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The Great Commission



Key Passages

- Matthew 28:19–20; Romans 1:16

Lesson Focus

- Jesus wants His followers to share the good news about Him!

Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will color the Jesus Is Alive Coloring Sheet as a review of Lesson 5 and/or play with play dough.



Circle Time

Prayer—Using the Flip Chart Prayer Page, discuss prayer and give each child the opportunity to pray after determining what type of prayer you will offer today.

God's Word—Jesus died and was raised to life so sinners could be with God. This is good news! Jesus wants us to share the good news with everyone.

Song Time—Students will sing songs to help them remember the lesson of the day. Lyrics to the songs are found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.



Activity 1: Good News Baseball

Students will answer questions from the lesson as they move around the bases.



Activity 2: Gospel Booklet

Students will color the Gospel Booklet as a review to take home and share with others.



Memory Verse Review and Activity

Students will review the memory verse as they play a game and recite/sing the verse. Give them an opportunity to repeat the verse with you or say it themselves.



Applying God's Word/Snack

Students will review the lesson while enjoying the snack for the day.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



FOR THE TEACHER

- ☐ Study the Prepare to Share section.
- ☐ Go Before the Throne.



COME ON IN

- ☐ Print one Jesus Is Alive Coloring Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- ☐ Provide play dough if appropriate.

- ☐ Jesus Is Alive Coloring Sheet for each student
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Play dough
- ☐ Cookie cutters



CIRCLE TIME

- ☐ Practice the songs on the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.
- ☐ Print the six Disciple Illustrations from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use during the class.

- ☐ Stuffed animal for prayer time
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Lesson Flip Chart
- ☐ Six Disciple Illustrations



GOOD NEWS BASEBALL

- ☐ Set up four chairs or other appropriate items to mark bases and home plate.
- ☐ Print one copy of the Good News Questions from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use.

- ☐ Chairs or other appropriate items to mark bases and home plate
- ☐ Good News Questions



GOSPEL BOOKLET

- ☐ Print, cut, collate, and staple the four pages of the Gospel Booklet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- ☐ Gospel Booklet for each student
- ☐ Crayons



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW AND ACTIVITY

- ☐ No extra preparation necessary.

- ☐ Flip Chart Memory Verse Page



APPLYING GOD'S WORD/SNACK

- ☐ Prepare and bring snacks.

- ☐ Student Take Home Sheets
- ☐ Lesson Flip Chart for Review
- ☐ Snacks



Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above with this background.

Jesus Christ was delivered up according to the determined purpose of God. He was crucified, put to death, and then raised from the dead (Acts 2:23–24). Through His Resurrection, Jesus destroyed the final enemy—that is death (1 Corinthians 15:26). Now those who believe in Him shall never die (John 11:26).

Jesus appeared to His followers after His Resurrection. In fact, the Bible records no less than ten times that Jesus was seen after He rose. He showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs (Acts 1:3). The Apostle Paul summarized some of these appearances when He wrote that Jesus was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve, then by over 500, then by James, and then by all the apostles (1 Corinthians 15:3–7).

For 40 days Jesus continued to show Himself, teach, and prepare His followers for life without His physical presence. When it finally came time for Him to return to His Father, He gave His parting instructions. This is what is now known as the Great Commission. What was Jesus's message?

He began by once again confirming His authority—ALL authority has been given to Him in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). He was crucified for claiming He was God (John 10:30–31). And this statement declared His claim to be true! Jesus the Messiah is the Great I AM (John 8:58). He is Lord over the entire universe.

He then told His followers to “make disciples.” This is a call that includes evangelism—proclaiming the gospel to others—as well as teaching and guiding these disciples to observe all that Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:20). And this is a commission to ALL believers through the ages. How critical it is that we obey it. We know that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13). But how will anyone call on the Lord if they do not believe in Him? And how will they believe in Him if they have not heard of Him (Romans 10:14)? We must proclaim the truth to unbelievers. The Bible tells us that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). We are to be bold and not ashamed of the gospel. It is the gospel that is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes (Romans 1:16). Without the truth of the gospel, people will perish in their sins.

Jesus told His followers to baptize the disciples in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

(Matthew 28:19.) This external baptism by water is a picture of what happens when people trust in Christ. They die with Christ, are buried with Christ, and are raised to newness of life (Romans 6:4).

Scripture also talks about another baptism. This baptism comes through the Holy Spirit to all believers who are united with Christ through faith in the gospel. This is an internal baptism by which the Holy Spirit makes believers new creations in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17). It is often referred to as being “born again” by the Holy Spirit (John 3:6–7). This baptism seals believers with the Holy Spirit of promise assuring them that they are guaranteed the inheritance that Christ purchased to the praise of the glory of God (Ephesians 1:13–14)!

And the Great Commission does not stop there! It continues beyond a new believer's repentance and faith. You see, a new Christian is like a newborn—unskilled in the Word of righteousness (Hebrews 5:13). There is a new life in their soul, with amazing potential to learn and grow in wisdom and knowledge of the truth. These new believers are to be molded by the truth and trained to do all that Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:20). Those older and more mature in the faith are to instruct the younger Christians so they will continue to grow and bear fruit for the Lord (2 Timothy 2:2; Titus 2:3).

Jesus ended His Great Commission with a promise that gives the encouragement and strength necessary to boldly fulfill His command. He told His disciples, and He tells us, “Lo! I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” We can be assured and confident of this promise as we strive to fulfill the Great Commission in our own lives.

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

If you've ever been to a missionary conference, no doubt the Great Commission was read aloud or written on a banner. This is the church's marching orders—to make disciples of all nations. Sometimes we think that this was a new idea that Jesus instituted, when in reality, God's heart has always been for the nations. God's covenant with Israel in the Old Testament wasn't for their sake alone. No, God had always intended that Israel would be a light to the nations (Isaiah 42:6, 49:6, 60:3). As we look at the Old Testament, there are many clear passages that show this to be true.

As early as Genesis, God's intent to use the nation of Israel as a catalyst to spread His Word to all the world is clear. The judgment for the Tower of Babel scattered

people across the earth, and nations were formed. This was followed by God's promise to Abram that through him and his seed "all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). God would use Abraham, the father of Israel, in a way that would be a means of blessing all the nations; from his seed, Jesus Christ would come and provide redemption to the world. This promise of worldwide blessing was later restated to Abraham: "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice" (Genesis 18:18, 22:18). The same promise was then given to Isaac (Genesis 26:4) and then to Jacob as the father of the 12 tribes of Israel (Genesis 28:14). The world would be blessed through Abraham's seed.

God's desire and heart was not just for Israel. But He would use Israel, and His Word to them, to proclaim truth across the earth. We see in many of the psalms that all nations would be included in the praise and worship of the Lord God of Israel. One in particular is Psalm 67. The universal nature of this psalm proclaims that God's way will be known on ALL the earth and His salvation among ALL nations (Psalm 67:2). The psalmist goes on to plead that ALL the peoples will praise God, that ALL the nations will be glad and sing for joy (Psalm 67:3-4)!

We know that Israel was God's chosen nation. And yet God was jealous for all the peoples of the earth—both Jews and Gentiles—that they would worship His name. It is hard to miss the many Gentiles God spoke of in the Old Testament. These men and women were known to be followers of the one true God of Israel. We encounter people like Melchizedek, the king of Salem (Genesis 14:18); Jethro of Midian, Moses's father-in-law (Exodus 3:1); Rahab, the harlot in Jericho (Joshua 2:1); Ruth of Moab (Ruth 1:4); the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:9); and many others like them. These people from many nations responded to the good news of God's reign. And who can forget God sending Jonah to take the message of repentance to the cruel Assyrians of Nineveh? The people of that pagan city believed God, repented of their sins, and turned to the one, true, holy God (Jonah 3:5-10).

You see, God did not ordain that Israel alone would receive the blessing of salvation through the Mes-

siah. No, God called Israel and put her into service to spread His name to the nations of the earth. The decisive fulfillment of God's covenant with Abraham—that the nations of the earth would be blessed through his seed—was accomplished in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the "seed of Abraham." God's plan was that through Jesus Christ ALL people—including those from the most pagan nations—can become sons of Abraham and heirs of all his blessings through faith in Jesus Christ.

So when Jesus left His followers with the Great Commission, He was continuing the purpose of His Father that the everlasting gospel would be preached to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—that they would fear God and give Him glory, and that they would forever worship Him who made heaven and earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

Now and always, Christians have the great privilege and the solemn responsibility to take the message of the gospel to the nations of the world. Matthew 28:18-20 is not called the Great Suggestion, but the Great Commission. May we be found faithful.

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Lord Jesus, I praise you. Your name is above all names. You've told us to go and make disciples. How will they know, if we don't tell them? Make us bold, Lord, to speak of you to neighbors and friends. Help us to love others enough to share the truth of the gospel with them. Move in my heart and in the hearts of my students to seek eternal treasures. Keep us from being ashamed or embarrassed of your Word, and make us evangelists to a lost world. Please draw the students in my class to know you through repentance and faith. And then put a fire in them by the power of the Holy Spirit to go into all the world and make disciples. To you be all the glory!

► As you teach, refer often to the Lesson Flip Chart Page to keep the children engaged. When reading the lesson Scriptures, stand up, be enthusiastic, look at the children, and emphasize the answers to the questions you will be asking. This will help to keep the children interested.



COME ON IN

As children arrive . . .

- They will color the Jesus Is Alive Coloring Sheet as a review of Lesson 5.
- If there is time, they can play with play dough.

During this time you should be at the door welcoming the children as they come in and directing them to sit down at the tables and begin the activity. Have an aid/helper ready to engage the children with the activity.



REVIEW

Using the Flip Chart, quickly review the previous lessons with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Flip Chart Pages. Remind the children of each lesson's focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



Circle Time

In an orderly manner, have the children assemble in a circle away from the tables—either on the floor or in their chairs. Bring your Lesson Flip Chart, Bible, stuffed animal for prayer time, six Disciple Illustrations, and any other props you brought or prepared for this lesson.

PRAYER

This prayer time is designed to get children to begin to understand some simple concepts about prayer and to get them to understand that they can pray. Use a special stuffed animal—prayer bear—or an appropriate object to pass around the circle as each child gets his/her turn to pray. Only the child with the stuffed animal is allowed to pray or speak during this time. Using the same stuffed animal or other object all year will add continuity and structure to this time.

We start our Bible study with prayer. Let's pray. Turn to the Flip Chart Prayer Page. Briefly review the different types of prayer presented there. Then determine which type you want the children to pray today.

- I love you prayers—Adoration
- I'm sorry prayers—Confession
- Thank you prayers—Thanksgiving
- Please prayers—Supplication

Today Supplication is suggested. You might proceed this way:

Today let's say prayers of supplication. This is when we ask God to help us in some way. It is known as a "please" prayer. God cares about us and has promised to provide us with all we need.

The prayers you begin with should be specific to your needs. This will model to the children that you believe God does care about all the details of your life, and you pray to Him about these things. Your example will increase their confidence in praying to God.

➤ Prior to making your transition to Circle Time, we suggest you take time for restroom breaks and hand washing.

➤ Preschoolers need to move. This is a good opportunity to get them to move. Make an orderly transition to the Circle Time. You can have carpet squares if you want to sit on the floor, or help them to move their chairs into the circle.

I'll start. Dear God, I know that you hear all my prayers, and you will give me all I need according to your perfect will. Lord could you please . . . (insert personal prayer).

Pass the stuffed animal around the circle giving all the children an opportunity to say a prayer of supplication.

Very good! Now let's put our stuffed animal away, and we'll get into God's Word.

GOD'S WORD

These first five questions will be repeated each week this quarter. The repetition of these questions will help to solidify these simple but foundational truths in the children's minds at a young age.

- ? **Does God know all things?** *Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.*
- ? **Can you see God?** *No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me.*
- ? **Can God do all things?** *Yes! God can do all His holy will.*
- ? **Where do you learn how to love and obey God?** *In the Bible alone.*
- ? **Is God's Word true?** *Yes! Every Word of God is true.*

Bible Pass Around

➤ Before Bible Pass Around, place a sticky note in your Bible to mark the first passage to be read.

➤ When the Bible Pass Around Activity is completed, continue with the lesson.

The following activity should be repeated at the beginning of each lesson to encourage anticipation and enthusiasm for looking into the Word of God. Use a sticky note to mark today's passage before you begin.

We are going to start out today by looking into God's Word, the Bible. *Hold up Bible.* **God's Word is true, and we can trust what it says. But where should we look? One of you will help me with that. We're going to play Bible Pass Around. Whoever ends up with the Bible must hold it very carefully until it is time to look in it. When it is time to read, you can bring it to me, and we'll open it to see what we are going to talk about! Here's what we're going to do. I want everyone to count with me up to the number** *choose a number. You may also choose to practice the alphabet, recite the books of the Bible, sing one of the lesson songs, or recite the memory verse as you do this activity.* **We'll start right here. Hand the Bible to the first student. As we say each number (or word) you must carefully pass the Bible to the person beside you—remember, we don't want to drop it or tear it. Then when we get to the last number (or word), whoever has the Bible will hold on to it until we are ready to start our lesson. Are you ready? Let's begin.** *You may want to have the student with the Bible stand next to you until it is time to open it. Continue with the lesson when finished with Bible Pass Around.*

Refer to Lessons 4 and 5 Flip Chart Pages. **Some people hated Jesus. They wanted to kill Him. So, they put Him on the Cross to die. That is bad news!**

Then Jesus's body was laid in a tomb. His friends were sad. But Jesus rose from the dead. That is good news! He IS the resurrection and the life! Because He lives, everyone who believes in Him will also live.

Once Jesus rose from the dead, the Bible tells us His friends saw Him many times. Jesus ate food with them. He taught them just like He used to

before He was crucified. You see, Jesus had some more things to do before He went back to His Father in heaven.

? What else did Jesus have to do? *Allow discussion.*

He already finished His work on the Cross when He died for sinners. And He rose from the dead! But Jesus still wanted His disciples to be ready to continue the work He started while on earth. Jesus would soon leave His disciples for good and go to heaven. He wanted them to know a few more things!

That is what we are going to talk about today. What did Jesus want His disciples to remember once He was gone! I am going to read from the **Gospel of Matthew**. *Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible, and he/she opens it to where the sticky note is. Show the students where the book is. Let them look at it. Carry it around your circle.*

Refer to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. This was the last thing Jesus said to His friends while He was on earth. I'm going to read Matthew 28:19. Now you have heard this verse. It has been our memory verse for the past few weeks. Let's all read it together from the Memory Verse Poster. *Read Matthew 28:19 with the students. Refer to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page as you discuss.*

? Who is speaking in this verse? *Jesus.*

? Who was Jesus speaking to? *Re-read Matthew 28:19. His friends.*

? Jesus said to make disciples. What is a disciple? *Allow discussion.*

A disciple is a person who follows Jesus. Jesus was telling His friends to share the good news about Him! Jesus wanted His followers to tell more people about Him so they would believe in Him, too!

? Where did Jesus tell them to go? *Re-read Matthew 28:19 emphasizing "all nations."*

Yes. Jesus said to go to all nations. That means all around the world. Jesus wants everyone to hear the good news! And He said to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

? Who is the Father? *God.*

? Who is the Son? *Jesus.*

That's right! And the Holy Spirit is the spirit of God. He was sent by God to be with all believers. Those who believe in Jesus have the Holy Spirit with them.

Jesus's friends were to make disciples and baptize them. But that wasn't all they were to do. Listen as I read Matthew 28:20. *Read Matthew 28:20 enthusiastically emphasizing the answers to the questions below.*

? What else were they to do? *Teach them.*

Jesus wanted His friends to make new disciples and teach them.

Matthew 28:19

➤ Re-read the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text. The children should hear God's Word and know they can answer questions from it. It is not too hard for them.

➤ As you teach this verse, you may want to explain your church's position on baptism, how it is performed, and what it signifies.

Matthew 28:20

? What did Jesus want the new disciples to learn? *Re-read Matthew 28:20. Everything Jesus commanded.*

Jesus wanted many, many new people to know about Him and to hear the truth. They were to teach new believers everything they learned from Jesus!

New disciples, or followers, of Christ had to learn about Jesus. Someone had to teach them! Jesus told His friends to teach them what He had told them.

Jesus knew He would be leaving His disciples and friends very soon. And He said something that probably made them feel very good. Listen again to what Jesus said. *Re-read Matthew 28:20 emphasizing "I am with you always."*

? What did Jesus tell them? *He would be with them.*

Yes! Jesus said to go make disciples of all nations, baptize them, and teach them about Jesus. He promised He would always be with them!

When Jesus died on the Cross, He didn't die to save a few people. He wants the good news to spread. He wants many people to be saved from their sin. Jesus died, was buried, and came to life! He did this so sinners can be free from sin and live with Him in heaven one day. This is good news! Jesus wants His followers to share His good news! Here is how the disciples did it!

Show Disciple Illustration #1. Jesus wanted His church to grow. He wanted His friends to tell the good news to others. Jesus told them to make disciples.

Show Disciple Illustration #2. Then the new disciples would tell more people the good news of Jesus. *Show Disciple Illustration #3.* And those people who heard would tell even MORE people about Jesus. This way, lots of people would hear the truth about Jesus and the gospel!

As each new disciple obeys Jesus and makes more disciples, the church will grow. More and more people will turn from their sin and believe in Jesus. Jesus wants His followers to share the good news about Him!

This command wasn't just for Jesus's disciples and friends. It is for all believers! Even believers today! Jesus wants everyone who believes in Him to tell others about Him. We should want to tell people about Jesus. It is good news!

Refer to Flip Chart Memory Verse Page—Romans 1:16a—for Lessons 8–12. God's Word tells us why making disciples is so important. Listen and look at this Memory Verse Page while I read it. This will be our NEXT memory verse! Read Romans 1:16 from the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page emphasizing the answers to the questions below.

First this says we should not be ashamed of the gospel. We should never be ashamed of Jesus or what He has done for us. He gave His life for us! We should always want to tell others about Jesus.

? *Refer to Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Whose power is in the gospel? Re-read Romans 1:16 emphasizing "it is the power of God."*

Romans 1:16

? Refer to Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. **And what does the power of God do for sinners? What will it give sinners who believe?** *Re-read Romans 1:16 emphasizing "to salvation for everyone who believes."*

That's right. The gospel about Jesus Christ is the power of God! And it is what brings salvation to everyone who believes.

This is very important! Jesus wants His followers to share the good news of the gospel! Jesus is the only way we can be forgiven of our sins. Jesus came and took the punishment for sin. Everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life.

Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart Page. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples of all the nations. And the Bible says that we should tell others about Jesus. Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life. He died on the Cross for our sins. He rose from the dead so we could live with Him in heaven one day. This is good news! Jesus wants His followers to share this good news!

Show Disciple Illustration #4. It might look like this today! When one person believes, he should want to tell his friend what he learned about Jesus. *Show Disciple Illustration #5.* Then he and his friend tell MORE people about the good news of Jesus. *Show Disciple Illustration #6.* And all those people who heard would tell even MORE people about Jesus. This way, lots of people would hear the truth about Jesus and the gospel!

Jesus wants all of His followers to share the good news of the gospel!

SONG TIME

Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Let's sing our memory verse. Jesus died on the Cross and rose from the grave. This is good news! And Jesus said to go to ALL nations and tell others what Jesus did for sinners! *Sing the Memory Verse Song two or three times.*

Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page. The Bible is true. We look in the Bible to learn more about Jesus. The more we know about Jesus, the more we want to tell others about Him. Let's sing, "Oh, Be Sure to Read the Bible." *Sing together with clapping and stomping.*

When we tell the gospel news, we are sharing the wonderful news of what Jesus did for sinners! Let's sing the "Tell the Gospel News" song together. *Sing together.*

Repeat songs as time allows. You may want to add hand motions, stomping, marching, or instruments.

► Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page and Flip Chart Memory Verse Page during this part of the lesson.

► Lyrics can be found on the Flip Chart Song Page and on the Song Sheet at the end of this Teacher Guide.



Good News Baseball

MATERIALS

- ☐ Four chairs or other appropriate items to mark bases and home plate
- ☐ Good News Questions

INSTRUCTIONS

Set up four chairs or other appropriate items to mark bases and home plate. Have the students line up behind the home base. Each student up to "bat" will have a chance to answer a question from the lesson. If the student can answer a question, or at least tries to, let him run the bases. You may want the children to run one base at a time, or have each child run all the way around and return to the line. Repeat the questions until all of the students have run around the bases.

Today we are going to play a game like baseball. Everyone get in line right here!

This is home plate. These chairs (or other items) are first base, second base, and third base. Instead of hitting a ball, I want you to answer a question from the lesson. Then you can run to the base. Each of you will get to answer a question and run around the bases. Okay, let's play!

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Jesus told His friends that He wanted them to go share the good news with all nations. He wants others to be His disciples, too. All who turn from their sins and believe in Jesus are His disciples. They will be in heaven with Jesus one day! We should want to tell everyone about Jesus and what He did for us on the Cross.



Gospel Booklet

MATERIALS

- ☐ Gospel Booklet for each student
- ☐ Crayons

INSTRUCTIONS

Print, cut, collate, and staple the four pages of the Gospel Booklet for each student. Students will color the pictures. Then they can use the book to share the gospel with their friends.

Today we're going to make a book to help us share the gospel with our friends. Color each of the pages in the book. You can take the booklet home and show a friend or someone in your family!

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

After students are finished, choose four students to show pages 1–4 and briefly discuss them. Let's talk about our booklets!

Refer to Page 1. Jesus said He is the way, and we know that Jesus is the **ONLY** way a sinner can ever get to heaven.

Refer to Page 2. Jesus came to earth to die on the Cross so sinners could be forgiven and saved from God's punishment!

Refer to Page 3. Jesus didn't stay dead! He rose from the grave. Jesus is alive!

Refer to Page 4. We should share this good news with everyone! Whoever believes in Jesus will have eternal life.



Memory Verse Review and Activity

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

MATERIALS

❑ Flip Chart Memory Verse Page

INSTRUCTIONS

Students will move around the room in a specified action you give, such as: crawling, skipping, turning in circles, galloping, walking in giant steps, etc. Then when you say, "Freeze!" the students will stop and freeze in position. Recite the memory verse and then begin again with a different action.

We're going to play a game now called, "Freeze!" I'm going to tell you what you need to do, like crawl or take baby steps. Everyone does the same thing, but when I say, "Freeze," you have to stop and freeze

like a statue. **Like this:** *Demonstrate "freezing," so the students understand how to freeze in position.*

Then we're all going to say our memory verse together before we can move again. Are you ready? Everyone stand up and start moving around taking giant steps.

You may want to sing the Memory Verse Song instead of saying the verse. When finished, see if anyone can say the verse using the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

God wants us to share the good news about Jesus with all nations! Some people will believe in Jesus. They will be followers and disciples of Jesus! They will one day see Jesus in heaven! Some people will not believe the gospel. They will not be followers or disciples of Jesus. And they will not get to be with Jesus in heaven.



Applying God's Word/Snack

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

After thanking God for your snack, review today's lesson using the Flip Chart.

People who believe in Jesus believe because someone told them the good news! God wants His good news to spread. And He wants you and me to be the ones to tell everyone. The Great Commission was not just for the disciples who walked with Jesus. It is for everyone who is a disciple of Jesus. If you believe in Jesus, you are His disciple.

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

What if we didn't tell anyone the good news of Jesus? The good news would never spread! There are many people who are lost in sin today. They need to hear the good news of Jesus. If we do not tell them, they may never be free from sin and have eternal life.

➤ Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



Group Prayer Time

- Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus, to bring forgiveness of sins to us.
- Praise God for Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life.
- Pray that God will give us joy to tell the good news to friends and family.

Do you still have more time? Review the past quarters using the Flip Charts, add another coloring sheet, recite and review the current and past memory verses, sing more songs, bring out play dough. Keep the children occupied with intentional, God-centered activities until their parents come to pick them up.

Song Sheet

MATTHEW 28:19

(To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")

Shout: **Matthew 28:19!**

Go therefore and make disciples

(Are you sleeping? Are you sleeping?)

Of all the nations, baptizing them

(Brother John? Brother John?)

In the na-ame of the Father

(Morning bells are ringing,)

A-and of the So-on

(Morning bells are ringing.)

And of the

(Ding, ding, dong!)

Holy Spirit.

(Ding, ding, dong!)

Shout: **Matthew 28:19!**

OH, BE SURE TO READ THE BIBLE

(To the tune of "Oh, Be Careful Little Eyes")

Oh, be sure to read the Bible every day!

(Oh, be careful little eyes what you see.)

Clap clap or stomp stomp.

Oh, be sure to read the Bible every day!

(Oh, be careful little eyes what you see.)

Clap clap or stomp stomp.

For God's Word is what we learn,

(There's a Father up above,)

From our sins it helps us turn.

(And He's looking down in love.)

Oh, be sure to read the Bible every day!

(Oh, be careful little eyes what you see!)

Clap clap or stomp stomp.

TELL THE GOSPEL NEWS

(To the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

Oh, tell the gospel news.

(The farmer in the dell,)

Oh, tell the gospel news.

(The farmer in the dell,)

Jesus . . . He is alive!

(Hi-ho, the derry-o!)

Oh, tell the gospel news.

(The farmer in the dell.)

Christ gave His life for us.

He died upon the Cross,

So He could conquer sin and death,

And we can be with God!

We are free from sin.

We are free from death.

If we put our hope and trust—

Our hope and trust in Him!

Think of fun ways to sing. Get children in a circle holding hands. They can go in one direction and at each verse quickly reverse direction. Put one or more than one child in the middle of the circle. Go around them then move in and back out! Get them into a straight line. Have them follow you around the room.

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