

The Great Commission - Color My World!

What you will need:

- Plate/dish with enough edge that it can hold liquid
- Spoon
- Small bowl or saucer
- Toothpick(s)
- Milk
- Cooking Oil
- Dishwashing liquid

Discussion

1. What is a disciple? (follower of Jesus)
2. How do we make disciples? (will learn more when we read Matthew)
3. Read Matthew 28:18-20 (could memorize this passage as a family)
4. Who does Jesus want to follow Him? (all nations)
5. How did Jesus tell us to make disciples? (teach people to obey Him)
6. How can you, as a kid, help make disciples of all nations? (tell friends about Jesus, show love, give friend a Bible, invite to church/VBS, etc)

Activity

1. Pour a few drops of dishwashing liquid into a small bowl and soak the ends of the toothpick(s) in it. Set it aside.
2. Pour enough milk into the plate to cover the bottom.
3. Pour oil over the milk - not as much milk, but enough for a thin layer. Stir with a spoon and set aside.
4. Spend a few minutes watching the milk and oil separate and form oil clusters.
5. While you're waiting, discuss:
 - The oil makes the plate look like a map of the world with people living in different countries.
 - What would the world be like if no one followed Jesus? (evil, dark, dull, etc - like the plate)
6. Add drops of food coloring to the plate - each drop represents a Christian.
7. Ask
 - What would the world look like if Christians only stayed in 1 place and never told people about Jesus?
 - What would the world look like if Christians followed the Great Commission from Matthew 28 and went around the world telling other people about Jesus?
8. Have kids take turns lightly touching the soap end of the toothpick(s) to one of the drops of food coloring. Continue doing this until the plate is full of colors. Talk about how telling people about Jesus changes the world.