



THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR. Unit 27 Lesson 4: Jesus gave the great commission

Date: Sunday February 10, 2019 **Teachers:** Rick L, Anne L, Katie, Monica B

CIRCLE TIME: Monica (volunteer with little ones) **(10-1 min)**

Welcome kids, sitting on chairs in circle (Lead Teacher)

Review Rules:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Three Chances to Obey (1st. warning 2nd. remove from activity 3. call parent)

INTRO BIBLE STORY: (Rick, Anne) materials: (activity sheet used for the group)

Help preschoolers count the number of people in each group, and write the number in the provided space.

Say • In today's Bible story, Jesus told His friends and everyone who trusts in Jesus, "Go. Make followers of Me in every place on earth." Jesus wants people everywhere to put their trust in Him!

THE BIBLE STORY (VIDEO)

BABY GOSPEL GEMS

Jesus has power over everything.

Jesus gave His friends a job to do on earth.

Jesus' followers tell people everywhere about Him.

SING A SONG:

Sing to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?":

"Jesus is with you, Jesus is with you, everywhere, everywhere!

He will never leave you; He will always love you!

Follow Him, follow Him!"

KEY PASSAGE: "He was raised on the third day, according to the scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:4

Our key passage tells us the message we get to share with the world—Jesus is alive! God brought Jesus back to life just like He said He would in the Bible.

(play the key passage video)

(DISMISS TODDLERS TO PLAY AREA)

ACTIVITY: "Near and Far" materials: (none)

Tell preschoolers when you say "near," they should move in as close to you as they can. When you say

“far,” they should move as far away from you and each other as they can.

Say • Jesus gave His friends a mission. Jesus told His friends to tell all people in all places about Him, both near and far. Jesus’ friends could do this because Jesus is in charge of everything, and He promised He would be with them. When we follow Jesus, He promises to always be with us too. Jesus’ mission to His friends is our mission as well. We are to tell people about Jesus so they can follow Him.

ACTIVITY 2: (OPTIONAL) materials: (envelopes, letters, box with slot cut in OR something to serve as a mailboxbring from home)**

Push four chairs together to serve as a mail truck. Guide preschoolers to sit in the mail truck and talk about delivering mail.

Say • Many messages pass through a post office. Mail goes all over the world. In today’s Bible story, Jesus told His friends to give a message to all people in all places—the gospel message. The gospel message is that Jesus came to earth, lived a sinless life, died for our sin on the cross, and rose again. Jesus rules as King over everything. We want to deliver this good news to all people!

PRAYER: *Father, as we think of this wonderful gift of Jesus’ salvation, help us share this good news with others.*

ACTIVITY/SNACK/CRAFT/ PLAYDOUGH: (Fishy crackers/animal crackers) Activity/Colouring sheet (last 15-20 min divide time between craft/snack/activities)

The BIBLE STORY

Jesus Gave the Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

After Jesus died and came back to life, Jesus spent time with His friends and taught them even more about God’s kingdom. Jesus told His eleven friends to go to a mountain in Galilee, so they did. When they arrived at the mountain, Jesus was there. The friends worshiped Jesus, but some doubted that it was really Him.

Jesus walked up close to His friends. He had something important to tell them. Jesus was going to give them a mission—a very important job to do. The friends needed to hear what Jesus had to say.

Jesus said, “I am in charge of everything in heaven and on earth.” Jesus has always been in charge because He is God’s Son, but after Jesus died on the cross and was made alive again, God put Jesus in charge of all things in heaven and on earth. Jesus rules over God’s kingdom as King.

Jesus commanded His friends—and everyone who trusts in Jesus—by saying, “Go. Make followers of Me in every place on earth. Baptize them in My Father’s name, My name, and the name of the Holy Spirit.

Teach these followers to obey everything I have told you. Remember that I am always with you. Even until the very end of time, I am with you.”

Christ Connection: Jesus told His friends to tell all people in all places about Him. Jesus’ friends could do this because Jesus is in charge of everything, and He promised He would be with them. When we follow Jesus, He promises to always be with us too. Jesus’ mission to His friends is our mission too. We

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