

Jesus Gives the Disciples a Task- Matthew 28:16-20

THE POINT

Focus:

God wants the whole world to know about the gift of salvation
God extends his invitation to follow Jesus to all people

Application:

We share the good news of Jesus with others
We recognize that God wants all types of people to follow him.

*Last Week:

*2 Weeks Ago:

*remind this week's teacher what you've been studying!

HEART CONNECTION (4-6 MINUTES)

MATERIALS:

- Bible
- Construction Paper
- Marker (dark color)
- Optional- globe or picture of the world

Content:

Do you know where God's word to people can be found?

(let them guess and then reinforce that God's word is the Bible by showing it to them as you explain its importance)

The Bible is God's word, it's one of the ways that we know God. The Bible tells us what God has done in the world, and it contains some of God's message for us.

Much of the message of the Bible can be summed up in 3 words. Do you have a guess what those words are?

God Loves You!

(write this in large writing on the paper and make
a visual connection between the message of love and the Bible)

When Jesus was getting ready to return to heaven, he gave his disciples a special job. He wanted the whole world (point to the world if you have a globe or picture) to

hear the good news of his love. We're going to learn about this conversation today!

STORY CONNECTION (6-8 MINUTES)

MATERIALS:

- Disciple and Jesus figurines and felt outline of a mountain OR picture of the Great Commission/Ascension
- Great Commission Puzzle cut-out with angles/squiggles to the shapes so they only fit in certain spots. Straight edges will be frustrating to non-readers!
- OPTIONAL: Globe or world map

First, read the story aloud as a group. Use the felt and figurines to illustrate, or use a picture so that the children have a visual. Read through the commission verses several times, inviting them to repeat after you with each phrase. Consider making up motions to go along with the commands.

After you have read and reviewed the command, take a look at the globe or world map. Talk about the idea of taking the gospel to the whole globe.

Do the Puzzle activity in small groups or together as a class. Remind the children they can re-use these materials at the end during their quiet reflection time.

Have the children sit in a circle for the story This helps include children who might feel shy, and it helps each child feel equally engaged. It reassures children that they are seen and welcome in the community.

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Matthew 28:16-20

Then the 11 disciples went to Galilee. They went to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him. But some still had their doubts. Then Jesus came to them. He said,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

So you must go and make disciples of all nations.

Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end.”

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WONDER CONNECTION (3-5 MINUTES)

MATERIALS: None.

I wonder what it was like on the mountain that day.

I wonder how they worshipped God together.

I wonder how it felt to think about the whole earth needing to hear the good news.

I wonder what it was like to hear Jesus say that he would always be with them.

What do you wonder?

SPIRIT CONNECTION (7-10 MINUTES)

MATERIALS: Coloring supplies: paper, crayons, pencils, hard drawing surfaces (floor, clipboard, or a table).

Take a few minutes to talk quietly with the Lord while you draw, write, or just think inside your heard. Talk with God about the story today. This is a quiet time for you to spend with the Lord, not with your neighbor or anyone else.