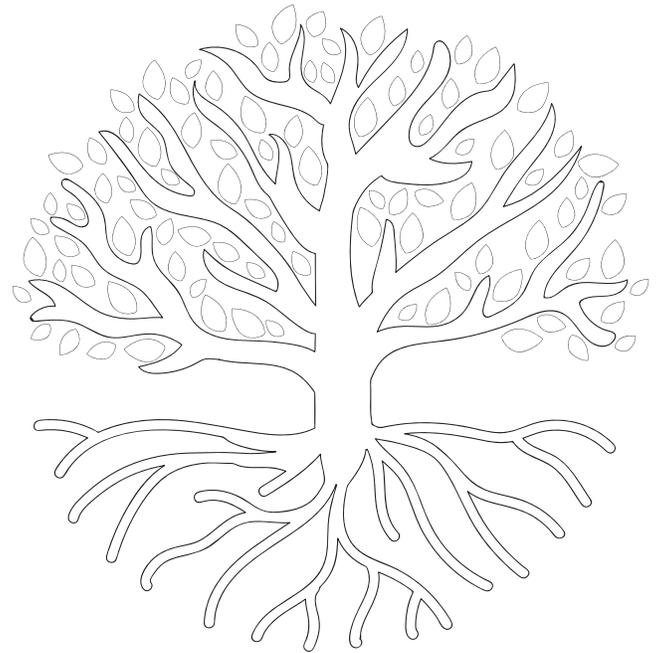
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