

App Store

LARGE GROUP LESSON

BOTTOM LINE:

God wants us to bring others to Jesus.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will pray for one friend they want to invite to church.

KEY PASSAGE:

Mark 16:15-16, Go Into All the World

INTRO:

When we first told you guys we were going to start a series on apps, I wonder how many of you thought of today's app first. Pokemon Go is one of the biggest apps of all time. From day one, millions of players were downloading the game, and racing outdoors to try and catch as many Pokemon as they could.

Pokemon Go is such a cool game in so many ways. It lets you play Pokemon in a new and fun way. Using your phone's camera, you can actually see and catch Pokemon in the world around you! You can collect Pokemon, team up with other people to do battles, and so much more. It's the next best thing to Pokemon being real!

And unlike many games on your parents' phone or tablets, Pokemon Go gets you off the couch and moving. It encourages you to go places, to see new things, and to get some exercise.

Pokemon Go is the perfect way to end this series too, because it ties in with the final command Jesus gave to his followers. Just like Pokemon Go, Jesus wants us to go into the world. But instead of catching imaginary creatures with our phones, he wants us to catch and bring our friends to him so that they can know the love of Jesus too.

READ MARK 16:15-16

MAIN POINT:

Last week, we talked about the invitation that Jesus gives all of us. Jesus died for our sins so we could be his friend. For those who have accepted that invitation, Jesus gives this command: go and share my invitation with the world!

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Jesus is preparing a place for everyone who believes in Him, and there's no limit to how many rooms he can prepare. The only limit is the number of friends we are willing to bring and share with Jesus.

There are many things we can collect in this world. Pokemon cards. Baseball cards. Comic books. Coins. Stamps. All of these things are fine, and fun, but none of them will go to Heaven with us. The one thing we can bring is our friends, which is why Jesus said, "Go and tell the world about me!"

DRIVE IT HOME:

There are many ways we can go share the love of Jesus. One way is to serve people in need. That's why our church has so many service projects. Little acts of kindness like collecting food and coats for the homeless or cleaning up the yards of elderly neighbors can say a lot. Love isn't just a feeling; it's action. And the more actions we take to help others, the more people will see the love of Jesus in our actions.

We can also share Jesus by telling our friends about him. We can tell other people that we are Christians and tell them why we believe in Jesus. When our friends are in need, we can pray with them and ask God to help them through tough times.

So many Christians are afraid to say anything about what they believe for fear that someone will make fun of them, but we do our friends no good if we don't speak up. Let your friends know that you believe in Jesus. Don't be ashamed of the one who died for your sins. You never know when someone will come looking for you to ask you more about Jesus.

We can also share Jesus by bringing our friends to church. Like Pokemon Go, we can pick up our friends from home on a Sunday morning and bring them here. We love when you guys bring your friends. Not only does it give us a chance to teach them about Jesus, it shows us that you are committed to fulfilling the Great Commission by bringing others to hear the good news.

Jesus wants to fill as many rooms in Heaven as he can, and he needs our help to make that happen. Jesus is counting on us to go and tell the world that he loves them. Let's share love through our actions. Let's share Jesus with our words. And let's bring people to Jesus by bringing them here to worship with us.

Pokemon Go tells us that we've gotta catch 'em all. Jesus wants our help reaching the world because he really wants to catch 'em all.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to share Jesus with our friends. In Jesus' name,

Amen