



THE WHOLE WORLD MOBILIZING GO FORWARD!

¹TITLE: SHARE THE DONUTS

ON YOUR MARK

Bible Truth: God wants us to share his 'Good News' with all the people we meet.

Bible Verses: Later Jesus appeared to the 11 disciples as they were eating. He spoke firmly to them because they had no faith. They would not believe those who had seen him after he rose from the dead. He said to them, "Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone. When the Lord finished speaking to them, he was taken up into heaven. He sat down at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere. The Lord worked with them. And he backed up his word by the signs that went with it. (Mark 16:14-15, 19-20, NIRV)

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. (John 3:16, NIRV)

GET SET

Grab bag: Bible, an assortment of donuts (enough to share with all participants after the lesson)

Place the donuts and the Bible in the bag. The grab bag should have a sign attached to it that says in bold letters, GOOD NEWS. Keep the sign facing away from the children when you begin the lesson so they do not see it. The Bible should be placed within a ziploc bag to protect it from the donut toppings. Speaker may want to use a chair to convey a relaxed, take-it-easy, attitude.

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GO!

As your children settle in take out a single donut from your grab bag. **Before I begin today, I just have to have a bite of this delicious donut.** Take a bite. **Who here likes donuts? I know, right? Aren't donuts amazing? Cream filled donuts, sprinkle donuts, frosted donuts, powdered donuts, they are all just glorious. I think everyone in the entire world would say "Yes" to having one of these delicious donuts, if they were offered one.** Take another bite. **Yum, donuts are very, very good!**

I would really like to share these yummy donuts with you, but, but, I can't. Nervously. What if I offered you a donut, and you said 'no'. Then my feelings would be hurt. Would you say no, if I offered you a donut?

Well, that aside, I probably just don't have the time to share a donut with you. Making excuses. I mean, I'd have to open up the bag, look inside it, root around to try to find you one, place the donut in your hand, I mean, how long would that take? 30 seconds? A minute? I'm just too busy, I'm sorry. I don't have time. Pause. Though, it really doesn't take a lot of time.²

Really though, truth be told, I am just as happy to keep these donuts to myself. Agitatedly. I am content to eat donuts, with my donut-eating friends, in our regular neighborhood donut shop where we meet every week. We don't need any new people trying to hone in on our donuts. Reflective pause. But, donuts are so amazing. They would truly change a person's life. It seems wrong not to share them with others.

Wait a minute. What do we have here? Turn the bag around so that the sign is facing the children. **Good news. Good news? What does this mean?** Reach into the bag and take out the Bible. Open the Bible and read Mark 16:14-15, 19-20 NIRV.



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Jesus told his disciples that they had to share the good news with everyone. Even if it meant that some would say no, and maybe hurt their feelings, because in the end, more would say yes. Jesus told his disciples that they had to share the good news, even if they were very busy, because if we're too busy to share the good news, we're not putting God first, are we? And Jesus told his disciples that they had to share the good news, even if it meant talking to new boys and girls, boys and girls who don't come to church. Why? Because everyone needs to hear the good news, especially those who don't have a mom or dad or grandparent or neighbor who takes them to church.

What is the good news? Open the Bible and read John 3:16. **That is the good news. God loved the world so much, that he gave his only son's life, to save everyone in the world - you and I included, from sin. Isn't that amazingly good news? Because Jesus told us to share the good news with everyone, I think I'm going to share these donuts with you today.** Distribute donuts, now, or at an appointed time after church.

Bow heads to pray. **Dear God, thank you for allowing us to share the GOOD NEWS with others. Help us not to keep it to ourselves; help us not to think we're too busy; and help us to share it with other boys and girls who have never heard it before. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**