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<u>Bottom Line</u>: God calls us to be "on mission" with him. At the Compass Church, this means helping people find and follow God. But to do this, we need to know what God's mission is all about. This is a quick crash-course in God's grand plan of redemption from Genesis to Revelation. Buckle up and get ready for an adventure! <u>Video</u>: <u>On Mission</u>

<u>Preparation:</u> Mom and/or dad, take time to prepare well for this spiritual experience with your son or daughter and perhaps their friends. Proper preparation includes reading through this guide, setting up a comfortable environment, preparing the videos, materials (*everyone will need a Bible, pen and notebook/journal*) and snacks, and prayer. It also includes giving your participants time to prepare as well. Let them know in advance what you want to do and then remind them a few minutes before your start time so that they are ready too.

Interactive game/activity:

- In-Person: BLIND MAZE -
 - Begin by choosing a student to blindfold and sit him/her on one end of the room.
 - Next, rearrange the room to create a maze that he/she will walk through.
 - Next, designate something that he/she will have to pick up or do at the other end.
 - Next, as a group, help the blind wanderer reach the other end of the room and pick up or do whatever you've planned. See how fast you can succeed as a group.
 - o If time allows, you can do this with additional wanderers and mazes.
 - Online Variation: @Home Scavenger Hunt First student back with the object in screen, wins!
 - o Toothbrush
 - o Protractor
 - o Chicago Bears Logo
 - o Remote control
 - o Playing cards
 - o Chapstick
 - o An instrument
 - o A Harry Potter book
 - o A Nerf Gun
 - Something printed (*with a printer, not a pen*) in a foreign language
 - o A granola bar
 - A pet (must be alive)
 - o Bubble gum
 - o A Candle
 - A unicorn or dragon

Activity Debrief: (This would be a good time to pass out snacks)

• What's the hardest thing you've ever been asked to do? How did it turn out?

Video teaching

Set-up: "Today we are talking about being 'ON MISSION' with God. If you were in church today, you heard pastor Jeff talk about our new mission statement. Does anyone remember what it is? (TO HELP PEOPLE FIND AND FOLLOW GOD) This is really what God calls every Christian to, not just those at the Compass Church. But if we're going to do that, we need to know how this fits into the bigger mission of God – to redeem and restore all of creation! Let's check out today's teaching video."

- ON MISSION -



Small Group discussion

Ice Breakers:

- If you could have any one superpower, what would you choose and why?
- How would you use that superpower?

Discussion Starters:

- According to this weekend's teaching, what is our mission at the Compass Church?
- What is God's mission?
- What do you think is hardest about these missions? What is easy or fun about them?

Scripture: Read Matthew 28:18-20

^{*18} Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Digging Deeper:

- What has Jesus given his people to accomplish his mission? (authority & presence)
- What mission has Jesus given his disciples? (make disciples, baptize, teach)
- What do you think it means to "make disciples?"
- Why do you think Baptism matters?
 - Have you been baptized? Why or why not?
- What types of things do you think are important to teach people to obey? What are most important? Why?
- How does our church's new mission statement (To help people find and follow God) relate to this passage, the "Great Commission?"
- Who do you know that is passionate about sharing the Gospel of Jesus and making disciples? What have you seen him/her say or do that might inspire others to faith?
- What stand in the way of you making disciples?

Application: encourage students to use their journals in response to these questions.

- Who in your life needs to hear the story of the Gospel of Jesus?
- What next step could you take to help them find Jesus?
- Who do you know that could use some encouragement to follow Jesus?
- What next step could you take with him/her to help them follow Jesus more closely?
- How can we pray for you as you seek to help people find and follow God?



Closing activity & prayer: choose 1 of the following options to close your time together.

- <u>Singing (or rapping)</u>: Lecrae ft. Mali <u>Tell the World</u> . . . reflect on the lyrics here.
- <u>Journal Response</u>: Using your journal, make a list of people that you feel God calling you to help find and follow God. Use this as your daily prayer list and ask God to use you in their lives.
- <u>Scripture Response</u>: Read and memorize PASSAGE

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

- Matthew 28:19-20a

- <u>Prayer</u>: encourage students to use their notebooks to record prayer requests and pray for the group members throughout the week.
 - How can we pray for the world around us today?
 - How can we pray for our friends that do not know Jesus and need his love and salvation?
 - How can we pray for our church family and friends today?
 - How can we pray for you and your faith today?
 - CLOSE IN PRAYER.