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John 7:25-44

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²⁵At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, “Isn’t this the man they are trying to kill?” ²⁶Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Christ? ²⁷But we know where this man is from; when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from.”

²⁸Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, “**Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him,** ²⁹**but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.**”

³⁰At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his time had not yet come. ³¹Still, many in the crowd put their faith in him. They said, “When the Christ comes, will he do more miraculous signs than this man?”

³²The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him.

³³Jesus said, “**I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me.** ³⁴**You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.**”

³⁵The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks?” ³⁶What did he mean when he said, ‘**You will look for me, but you will not find me,**’ and ‘**Where I am, you cannot come**?’”

³⁷On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “**If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.** ³⁸**Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.**” ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

⁴⁰On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is the Prophet.”

⁴¹Others said, “He is the Christ.”

Still others asked, “How can the Christ come from Galilee?” ⁴²Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David’s family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?” ⁴³Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. ⁴⁴Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Who was the one that sent Jesus to the people?
5		2.) What did Jesus mean when he said: "You will look for me, but you will not find me"?
5		3.) What does Jesus mean by "streams of living water"? (Verse 39)
5		4.) Why do you think the Pharisees wanted to arrest Jesus?

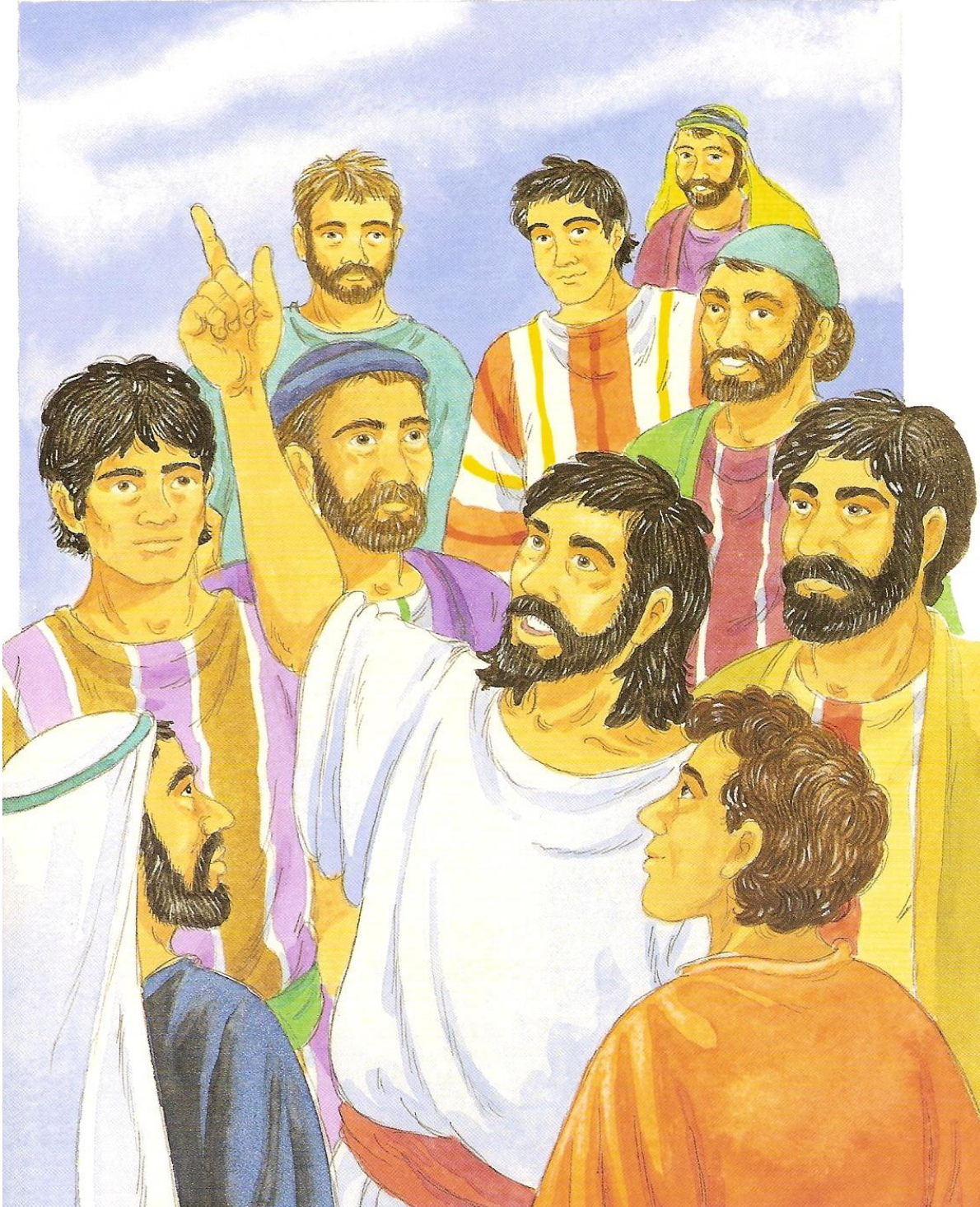
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"Jesus answered, 'My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.'" John 7:16

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Jesus teaches the people that he will be going back to heaven

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: WATCHES

Students will make watches to remind them that Jesus was only going to be with his disciples for a short time.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. White Cardstock
2. Watch Patterns
3. Scissors
4. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
5. Tape
6. Glue



DIRECTIONS

1. Make one copy of the “Watch Pattern” for each student onto 67 lb. white cardstock.
2. Have students color the watchband and clock face.
3. Glue the watch face to the wristband.
4. Place the wristband around the student’s wrist.
5. Tape the wristband together.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their watches, remind them that Jesus spent a relatively short time here on earth in terms of ministry (approximately 3 years). He told the people listening that he was on earth for a short time before he would ascend in glory to be seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Help students realize that Jesus died for their sins, rose again, and is in heaven now. Though Christ was on earth for only a short time, he didn’t leave us to fend for ourselves. He sent the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:3-4) to guide us in all righteousness.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

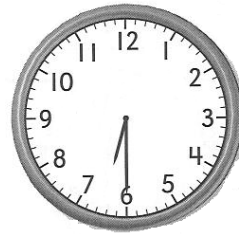
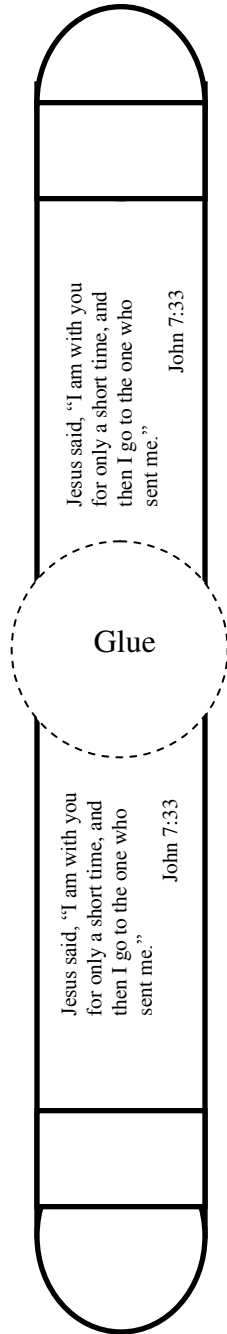
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WATCH PATTERN



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Today's bible story was about _____

I learned that I should

The memory verse means



Memory Verse:

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JOHN 7:25-44

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Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courts. Some of the people in the crowd did not know that Jesus was God's son. Jesus told the

crowd that he was sent from God. Some of the people put their faith in Jesus while others tried to arrest him.

Jesus said, "I am with you for a short time and then I will go to the one who sent me. You will look for me, but you will not find me."

The crowd did not understand that Jesus was going back to heaven to be with his father. The people would not be able to find Jesus in heaven.

Jesus also told the crowd, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." Jesus was using colorful language to describe the Holy Spirit that they would receive later. Anyone who believed in Jesus would receive the Holy Spirit after he went back to heaven.

For more details, please read John 7:25-44 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Who was the one who sent Jesus to the people?
2. What did Jesus mean when he said: "You will look for me, but you will not find me"?
3. What did Jesus mean when he spoke of "streams of living water"?
4. Why do you think some people wanted to arrest Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus answered, 'My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.'"

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MATCHING

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| 1. JESUS | ___ Means believing without seeing |
| 2. LIVING WATER | ___ Where Jesus was going |
| 3. HEAVEN | ___ Where Jesus was teaching |
| 4. TEMPLE COURTS | ___ Means "The Holy Spirit" |
| 5. FAITH | ___ God's son |