

Rally Day Skit

I Don't Have a Passport and I Don't Know How

Characters: Leader, Adult 1, 2, and 3,
Child 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Leader: Welcome to this year's Rally Day at _____ Church. It's nice to see so many of you back again, and it's always a joy to see new faces. We should have a terrific year in Sunday school. We'll be using _____ curriculum and focusing on _____. But this morning, for Rally Day, our theme is "Grow to Go."

Earlier we talked about how we grow in faith. And that's important, because I have a job for each one of you. _____ Church wants YOU (*with Uncle Sam pose*) to go into the world and make disciples.

Child 1: *Raises hand but interrupts before being addressed.* Mr/s. _____? How can I go into the world? I don't even have a passport!

Child 2: I don't have a passport either.

Adult 1: I'm sure s/he didn't mean you. S/he's talking to the adults right now, looking for volunteers for some project.

Adult 2: There's quite a waiting list for passports right now, so I guess I can't help.

Leader: You don't need passports for the job I have. And it's not a project. It's a mission ... from God.

Child 3: Whoa! What can we do? What is it?

Leader: Make disciples. God wants you to make disciples.

Child 1: How can I make disciples? I've never done it before and I don't know how.

Leader: *Shuffles through papers.* This is a bit embarrassing, but no one left me the directions on how to do it. It just says, "Tell everyone to make disciples."

Child 2: Mr/s. _____? Maybe we can Google it.

Leader: Google it?

Child 2: On the computer. Go to Google and type "make disciples."

Leader: *Sitting down at the computer. Sighs.* This will never work. Types. Wait a minute—look at this!

Child 3: What does it say?

Leader: Here's the Bible verse I wanted to share. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." *Continues to look at the computer.*

Child 1: That's just a Bible verse. It doesn't tell us how to make disciples.

Adult 1: Yes it does. It tells us to baptize, and to teach others the things that Jesus tells us to do.

Child 2: Looking around. I don't see Jesus here telling us anything.

Adult 2: But he left an instruction manual for us.

Child 2: What's that?

Leader: *Still scanning the computer.* Old-fashioned Google.

Adult 1: *Holding up Bible.* It's all right here.
"Love your neighbor, heal the sick, do good to those who hate you, feed my sheep."

Child 3: I don't have any sheep.

Child 2: I don't know anything about healing the sick.

Adult 2: That's why God gives many gifts—the gifts of teaching, preaching, healing, caring, singing, cooking, and giving.

Leader: *Looking up from computer.* That's right. Do you know there are all kinds of sermons and blogs about making disciples? This one says that we have different tasks, and should use our special abilities to make disciples, wherever we go.

Child 4: Mr/s. _____? What is a disciple, anyway?

Leader: One moment. *Looks back to computer screen.* This says that a disciple is someone who places Jesus at the center of their lives. So whatever they do, they remember that first, they belong to God. *Steps away from computer.* Personally, I like to think of a disciple as someone who is growing in faith. To really be a disciple, we need to keep working at it—by coming to church, reading the Bible, praying, and talking about faith, like we are right now.

Child 2: So I'm being a disciple just by coming to Sunday school?

Leader: You bet! So, how can you go and make disciples? Where do you go during the week?

Child 1: I go to school.

Child 3: I go to soccer practice and soccer games.

Child 4: I go to the park.

Adult 1: I go to work.

Adult 2: I go grocery shopping.

Leader: *Invites others to add comments.* And how could we make disciples in all the places that we go? How about at school?

Child 1: At school, some of the kids were making fun of a new student. I thought it was mean, so I asked them to stop.

Leader: Did they?

Child 1: I didn't think they would. I thought they would just make fun of me instead, but they stopped.

Leader: Sounds like you used your special gift of caring to be a disciple and make disciples.

Child 1: But I didn't even talk about God!

Adult 1: But you followed the Golden Rule that Jesus gave us. You treated others the way that you would like to be treated, and taught other people to do the same thing.

Leader: Any other disciple stories?

Child 3: I had a soccer game yesterday.

Leader: I know how much you like soccer. Soccer playing is one of your special abilities. How was the game?

Child 3: It was a close game, and people started getting angry about some of the calls the ref was making, and not making.

Leader: That could get ugly. Did you get angry?

Child 3: It's hard not to, when everyone else seemed to be yelling, even some parents.

Leader: What did you do, _____?

Child 3: I glanced over at the next field, where some really little kids were playing. They hardly knew which way to kick the ball, but they were having fun. And I started to laugh about our game, because it seemed a little silly for everybody to be getting upset about a soccer game. I just like to play. And when my teammates saw me laughing, they cooled down a bit, and we had more fun.

Leader: Showing sportsmanship and controlling our tempers is certainly a way to be a disciple. And your behavior influenced others.

Child 4: I was at the park, too, because my sister was playing soccer. When it was time to go home, I went to throw something away, and the garbage cans were overflowing with water bottles and cans and all sorts of stuff.

Leader: Isn't that where garbage is supposed to be?

Child 4: But so much of it could be recycled! So we filled a bag with cans and bottles and put them in our recycling bin at home. Now Mom is going to call the city and see about getting recycling cans at the park.

Adult 3: That's a great idea. I recycle at home, but I never thought about how much gets thrown away when I'm at the park, or even at work.

Leader: Caring for God's creation is another good way to love our neighbor and be a disciple.

Child 1: Mr/s _____, is this really all we have to do to make disciples, and teach others about God?

Leader: If we live our lives as an example of what a disciple is, others can be influenced to do the same thing.

Child 3: But how will they know why we do it?

Adult 2: I can tell you. Yesterday I went grocery shopping, a task I thoroughly dislike. The store was crowded, and everyone was in a hurry. The person ahead of me was only buying a few things, but she discovered that she was a few dollars short. The store clerk was impatient, and people behind me started grumbling, and I was in a hurry to get home ... So I pulled five dollars out of my wallet and paid the rest of her bill.

Child 1: Did she say thank you?

Adult 2: She said it many times. And after she left, the store clerk asked why I had done such a thing.

Child 2: What did you say?

Adult 2: I hadn't really thought about why I did it. It just seemed like a little thing that I could do to help someone who was having a difficult day. I said to the store clerk, "I'm a Christian, and God wants us to help others."

Leader: That's a wonderful example of making disciples by teaching others.

Adult 1: Peter writes in his first letter that we should "always be ready to give an answer when someone asks about the hope within us." That's when we can tell others why we do something, just like s/he did.

Leader: That's right. We make disciples, by being disciples. We teach others the commands of God, by living them out ourselves. We stand ready to tell about Jesus, by studying God's word, so that when someone asks, we have an answer.

Child 2: See, you did know how to make disciples!

Leader: With a little help from a lot of you. Maybe we all knew how to make disciples. We just didn't know we knew.

Child 1: Then I guess we are all ready for our mission to "Go and make disciples."

Leader: Even without passports!