

### PREPARATION

- Read Matthew 28 twice.
- Bring maps of different places around the world, such as individual city maps — including your own — state maps, globes and blow-up beach balls that are made to look like globes. (You can find these at [www.partypalooza.com](http://www.partypalooza.com)\*. Click on “Toy Categories” and select beach balls from the options.)
- Decorate the room eclectically with items from around the world. You can use art, dolls, money, newspapers and trinkets that you own, borrow from friends or find on the Internet. Toys (think about dreidels, stuffed koala bears, tea sets) are a good idea, along with anything else to help you make the room look as if many cultures from around the world landed in your teaching space.
- During the next three weeks, the clubbers will hear the gospel and how it is told to people around the world. On weeks two and three of The Great ShakeUP™, clubbers will also hear an acronym for SALT to help them learn a method for inviting friends to club. Additionally, you may want to offer an incentive if they can tell you what each letter stands for by week four of The Great ShakeUP!
- Print several items from The Great ShakeUP Web page ([www.awana.org/shakeup](http://www.awana.org/shakeup)), photocopy them and hand them out at the end of your Large Group Lesson Time, at your closing ceremony or at whatever time works best for your club:
  - Tracking charts (for kids’ use in tracking progress through the SALT steps)
  - Invitations (free Great ShakeUP-theme invitations and links to pre-printed invitations available for purchase)
  - Parent/guardian letter (explains The Great ShakeUP event and asks them to come on week three of The Great ShakeUP). The letter also asks for assistance, especially with transportation.

### LESSON

*(Ask 12 volunteers to walk across the stage and say hello in different languages. You can also have the person dress in clothing from the country they represent.)*

**Person 1:** Hola (Spanish — pronounced oh-la)

**Person 2:** Guten Tag (good day in German — pronounced GOOT-en Tahk)

**Person 3:** Bonjour (French — pronounced bohn-zhoor)

**Person 4:** Ciao or Buon giorno (good day in Italian — pronounced chow and bwohn JOR-noh)

**Person 5:** Ni hao (Mandarin Chinese — pronounced knee how)



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**Person 6:** Konnichiwa (Japanese — pronounced ko-NEE-chee-wah)

**Person 7:** Здравствуйте (Russian — pronounced ZDRAST-vwee-tyuh, literally means “be healthy”)

**Person 8:** Hallo (Dutch)

**Person 9:** Γειά σου (Greek — pronounced yia-soo)

**Person 10:** Salve (Latin — pronounced sahl-vay)

**Person 11:** Namaste (Hindi — pronounced nah-mah-STAY)

**Person 12:** Salam, OR Salam wa aleikum (Arabic — pronounced sah-LAM wah ah-LAY-koom and literally means “peace be upon you”)

**Hi everyone! You just got to hear *hello* in 12 different languages. We were greeted in Spanish, German, French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Dutch, Greek, Latin, Hindi and Arabic! Did you recognize any of those languages?**

**Welcome to The Great ShakeUP! Those of you who have done The Great ShakeUP before know that these next four weeks will be filled with lots of fun! We will also learn how to invite our friends to Awana® in hopes that they might come to know Jesus too!**

**This year our theme is Tell Your World! Do any of you see anything that looks like a world? (Allow clubbers to raise hands. Get a few volunteers to come and stand by something in the room that looks like a world map or globe.)**

**Did you know the Bible tells us something about the world? It does! In Matthew, the first book in the New Testament, Jesus told His disciples something important.**

**Let’s read Matthew 28:18-20. (Read Matthew 28:18-20 out loud.)**

**Do you remember when He said this? Do you know what Jesus was talking about? (Allow a few clubbers to give some answers.)**

**Jesus told His disciples (or followers) to go and make disciples of all nations. A nation is another way to say country or group of people. Jesus told His disciples that His words were worth telling everyone about.**

**Well, what was it? What was so great that Jesus told His followers to tell everyone? That’s an excellent question!**

**Jesus told His followers to tell everyone that He was the Son of God! Jesus was no ordinary person. Jesus is God!**

**Almost ever since man existed there has been a problem. Can you say, “What’s the problem?” Say it with me: “What’s the problem?”**



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*(Allow them all to say it a few times.)* OK, I want the right side of the room to say, “What’s the problem?” and I want the left side of the room to answer, “SIN!” Let’s practice.

**Right side of the room: What’s the problem?**

**Left side of the room: SIN!**

**Let’s do it again!**

**Right side of the room: What’s the problem?**

**Left side of the room: SIN!**

Now that we know sin was everybody’s problem from the beginning, we need to learn how to get rid of the problem. But we *can’t* do anything to get rid of sin.

People have tried to get rid of sin in their own ways. Some nations or people groups in the world pretend that sin doesn’t exist. They think they can do anything they want to. As long as they aren’t hurting someone, whatever they do is OK.

Other people groups respond to sin by putting people who do wrong things in prison. And still other groups have gods that they think will help them, but really their gods don’t do anything.

But, none of these ways get rid of sin. Most people don’t even understand how serious it is.

Because sin separates us from God, we need someone, a savior, to help us. Because God knew that we could never do it on our own, God sent His own Son to earth to give us a way to Himself. When Jesus was born, He looked like any other baby. But as He grew, people began to listen to Him and follow Him, even when He was just 12 years old.

Jesus lived a perfect life! Even though we all sin, Jesus was the one person who never sinned.

Jesus, who is perfect, could offer Himself as the payment for sin that was needed for forgiveness. God tells us in the Bible that if we trust that Jesus took care of our punishment for sin, God sees us the way that He sees Jesus — as perfect! That doesn’t mean that we won’t sin anymore, but it does mean that if we trust Jesus, we can know God and be with God after we die.

Jesus died on a cross after being beaten and spit on and betrayed by most of His friends. He did that for you! He did that for me! He went through a very painful death because He loves you. He wants you to know Him.

**Our sin is awful! But Jesus made a way for God to love us and be with us!**

**Over the next few weeks we will talk about how other people around the world worship Jesus and how you can tell the people you know about Jesus.**



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**If you just heard this message about Jesus for the first time or if you finally understand it and have never trusted Jesus to take care of your sin, talk to me or your leader tonight! Don't go home without knowing Jesus.**

*(Pray with your clubbers and thank God for giving you a reason to celebrate. Thank God for Jesus and His life, death and resurrection. Ask God to help the clubbers think of friends to invite to the celebration.)*

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