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## Get Ready to Tell!

**Go and Tell Verse:** “Preach the Good News. Be ready at all times. Tell people what they need to do, tell them when they are wrong, and encourage them. Do these things with great patience and careful teaching” (2 Timothy 4:2, ICB).

### Get Ready List:

Bible, peanut butter,\* jelly, plastic knives, bread, and sandwich wrap for each child

Option: prepare bite-sized peanut butter\* and jelly sandwiches wrapped in sandwich wrap ahead of time.

*\*Be mindful of peanut allergies. You may want to use Almond butter or plain butter.*

*As you set up your supplies in front of the children, keep them guessing by not explaining what you are doing.*

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Kids, I need your help in making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Is that OK? All I need you to do is tell me how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, and I will do exactly what you tell me. Don't show me . . . just use words. Are you ready? *[Do exactly as the kids tell you. If they say, “Put the peanut butter on the bread,” then do exactly that—put the jar of peanut butter on the bread! If they tell you to open the jar and spread it on the bread, then open the jar and roll the jar on the bread. Overexaggerate and have fun with this activity. Overexaggerate by saying, “Oh, you mean . . .” Lead them to understand that they must be clear in their instructions.]*

Wow . . . we are finally done making this peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Thank you for your help! I could not have done it without your instructions.

This reminds me of all the people who do not know about Jesus' love—How will they know if someone doesn't tell them? How will they know that God loves <sup>child's name</sup> them and sent Jesus to be their Savior? *[Encourage the kids to respond.]* What do you think, \_\_\_\_\_? *[One of the children*

will say, “*They can read it in the Bible.*”] Yes, you’re right! Let’s see what the Bible says about what we are to do. [*Open your Bible to 2 Timothy 4:2.*] Here, look at this verse with me. 2 Timothy 4:2 says: “Preach the Good News. Be ready at all times. Tell people what they need to do, tell them when they are wrong, and encourage them. Do these things with great patience and careful teaching.” God is telling us to be ready to share our story with other people of why we love Him. We need to show others how to get to know Jesus.

Not only do we **tell**, but we must also **show** people how to get to know Jesus . . . step-by-step, just like you helped me make this yummy peanut butter and jelly sandwich, step-by-step. **And**, [*look at the children with excitement and eagerness*] the verse says we must be encouraging, patient, and careful. What are some things you could share about God’s love? [*Let the kids respond, and be encouraging and positive about each response.*]

Telling others about God is something that we all can do . . . the instructions are right here in the Bible [*point to the verse in your Bible*]. Everyone can share the good news about God’s love . . . **everyone!** Let’s pray together that the Holy Spirit will bring to our minds someone we know who needs to know about God’s love.

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving all of us so very much! You are such an awesome God that I want everyone to know You. Thank You for bringing to mind someone I can tell about You. I know You love this person a whole lot! Help me to share my story with them of why I love You. Give me just the right words to say. Amen.

*Give the children the wrapped bite-sized peanut butter\* and jelly sandwiches and tell them that this is a reminder to pray that the Lord will give them just the right words to share their story of why they love Jesus.*