

Come and See!



- Theme:** Sharing Jesus with our friends. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
- Object:** A package of cookies. (I used Oreo Creme filled Chips Ahoy)
- Scripture:** "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. John 1:46 (NIV)

A few days ago, I saw a friend of mine eating a cookie.

"What kind of cookie is that you are eating?" I asked.

"These are Oreo Creme filled Chips Ahoy cookies," she said.

"Are they good?" I asked.

"Good? They are delicious," she answered. "Here, taste one and see how good they are," she said as she offered me a cookie.

Mmmm, Mmmm! They were good! They were so good that I couldn't wait to tell you about them. In fact, I wanted to share some with you. I have a whole package of them this morning so that you can taste them and see how good they are. (Pass the cookies around for the children to try.)

Don't you agree that those are really good cookies? That is why my friend couldn't wait to share them with me and I couldn't wait to share them with you.

Have you ever found something so good that you couldn't wait to share it with a friend? This morning I want to tell about a man named Philip who couldn't wait to tell a friend about something good that he had found. What Philip found was much more important than cookies. Philip had met Jesus. When Phillip met Jesus, he knew that Jesus was the Savior that God had promised, and he became one of Jesus' disciples.

After Philip met Jesus, he couldn't wait to tell his friend Nathanael. He found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth? Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," answered Philip. Then he took Nathanael to see Jesus and Nathanael also became a follower of Jesus. That is how the good news of Jesus is spread. Friends telling friends!

When we find a really good cookie, we can't wait to tell a friend about it. Shouldn't we be even more anxious to tell our friends about Jesus? The Psalmist said, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8) Surely we want our friends to know how good he is!

Dear Father, nothing can compare to the Good News of Jesus. Help us to share the Good News with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

COOKIE CHEWING: Divide the children into teams. The teacher will provide some chocolate chip mini bite cookies or another type of small cookies. Each team member will have to run to the cookie table and completely chew up one mini bite cookie and run back to the team. The next player do the same thing until each team member has had a turn.

SHARE RUN: Here is another relay game. The teacher will place a variety of items such as toys, books, or candy on a table. Divide the children into two teams and let each player go to the table and select one item. The child will then run back to the team and describe the item selected to the next child in line. Continue until all the team members have had a chance to share!

SHARING MARCH: Let the children take turns being the LEADER for the Share March as the children march to their chanting the cadence: WE LOVE JESUS, YES WE DO; SHARING HIM IS GOOD FOR YOU; WE SHARE JESUS, YES WE DO; WE SHARE JESUS HOW ABOUT YOU?

PAPER AIRPLANES: Provide the children with paper to make a paper airplane. If the teacher does not know how to fold a paper airplane, you can find plans on www.foldnfly.com. Have the children write words from today's lesson and FLY their airplanes to SHARE the good news. You can let the children fly their planes back and forth to each other and each time a plane is caught, the child will read one word on the plane from today's lesson.

COOKIE POCKETS: Provide the children with paper to cut 2 round circles in the size and shape of a cookie. Let the children decorate their "cookie" and then staple or glue the two circles half way around the edge so that they form a pocket. The children will then write words about JESUS on small pieces of paper and place them inside the cookie pocket. Encourage the children to share their cookie with someone outside of their class.

CIRCLE WHISPER: The teacher will write a short sentence from today's lesson on a strip of paper. For example: Share the good news of Jesus; Share Jesus with a friend; Taste and see that the Lord is good. Have the children sit in a circle. The teacher will then choose a child and give them the strip of paper. The child will begin the game by whispering the words on the strip of paper into the ear of the child on his right side. Each child will then whisper the phrase to the person on his right. Continue to "whisper" until it gets back to the person who started the game and compare what was said at the end with what was actually written on the strip of paper.

GOOD NEWS BANNERS: Give each child a long narrow sheet of paper to make a GOOD NEWS banner. Give the children glitter, stickers, balloons, etc to decorate their banner. Use the banners to decorate doors and bulletin boards around the church.

Show and Tell



Theme: Showing and telling others about Jesus. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Object: The children will provide the objects. (This should be pre-arranged. Choose several children depending on how much time you have.)

Scripture: The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" John 1:29, 34-35

What do you like best about school? Is it reading? Writing? Math? Spelling? Recess? Well, when I was in school, I think my favorite thing was "Show and Tell." I always looked forward to the days when we had "Show and Tell" because it gave me the chance to show and tell others about something that was really important to me.

I have asked several of you to bring something this morning to show to the other children and tell them something about it. Who would like to go first? (Depending on how much time you have, allow several of the children to have their time of "Show and Tell.") I want to thank those who shared with us in "Show and

Tell" time this morning. I really enjoyed seeing what you had to show us and I learned a lot from what you told us. It is really fun to show and tell others about something that is really important to you, isn't it?

The Bible tells us about a man named John who loved to "show and tell" others about Jesus. The Bible says that one day John was standing with a group of people when he saw Jesus coming. He said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! I have seen him and I tell you that this is the Son of God."

Because John loved to show and tell others about Jesus, many people came to know Jesus and follow him. It is important for you and me to show and tell others about Jesus too. We can show others about Jesus by doing the things that Jesus taught us to do -- things like loving one another and being helpful and kind. Then people will see that we know Jesus and that will give us a chance to tell them about Jesus. We can tell them about what he has done for us and what he wants to do for them. Yes, each day we should show and tell others about Jesus!

Dear Father, help us this week to "show and tell" others about you and your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SHOW AND TELL ME: Let the children take turns in a show and tell "activity"... each one doing something different. A child will come to the front of the room or in the middle of a circle and will SHOW the class something and the classmates will TELL what the child is doing. (Such as hopping, skipping, eating, jumping, walking like an elephant.) Keep the game moving so that each activity takes 60 seconds or less.

SHOW AND TELL GRAB BAG: The children will run to a grab bag and hold an item up and TELL 3 things about that item. Keep this game moving so that no one gets bored and so everyone has an opportunity to pick a grab item. (The teacher will fill the grab bag with items such as candy, gum, small toys, clothing, books, knick knacks, etc.)

BANNER TO SHOW AND TELL: Give each child a long piece of butcher paper, markers and stickers. Children will draw pictures and add words of something from the Bible or from our story today and will show the class their banner and tell about their drawings/words.

PAPER PLATE PIN WHEEL: Give each child a paper plate that can be colored and then cut curved slits around the edge of the plate - about every 2 inches. On each slit, the children write words from today's lesson or words from today's Bible verse. Children can then tape the pin wheel paper plate onto a stick or dowel and share with the class.

SHOW AND TELL CARDS: The teacher will have a Bible cards made with pictures representing a story, character, or event from the Bible. The children will pick a card, show it to the class and tell what they know about the Bible character or the story. The teacher can ask questions for an application whenever possible to share God's Love and children to help the children to understand HIS LOVE.

JESUS NECKLACE: Give the children plastic string and bead letters to spell JESUS and to string the necklaces and tie around the child's neck... to let others know about JESUS.

JESUS CAPS: Buy plain, inexpensive, colored caps at a retail or hobby store. Let the children use cloth paint pens and write JESUS on the cap or decorate them with gel pens with dots and squiggly lines. Children will enjoy wearing their caps to tell other's about JESUS.

SHARE A SNACK: The teacher will hold up a gift wrapped treat and TELL about it without telling the children what the treat is. (You could have several different kinds of treats.) After TELLING about the treat, the children may raise their hand if they'd like the treat that the teacher was TELLING about.