



Children's Lesson – April 15, 2020

JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS!

BACKGROUND FOR CAREGIVERS

Bible Passages – Matthew 28:16-20 (The Great Commission)

The good news of Jesus began to spread when, shortly after the resurrection, He appeared to the women outside of His tomb. He instructed them to go tell the Eleven to meet Him in Galilee (Matthew 28:10). The fact that Jesus had His disciples meet Him in Galilee suggests they had a predetermined meeting place following the resurrection (Matthew 26:32). When Jesus met with His disciples, He commissioned them to go and carry on His work. To commission is to give “authority to act for, in behalf of, or in place of another,” or “a task or matter entrusted to one as an agent for another” (Merriam-Webster). In His commissioning of the 11 men, Jesus gave them His authority—to act on His behalf—and instructed them to make disciples of all nations.

Raising disciples was common in the Jewish faith. Within the Jewish religion, sages are spoken of as having raised disciples and encouraged many to become students of the ways of the Law and faith by studying the Torah. However, what differentiates Jesus' commissioning from others was His directive to go make disciples of *all* nations—not a particular people group, but all people. In addition, the disciples, unlike other ancient teachers, would not raise disciples for themselves, but only for Jesus.

The Great Commission isn't for the 11 disciples alone. It's for all who come to faith and call Jesus Christ Lord. Each of us is called to cross whatever boundaries are necessary to reach those who have not yet heard the good news that Jesus is the Christ. **Jesus is the Good News!**

KEY VERSE

I (point up)

Am always (point one finger up and trace a circle around and around)

With you (point both thumbs towards yourself)

Matthew 28:20

BIBILE STORY

Useful Props:

The Bible story today is about Jesus (show picture #1 of Jesus). When Jesus was on earth he had some good friends. Who are your good friends? Jesus had 12 friends that were very special to him. These friends were called his disciples. Before Jesus died on the cross, He told His friends something very important...

Jesus told them to meet Him on a mountain in a place called Galilee when He came back to life after three days. How many days was it until Jesus came back to life? That's right – three! 1, 2, 3 (hold up fingers).

Jesus' friends thought he had died. But how do you think they felt when they saw Jesus again? That's right – they were happy! Give me a thumbs up if you would be happy to see Jesus too. I know I sure would be.

(Show picture #1 again – Jesus teaching) Jesus taught His friends, the disciples, all about God and His great love for them. Jesus also told his friends to go and tell *all* the people in the world everything they knew about God and His love. This was a very important job! Jesus taught them so much, and now it was their turn to tell others.

We are friends of Jesus too! He wants us to share the good news as

well. He wants us to tell others that **Jesus is the Good News!** Can you say that? "**Jesus is the Good News!**"!

Jesus' disciple friends did just as He said. They went all over the world and told people about God's love. They told people about how Jesus died for their sins and how Jesus is Alive! Because of Jesus, all people can know God and be with Him forever. And that is called the GOOD NEWS! **Jesus is the Good News!** That's something we can be excited about.

Jesus promises that He is always with his friends. No matter where we are, what we are doing, or how we are feeling, Jesus is with us. Who is with you when you are at home? JESUS! Who is with you when you are feeling sad? JESUS! Who is with you when you go to church? JESUS! Who is with you when you are happy? JESUS! That's right. Jesus is always with us and **Jesus is the Good News!**

PRAYER

Let's pray and thank God that Jesus is the Good News:

Dear God,

That you that you love us and want to be with us all the time.

Thank you that you are our forever friend.

We want to share with others that Jesus is the Good News!

We love you God,

AMEN!

WORSHIP SONGS

- Jesus Is The Great, Good News
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x-Umg6oEYY> OR
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeoZIMW-mgY>
- Motions – The Good News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZZkSkTjo4g>
- Go, Tell the Good News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sf1-cprjm0w>
- All Around the World

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ew9GjmGXD_I

CRAFT

Jesus is the Good News Worksheet

Supplies Needed: download and print craft document, crayons/markers, scissors, permanent marker

Caregivers – cut out the pictures of the globes. Save one for the worksheet and print “Jesus is the Good News” on the back of the others with a permanent marker.

Have your child colour the worksheet and glue on the picture of the globe in the centre circle.

The other globe pictures can be handed to people to help share the Gospel message.

As you hand them out say, “**Jesus is the Good News**”!



IMAGE #1





IMAGE #2



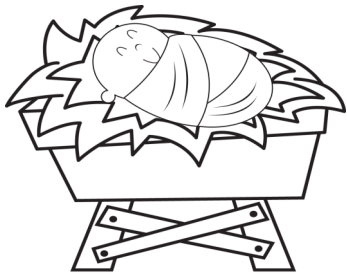


IMAGE #3

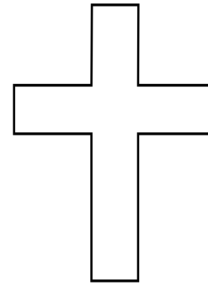


Go into all the world and preach the gospel. Mark 16:15

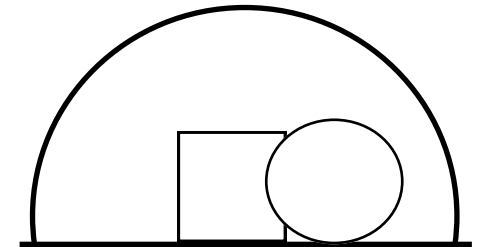
The Gospel is the Good News about Jesus!



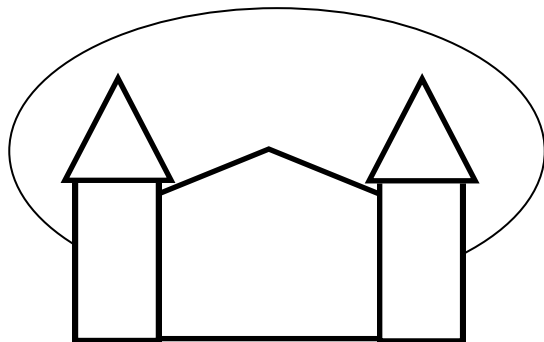
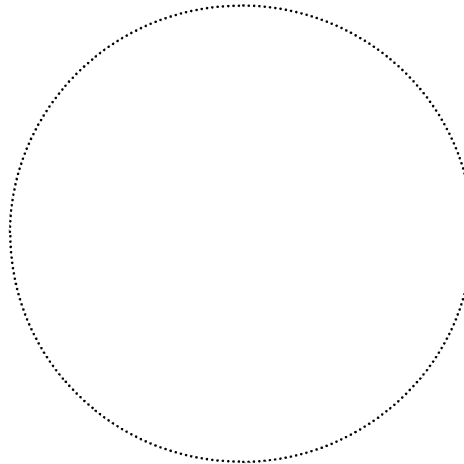
Jesus came to save us.



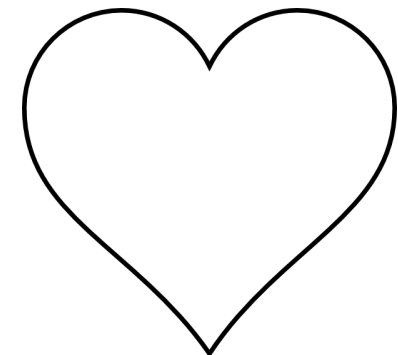
Jesus died on the cross for our sin.



Jesus is alive.



Jesus is making a home for us in Heaven.



Jesus loves you.

