

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Trinity A



MAIN POINT

Go and make disciples

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. **Matthew 28:19-20**

AIDS

Piece of paper with the words, "I love you, I created you and want you to have an amazing life. Love from God".

CHAT

Pick one of your children.

Tell the child: **I have this note here that's pretty special. It was written especially for every one of you sitting here. I'm so excited to share it with you. There's some instructions though. When I give it to you, I want you to read it so no one else can see it, then fold it up and put it in your pocket.**

Hand them the piece of paper sneakily so the others feel like they're missing out on something.

Remember to read it in your head, then fold it up and put it in your pocket!

How did that message make you feel? Was it a good message? Did you like that you were chosen to read it?

Turn to the rest of the family. **What about you guys – did that message make you feel good?** (hopefully encourage some conversation about being disappointed that they missed out).

Turn back to the first child. **Do you think it was a bit unfair that I only shared it with you? Would it help if we shared it with everyone else?** Ask the child to read the message to everyone.

Ask everyone – Do you feel better now that the message has been shared?

God doesn't want us to keep his Word to ourselves. We have the Bible that is filled with hundreds of people who experienced God in a very powerful way. He says in today's reading to "Go and tell others". So if you hear of something wonderful God has said or done, perhaps you could think about sharing it? Maybe with your brother, sister, friends or maybe even your parents or grandparents! Don't keep it for yourself. That just means others will miss out on this great message God has for us.

God's message is simple. He loves you, cares about you, died for you and wants the best life possible for you. So go and tell others!

PRAYER

Dear God. There are so many great things we know about you. Help us to be brave and share that with others. Please be with us every step of the way. Thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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