



FISHING

Aim: Teach students fishing skills and go on a fishing trip to share Christ with friends who do not know Him.

Outcomes:

- ➞ Students will learn about state and federal regulations related to fishing.
- ➞ Students will plan an adult-led fishing expedition.
- ➞ Students will invite lost friends to participate in their chapter fishing expedition for the purpose of sharing Christ with them.

Materials Needed:

- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Pens
- ✓ Computer or DVD player to show a video

Leader Preparation:

Jesus knew fishing. During New Testament times fishing was an important commercial business and a common dietary staple around the Sea of Galilee. Jesus called some fishermen to be his disciples and told them they would “fish for people.”

Challengers might be interested in why Christians use the fish as a symbol. The Holman Bible Dictionary tells us, “In early Christian churches, the Greek word for fish (ichthus) came to be interpreted as a cipher for Jesus. The first letter of each of the Greek words for “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour” spell ichthus. We do not know when this cipher was first used; but once the identification was made, the fish became a standard Christian symbol.”

Find a video of Glenn Chappelle at one of the following Web sites:

- ➞ <http://www.essentials.tv/site/c.bqLKl1OKKtF/b.486373/apps/s/content.asp?ct=618331>
- ➞ <http://www.essentials.tv/site/c.bqLKl1OKKtF/b.486373/apps/s/content.asp?ct=6853083>

Glen Chappelle's ministry Web site is www.sportsmensoutreach.org

As you seek a guest speaker, consider men in your church who fish. You might also find someone willing to bring their boat and fishing gear to show the Challengers.

Tips for fishing safety can be found at this Web site:
www.takemefishing.org/fishing/fishopedia/fishing-safety



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Some of those tips are as follows (there is more detail on the Web site):

- ➞ Anglers should learn how to swim and use caution around water at all times.
- ➞ Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), also called life jackets and life vests, should be worn anytime you are on or around deep or fast moving water.
- ➞ Reach-throw-row-go is a method of rescuing a person who falls overboard or an angler or swimmer in trouble. Boaters should be aware of this which simply put says you reach for the person first, throw something to them, then try to get closer to them, and as a last resort go to them.
- ➞ Handle your fishing equipment responsibly.

As you prepare to help Challengers plan a fishing trip, decide whether to choose the time and location for them or give them a couple of choices. Consider pre-enlisting some chaperones and making some checklists for the Challengers to use as they make the preparations.

Use the following categories as a guideline:

- ➞ Where and When—Plan an appropriate time for the trip and coordinate it with the church calendar.
- ➞ Who—Challengers and friends—Make sure Challengers understand one of the reasons for the trip is to invite friends.
- ➞ Who—Chaperones—Make sure there are enough qualified adults to make the trip a safe one.
- ➞ What—Food and Drink—Create the list of needed food and drink, then divide up who will bring what. Remember, if you are going to be in the hot sun you will need plenty of water.
- ➞ What—Activity—Obviously fishing will be an activity, but will there be time for other activities such as swimming or hiking?
- ➞ What—Devotions—Work with Challengers so they share from God's Word.
- ➞ How—Transportation—Once you know how many are coming, you can make plans for the right transportation.
- ➞ How—Fishing—Your Challengers will have varying degrees of knowledge about fishing. Be ready to help everyone have a good time without being embarrassed.

A leader needs to especially be prepared to assist Challengers who will be leading in devotions and activities for the trip.



SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

"As He was passing along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, Simon's brother. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. 'Follow Me,' Jesus told them, 'and I will make you fish for people'" (Mark 1:16-17)!

Fishing for Men

Ask the following questions to get a discussion started.

- ➞ What do you use to attract fish when fishing? What is your favorite bait? Why?
- ➞ What kind of “bait” do you think it would take to reach your friends?
- ➞ Is there a bait that “turns off” your friends? Why do you think that is? What would be a better way to fish for your friends?

Leaders, discuss the similarity regarding different kinds of bait for different fish and different ways to attract people to Christ.



Fishing for Men (and Fish)

Discuss the biblical concept of fishing for people. Read Mark 1:16-17 and ask Challengers to share what they think Jesus meant by “fish for people.”

Show a video of Glenn Chappelle, professional fisherman on the Bass Masters tour. He also happens to be a missionary telling his competitors about Christ as a Mission Service Corps volunteer. See how God is using this angler as a fisher of men.

Invite a guest speaker to come in and share some tips for fishing and show the boys some of their equipment.

Share some safety tips regarding fishing. Tips should relate to swimming, wading, personal floatation devices, “reach-throw-row-go,” and safely handling equipment.

Encourage Challengers to think of creative ways to remember some of the rules. Perhaps they could come up with a chant or rap for some of the key safety rules.



Plan a Fishing Trip

Assign each of the following categories to one or more of the Challengers. Ask them to brainstorm two or three possibilities for a fishing trip: Where and When, Who (Challengers and friends), Who (Chaperones), What (Food), What (Activity), What (Devotions), How (Transportation), and How (Fishing). If you have less than eight Challengers, do the categories together or assign two or more categories to each pair of boys until all the categories are covered.

Allow Challengers to spend five or ten minutes brainstorming. Then guide them to share their ideas with the group. Leaders, at this time you will need to hone the ideas down to a manageable event. Be careful to be encouraging even when someone's idea may not be doable.



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Spend extra time on inviting friends to come to the fishing trip. It is important for the Challengers to understand that fishing can be fun and a great hobby, but it can be a great way to reach their friends for Jesus as well. Even if they have been on many fishing trips in the past, this fishing trip could be the one to transform the lives of their friends!




WHAT NOW?

Pray.

- ➞ Pray for the missionary, Glenn Chappellear, that he could minister to and reach the pro anglers for Jesus.
- ➞ Pray for the fishing trip and all those who will be coming, especially those who do not know Jesus.
- ➞ Pray for the plans and preparations for the trip.

Finalize the plans that you have started and assign tasks to different Challengers.



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GAMING FOR JESUS

Aim: Lead students to create a video game night outreach initiative.

Outcomes:

- ➡ Students will plan and sponsor a video game initiative for their lost peers around an evangelism objective.

Materials Needed:

- ✓ Bible

Leader Preparation:

Outreach has many faces. Sometimes it is going door-to-door, sharing the gospel. Sometimes it is handing out bottles of cold water on a hot day. And sometimes it may even be found around a video game console and television!

Today's teenagers are a technology-driven group. From computers to cell phones, they are keen on the latest gadgets. Included in that is usually video games. There are all kinds of games to choose from. From sports games to music games and everything in between, students are gathered around gaming consoles and are even playing against others around the world online. This pastime can be a good way to get guys together to build relationships and talk about Jesus.

Levi was a tax collector. When Jesus calls him, he gets up and begins to follow Him. In the next verse, Jesus is at his house and they are having a party. It is interesting to note the type of people who are there. It is Levi's fellow tax collectors. The people with whom he had a lot in common were at his house meeting Jesus. This passage provides a great example and encouragement for us to do likewise. Our students can use the things they have in common with their friends as a foundation to begin conversations about Jesus. It's great to have a scriptural warrant to hang out with others!

The story about Michael Mhoon is a real life example of someone who has seen people reaching others in creative ways. You may want to read his story to your Challengers or have a volunteer read it. Be sure to include the words of encouragement and warning after asking your follow-up questions.

As your Challengers begin planning, there are a few things to keep in mind. Not every video game is Christ-honoring in its content. Be sure to preview each game before approving its use. Many popular games would not be appropriate for use in this type of setting. Also, if available, try to find somewhere with a large screen television or a projector. Playing on a big screen can be a large draw. Also, be sure that everyone who comes gets a chance to play. Some students are very good and can beat



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everyone else. Make sure they don't hog the console and keep everyone else from playing. Finally, don't be intimidated by the technology if you are not familiar with it. Enlist the aid of your students and jump in. Even if you are the worst player, they will love the fact that you tried. And remind them that the purpose is not just to play video games. The purpose is to build friendships that open the door to sharing Christ. Those friendships last whether or not the person accepts Christ. Friendships that are formed will offer later opportunities to share the gospel.

If no one in your group is interested in video games, encourage them to use what they are interested in as a way to do the same thing. Whether it is sports, fishing, music, or working on cars, using our hobbies is a fun and exciting way to get to know others so that we can introduce them to our best Friend, Jesus.



SCRIPTURE FOCUS: Mark 2:14-17



Power On

Begin the session with the following questions.

- ➞ If you had one whole weekend to do whatever you wanted, what would it be? Why?
- ➞ How do you think your friends at school would answer that question?
- ➞ Can you use your hobbies to reach people for Jesus? Why or why not?

Often when we think of sharing Christ with our friends our minds go to what we will say. Yet, we often forget the first step which is how we will build the relationship in order to share Christ. This lesson will explore creative ways to do that.



Press Start

Open your Bible to Mark 2. Ask your students who learns best by listening. Choose a volunteer and tell them they will have to listen and tell the story back to the group. Have another Challenger read verse 14 and then pass the Bible to another Challenger who will read verse 15. Continue this until the entire passage has been read. Ask the "good listener" to retell the passage in his own words.

- ➞ Did he leave anything out?
- ➞ What happened right after Levi started following Jesus? (He threw a party at his house and invited his friends.)
- ➞ What did Levi and his friends have in common? (They were tax collectors.)
- ➞ Why is it important that we use what we have in common with others as a platform to share the Gospel?

Levi invited his fellow tax collectors over to meet Jesus. People like him, at his house, all hanging out and getting to know Christ. Sounds pretty good, right? And a lot less intimidating than knocking on the door of a stranger!



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Play Hard

Just as Levi used things he had in common with others as a way to introduce them to Jesus, we can take things from our everyday life and use them to open doors for conversations about Christ.

Michael Mhoon, the Baptist Collegiate Ministries director at the University of Montana Western and a North American missionary, has seen this firsthand. Students have used an interest in music, the outdoors, or even academics to find ways to creatively reach others for Jesus. He encourages us to “be their friend, don’t just tell them about your Friend.” Our relationships with people who don’t know Jesus are very important. He tells of one BCM director who has used video games as a way to reach out and build friendships. “Video games are good if it helps you be their friend.”

Ask, “How might you use video games to reach out to your friends? Are there any negatives or pitfalls you might see in using video games as an outreach tool?”

Mr. Mhoon offers a good encouragement to those seeking to use this type of outreach; “Don’t lose the Word of God.” Our friendships must lead to telling them about Jesus. As well, we must be sure that the games we chose do not contain values that are inconsistent with what Scripture teaches. That would quickly damage what we say.



WHAT NOW?

Begin thinking how you can use video games to reach your friends. What type of game would you choose? Is there somewhere the game can be projected onto a really big screen? How will you get the word out? How will you make sure that the friendships lead to telling others about Jesus?

As you work through these details, pray that God would give you wisdom on how you can take the things you are interested in and, like Levi, use them to introduce your friends to Jesus.



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HUNTING

Aim: Teach students safety practices in hunting and plan a hunting trip where Christ can be shared with friends who do not know Him.

Outcomes:

- Students will learn the basics of gun and archery safety as well as local and state laws related to hunting seasons.
- Students will participate in an adult-led hunting exhibition.
- Students will invite lost friends to participate in their chapter hunting expedition for the purpose of sharing Christ with them.

Materials Needed:

- ✓ Poster paper
- ✓ Markers
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Pens
- ✓ Computer with Internet connection
- ✓ Projector, if possible, to show the video

Leader Preparation:

In Genesis 1, the Bible gives man charge over the animals. This is a great reminder to all hunters that although God has provided animals for us to eat, He has also given us a charge to care for all of creation including the animals. The Bible features a few prominent hunters as well. You may remember that Esau was a good hunter who provided meat for his father Isaac and their family.

Preparing young men to hunt means providing them with all the necessary knowledge and information to make wise choices and to care for and protect themselves and other hunters.

Kyle Woodfin is a Southern Baptist missionary in Georgia. Several years ago he discovered a lost people group walking through the woods, wearing camo, and carrying guns. Through his love for hunting and the outdoors, Kyle has been reaching men and boys with the gospel ever since. Through a variety of outdoor activities, he provides Christian men and boys with opportunities to share their faith with their lost friends in environments that are non-threatening.

Check out the following site for video of Kyle Woodfin that you can download and show to Challengers.

<http://www.essentials.tv/site/c.bqLK11OKKtF/b.486373/apps/s/content.asp?ct=617699>

The following video presents some of the same information in a more humorous way and is designed more for younger Challengers.

<http://www.essentials.tv/site/apps/nlnet/content2.aspx?c=bqLK11OKKtF&b=5001281&ct=6793983>

Ten Commandments of Shooting Safety

1. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
2. Treat every firearm or bow with the same respect you would show a loaded gun.
3. Be sure of your target and what is in front of and beyond your target.
4. Unload firearms and unstring conventional bows when not in use.
5. Handle the firearms, arrows, and ammunition carefully.
6. Know your safe zone-of-fire and stick to it.
7. Control your emotions when it comes to safety.
8. Wear hearing and eye protection.
9. Do not drink alcohol or take drugs before or while handling firearms or bow and arrows.
10. Be aware of additional circumstances that require added caution or safety awareness.

Just because something isn't listed under these "ten commandments of shooting safety" doesn't mean you can ignore it if it is dangerous.

Adapted From <http://www.gamecalls.net/huntingtips/safetytips.html>



In planning for the hunting trip, use these categories as a guideline:

- Where and When—Plan an appropriate time for the trip and coordinate it with the church calendar.
- Who—Challengers and friends—Make sure Challengers understand one of the reasons for the trip is to invite friends.
- Who—Chaperones—Make sure there are enough qualified adults to make the trip a safe one.
- What—Food and Drink—Create the list of needed food and drink, then divide up who will bring what. Remember, if you are going to be in the hot sun you will need plenty of water.
- What—Activity—Obviously hunting will be an activity, but will there be time for other activities such as hiking?
- What—Devotions—Work with the Challengers so they share from God's Word.
- How—Transportation—Once you know how many are coming, you can make plans for the right transportation.
- How—Hunting—Your Challengers will have varying degrees of knowledge about hunting. Be ready to help everyone have a good time without being embarrassed. There may also be a need to provide proper clothing or equipment for some Challengers.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth... God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth'" (Genesis 1:26,28).

Hobby for God?

Use the following questions to begin a discussion about using hobbies for God.

- ➡ What is your hobby? Hunting, fishing, sports, writing, drawing?
- ➡ Do you use your hobby for God? Could you? How?
- ➡ What about hunting? How can someone use hunting for God?

Leaders need to be prepared to share how people can use their hobbies for God. Perhaps you as a leader have found ways to use your leisure time activity for God. Be ready to share. Hunting can be used for God by inviting people on a hunting trip. You can donate the meat you kill to a needy family. There may be other ways that Challengers find to glorify God.

Share with the group that your Challenger group is going to plan a hunting trip to be able to share about Jesus with lost friends.

Safety First!

Share a video of Kyle Woodfin, Southern Baptist missionary in Georgia. If the video is unavailable, share his story.

Engage Challengers in a conversation about the importance of safety in hunting. Assist in helping them understand that it is not a joking matter. Make it clear that if they do not understand the importance of safety in hunting, there is no way your group can take a hunting trip.

Invite a guest speaker to share hunting safety tips or if you do not have a guest, share from the "Ten Commandments of Shooting Safety" listed in leader preparation.

Encourage each Challenger to use the poster paper and markers to create a poster or posters sharing gun, shooting, and hunting safety. After the Challengers make the posters, allow them to share them with the group.

The Plan

Take some time to plan a Challenger's hunting trip.

Use the following categories to assist Challengers in planning:

- ➡ Where and When
- ➡ Who—Challengers and friends
- ➡ Who—Chaperones
- ➡ What—Food and Drink
- ➡ What—Activity in addition to hunting
- ➡ What—Devotions
- ➡ How—Transportation
- ➡ How—Hunting

Plan devotions with Challengers related to God as creator (Genesis 1) and on the plan of salvation (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9).



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Discuss with Challengers the best way to invite others to the hunting trip. What kind of information will parents need? Will you invite dads as well? Assist Challengers in putting together the essential information and make plans on how to invite others to the trip.



WHAT NOW?

Pray for Kyle Woodfin and his ministry to hunters. Pray as your group plans a hunting trip. Pray for the lost who may come.

Plan the trip. Get the additional assistance you need. Encourage everyone to be involved.

Implement the plan. Once the plans are in place, make it happen.



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REMOTE SURVIVAL

Aim: Engage students in survival skills development.

Outcomes:

- ➔ Students will study eight-week Survival Training Manual.
- ➔ Students will plan and participate in a survival simulation.
- ➔ Students will learn about unreached people groups in the last frontier.

Materials Needed:

- ✓ Copies of the Survival Training Manual for each group
- ✓ Supplies for the survival simulation and a location
- ✓ A computer with Internet access to explore Web sites

Leader Preparation:

Going to the ends of the earth can be a risky thing to do. Although it's risky, it's not something we can avoid. In March of 2009, I spent fourteen days in the West African country of Niger (Nee-Jher). Niger is consistently ranked by the United Nations as the poorest country on earth. It is also a dangerous country. Rebels and militants are part of the landscape along with corrupt government leaders. In fact, the president of Niger recently sought to extend his rule by changing the country's constitution and naming himself leader for another term. Add to the political struggles the nation's sub-Saharan desert climate and you've got a dangerous mix. Disease is rampant with outbreaks of measles, whooping cough, malaria, and meningitis being common. Everywhere you look poverty is the norm. One International Mission Board (IMB) missionary estimated that Niger gets 80% of its national budget from other nations. There are spitting cobras, huge scorpions, and al-Qaeda is known to have a base of operations there.

Even though Niger is a dangerous place there's no way we can mark it off of the Great Commission list. We've got to go to places like Niger. Niger is a former French colony and is peopled by varying people groups like the Western Fulani, the people group I went to share the gospel with. The Western Fulani people group is comprised of 450,000 people with only approximately 50 Christians in that number. The Fulani are primarily Muslim and are religious, but not deeply. Their faith is something that binds them as a people, but they are open to hearing about Jesus. To get to the Fulani you must travel outside the capital city of Niamey into the villages and countryside. This is where the survival part of going to the ends of the earth kicks in. Once outside the capital, you must be careful of what you eat and drink. It is possible to eat local foods, but only with great caution and it is usually not wise to do so. Drinking water is another issue. In March, the temperature hovered around the 115-degree Fahrenheit mark so staying hydrated was of utmost importance. We had to carry our water with us and drink only filtered water. The average consumption per person of water per day was 2 gallons.



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Going into “the bush”—the countryside and villages—meant spending the night in villages. Setting up camp meant sleeping in a tent or on a cot above the ground. It also meant putting on mosquito repellent each night and sleeping under a mosquito net. Surviving in the bush isn’t as easy as in our modern American towns and cities. There were dangers everywhere. Without seasoned IMB personnel as our guides and leaders, we would have gotten lost quickly. So a portable GPS might have been helpful. Carrying our food with us was also a big part of our preparations. We had to supply all of our own meals in the bush, which meant that we had to carry provisions for 7 days. Our group shared tuna fish, ramen noodles, peanut butter, beef jerky, and more.

Carrying the gospel to people at the ends of the earth means that we have to use technology that they’ve never seen before either. Projectors, DVD players, portable sound systems, and a generator were all part of our survival kit for sharing Jesus. Helping your Challengers understand the value of preparation for missions is very important. Another key is helping them understand that many of our IMB personnel have sacrificed everything to take the gospel to people who would never hear about Jesus without them. Going to the ends of the earth means that you have to sacrifice and learn to survive. Basic skills for setting up a tent, dealing with a cut, staying hydrated, and eating well are vital for someone who is planning to go to these remote locations. Going to a place like Niger is not impossible or incredibly difficult, it is doable with the right skills and people in place. It is an experience that has changed my life and I’m planning to go again!



SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

“This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations. And then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14).



Could it be you?

Going to the ends of the earth is scary, but someone has to do it. We’ve got to take the good news to people who’ve never heard it before. Tell some of the details in the leader’s preparation above about Niger and then ask your Challengers these questions.

1. How can going to a country like Niger be like being on a survival television show?
2. Why did Jesus say that we should take the gospel to the “ends of the earth?” Why does God want some of His servants to go to places that are dangerous?
3. What would be the greatest challenge for you on a trip that took you into a country with civil unrest or disease or even worse—death? Would you consider going to a place like Niger and sharing the gospel?

LFSM for Them

The *Last Frontier Survival Manual* is an 8-week study that your older Challengers can do to help them learn the basics of survival. (The manual and its companion teaching guide can be downloaded at www.namb.net/survival/.) Supply copies for your group to look over. Allow time for them to see what is studied and required. The point of this part of the session is to guide your Challengers into a clear understanding of what is necessary to survive in places that are remote or inhospitable. Carrying the gospel to people who have never heard about Jesus may mean learning how to do things that help you live with few resources at hand while telling people about Jesus. Lead your Challengers to decide if this is a study they would like to do. If so, make plans to lead or enlist someone to lead the boys in the eight-week study using the *Last Frontier Survival Teaching Guide*. This study can be a great companion for each Challenger to have with them for future mission trips and life situations.



Survivor Challengers Edition

So that you can give your older Challengers the experience of what to do on a mission trip to a remote location plan an outing that will give them the tools necessary for survival. Use the *Last Frontier Survival Manual* to teach them skills they can use on mission at the ends of the earth. Show them how to use two or three of the following—a GPS, a compass, a tent, water purification, lighting a fire, and finding water. Once you've reviewed these skills give your Challengers an opportunity to experience a simulated survival experience in a remote missions location.

Divide into three or four groups. If you have a small group of Challengers, they can go as a group, but a different person needs to tell the gospel story at each waypoint. Give your groups a GPS and tell them ahead of time to bring water, food, and a backpack with items that you think they'll need to be able to navigate the location you choose. Plot some waypoints on the GPS ahead of time and give those to your Challengers to find. Tell them that the waypoints are where tribes of people who've never heard about Jesus are located. Once they arrive at each waypoint one of the group members must tell the story of God from Genesis through Revelation (in 3-5 minutes) to the rest of the group. Once they've told the story they can move to the next waypoint.



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Be sure to encourage them to wear appropriate clothing for your simulation and have one adult with each group as support, but not as the leader of the group. When they've finished the final waypoint on their list (change the waypoints up for each group so that they're not arriving at the same location at the same time) the place where you are – with a good meal awaiting them—use these questions to debrief them.

1. Going into the world with the good news may mean that sometimes we have to go to places where people have never heard about Jesus. What was the exciting part of this experience? What was the scary part?
2. If you'd had to spend the night out here, what skills would you have needed to know to stay out here?
3. Taking the gospel to people in remote places means that we have to get uncomfortable sometimes and even risk our lives or safety. Why does God want us to go to those places?



WHAT NOW?

The International Mission Board defines last frontier people groups as “unreached people for which the majority of its members have little or no access to the gospel of Jesus Christ.” As part of an ongoing study for your Challengers have a group introduce a new Last Frontier People Group each week giving the name of the people group and telling facts surrounding that group. Be sure to encourage them to supply photos and bio information for their people group—ask them to tell ways your Challengers group could pray for them. To gather information on people groups go to www.imb.org and www.peoplegroups.org.



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DO YOU NEED A TUNE UP?

Aim: Teach students the basics of car maintenance.

Outcomes:

- ➡ Students will learn the basics of car maintenance.
- ➡ Students will sponsor a car-care clinic.

Materials Needed:

- ✓ Oil Filters
- ✓ Towels for cleanup
- ✓ Oil
- ✓ Funnels
- ✓ Vehicle to change oil
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Pencil or pen for each Challenger
- ✓ Computer with Internet

Leader Preparation:

Do You Need A Tune Up? is a lesson that helps Challengers to not only learn the basics of car maintenance, but also learn a way to minister to those in the community. To start the lesson, ask the Challengers the “Tune Up Questions.” One of the things many people care about is their cars. Explain that during this lesson they are going to learn how to change the oil in a vehicle. They need to know that one way to reach out to those around them is through service and showing love as Christ did while He was on earth. Have them turn in their Bibles to Galatians 5:13. Have a volunteer or a leader read the verse. After reading the verse, explain that Christ has called Christians to serve one another through love. One great way to do that is to meet the needs of those around us. An oil-changing ministry is one way to reach out to those around us.

First, have the Challengers go outside and complete “Learn How To Change The Oil In A Vehicle.” Try to allow the Challengers to be involved in the oil changing process as much as possible. This might be the first time anyone has ever shown them how to change oil in a vehicle. You could have them write the steps of the oil change process on a piece of paper as they watch. After the oil has been changed, have the Challengers clean up the mess and dispose of any trash.



CHALLENGERS LESSON ➔ ADVENTURE

Next, remind the group that they can use what they have learned as an outreach opportunity. As a group, have the Challengers complete the activity “Saturday Oil Change Ministry Day.” As you look at www.concorderbaptist.com make sure the group sees that ministries can start out small, but with God they can reach out to many different people. During this time make sure the Challengers see this opportunity of changing people’s oil as a chance to serve others through love as they read in Galatians 5:13.

When your group has completed the activity, continue with your discussion about what it means to be changed or tuned up by God. There are things in our own lives that we need to have tuned up when we become a Christian. One of the ways God helps us do that is when we ask God for forgiveness. God’s grace is enough. Ask the Challengers if they can think of other ways they can learn more about Christ as a Challenger? If the Challengers are having a hard time, you as the leader can help them with ways to look to Christ for change.

To close the meeting, take a quart of oil and show it to the group. Say if this oil is put into a vehicle correctly it can help the vehicle run smoother. However, the oil would need to be changed in a timely manner or it loses its effect. Our lives are like oil in some sense. As Christians we have to look to God for guidance. When we listen, He will guide us and our lives seem to go smoothly. Other times we go without seeking God’s guidance. We are like oil that hasn’t been changed on time and we are ineffective Christians. Pray as a group that God will work in your lives and you will be able to help those in need with your oil change ministry.



SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

“For you are called to freedom, brothers; only don’t use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love” (Galatians 5:13).



Tune Up Questions:

Ask the Challengers the following questions.

- ➔ Have you or your parents had car problems? (Give them the opportunity to share.)
- ➔ Have you ever had to change the oil in a vehicle? (Allow any Challengers to give examples.)
- ➔ How do you think we as a Challengers group could reach out to those in our community with an oil change ministry?

Explain that in this meeting they are going to learn how they can do that.



CHALLENGERS LESSON ➞ ADVENTURE


Learn How To Change Oil In A Vehicle

What better way to learn something than to do it yourself. Have a few men from the church help the Challengers change the oil in their own vehicles. Make sure you have a few men who are willing to help during the meeting. Have at least one car that the Challengers can watch or help with the oil change. If you have Challengers who already knows how to change the oil in a car, allow them to help during this time. You will need funnels, oil, filters, etc. Try to let the Challengers know before the meeting that they might get dirty so they can plan accordingly with their attire.

Saturday Oil Change Ministry Day


Try to have a computer with Internet access in your meeting. Take time to look up www.concorderbaptist.com. When you are on the Web site go to the link called Serving Others. Click on Oil Change Ministry and look at how it started and where the ministry is today. Concord Baptist in Anderson, South Carolina, has one of the best oil change ministries around. Encourage you Challengers to host one Saturday Oil Change for a group in your church. They could offer it to senior citizens, widows, or any other group your Challengers chooses. If they are interested, start the planning during the meeting. Tell them you will continue to work on this project in the weeks to come.

WHAT NOW?



Over the next few weeks, encourage the Challengers to carry out their plans for a Saturday Oil Change Ministry. Pray for a group that could benefit from the ministry the most and start the ministry for them. You might get groups in your church to donate the materials for the ministry. Make sure you secure a date that will work for the other leaders in the church. Try to have something to give out when people come to the ministry, like a gospel tract or flyer to explain your Challenger ministry. You could have the Challengers create their own outreach tool. Plan a date and reach out to your community!

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