Jesus Prepares His Disciples Success

<u>Praise & Worship</u>: Faithful— https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpP9WxJp24A 10,000 Reasons - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfAc95-IIWo

Scripture References: Acts 1: 8-9, Acts 2:1-12, Luke 23:5, Hebrews 13:8

Memory Verses of Power (MVP): But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

Scripture Summary:

- 1. Acts 1:8 prophecy is fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost. People from all over the known world heard the disciples proclaim the wonderful works of God in their own language.
- 2. Jesus equipped, anointed, and set the disciples up for success through (a) mentoring and teaching them when He was on earth with them. (the Gospels); (b) anointing them with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-5); and (c) the Holy Spirit giving them different languages by which to glorify God so that everyone heard and understood in their own language. (Acts 2:5-12)
- 3. Jesus prepares the way for the disciples to go leading them by examples: (a) baptized by John the Baptist; (b) sends some out to cities He would visit (Luke 10:19); and (c) making it easy for them to get started by having them in unity and giving them power through the Holy Spirit to speak boldly. Many people had heard of Jesus. (Acts 2)
- 4. Jesus lived in Nazareth of Galilee. He began His ministry in Galilee at the wedding in Cana turning water into wine. (John 2:1-11); The disciples received the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem. They began their ministry in Jerusalem. (Acts 2)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How was Acts 1:8 fulfilled on the day of Pentecost? People from Jerusalem, Judea, and the known world were present to hear the gospel.
- 2. How did Jesus prepare the disciples for success? (See # 2 & 3 above under Scripture Summary)
- 3. Where should we begin being a witness and living for Jesus? Where ever we are. When? Now.

Encouragement: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

- 1. Jesus keeps His promises. You can trust Him.
- 2. Jesus equips, anoints, and sets you up for success to do whatever He tells you to do.
- 3. Jesus teaches and leads by examples in His word, the Bible.

Object Lesson: When baking cookies, there are basic ingredients that must go into the mix if they are to turn out right. You must have the ingredients on hand to prepare the dough properly. Depending on what kind of cookies you're baking, chocolate chips, nuts, or something else can be added to the dough. Sometimes ingredients can be substituted depending on taste preferences, allergies, etc., but the basic ingredients are the same. To keep stay strong in faith and be a good witness for Jesus, we must read our Bibles, pray, be obedient to God's word, and spend time with people who love Jesus, too. Different people may use or require different approaches, but the basic ingredients to remain strong in your faith and relationship with God are the same. (Bake some cookies or cupcakes to illustrate this point.)

<u>Prayer</u>: Thank you loving me, and giving me everything I need to be a successful, bold witness for You. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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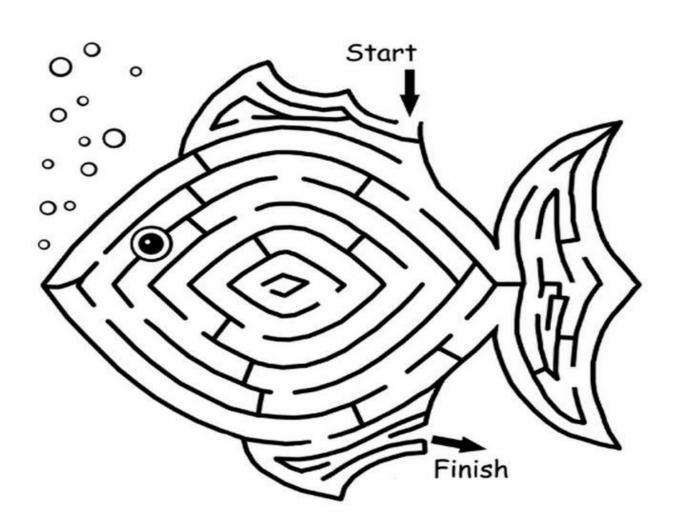
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I can follow Jesus by helping others.

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I like to follow Jesus!



From now on, you will fish for people. Luke 5:10b

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