

The Easter Story Sunday Lesson Teaching Page 31st of May, 2020 The Great Commission

The aim of this session is to: study the last words that Jesus spoke- The great commission.

To go and make disciples of all nations.

Verses: Matthew 28: 16-20, Acts 1:6-11

Beginning Activities:

- Look at these examples below and I want you to tell me if you think the child, Faith, was helping to make a disciple for Jesus or not. If they were, then say Yes. If they were not, say No. If you said No, give me an example of something they could have done to help make a disciple for Jesus.
 - Faith started talking with someone new in their village and invited them to church (Yes).
 - Faith started saying mean things about her friend, Luntha, to other people. (No)
 - Faith lied when her mom asked her if she came straight home from school. But then told her mom that she was sorry and asked her mom and God to forgive her. (Yes)
 - Faith knew of a neighbor that didn't have any shoes to wear she gave the other girl one of her pairs of shoes. (Yes).
 - Faith didn't know the answer to a test at school so she asked her friend Chikondi for the answer. (No)
 - Faith really likes to draw cards and pictures. She then takes them to different elderly people (agogo) in the area to share the pictures and cards with them. (yes)
- Today we are going to talk about Sharing about Jesus with others. Look at your day. When and how are there times that you show Jesus love with others. (Do you pray for other kids? Have you shared different parts of the Bible with others? Do you invite people to church? Do you help others that need help? (parents, friends, other students) Do you spend time with people that are lonely or do not have many friends? Share these things with your family or think of different ways you could do one or more of the things listed above.

• Storytime:

- o Read Matthew 28: 16-20, Acts 1:6-11
- Watch the video that has been included.

o Questions:

- Where did the disciples go? (to the mountain of Galilee)
- What did they do when they got there? (They worshiped him)
- What did Jesus say to them? (All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations)
- How do you make disciples of all nations? (baptized them and teach them to obey what Jesus said).
- What did Jesus say that the disciples would receive? (power when the holy spirit comes on them)
- Where did Jesus say for the disciples to be his witnesses? (Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, and the ends of the earth)
- Where did Jesus go? (Up into the sky and was hidden by a cloud)
- What did the 2 men dressed in white say to them? (Jesus would come back the same way you saw him go to heaven)

Prayer/Response:

- If you were there, what do you think you would have felt seeing Jesus go up into heaven? What would you have thought about the final things that Jesus said to them? What do you think he meant about going to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth? Where do you think are some good places you can make disciples now or when you are older?
 - There were just a lot of questions that were asked there. Talk about these as a family. I want you to take a few minutes and pray about where Jesus is asking you to tell others about Jesus? Is it somewhere in Lilongwe like Jerusalem? Is it to Blantyre like Judea? Is it to Zambia kind of like Samaria? or is it to the ends of the earth? Yes, you are all young so most of you it would be somewhere near in Lilongwe. But maybe Jesus is asking you to pray for people in a different country that don't know Jesus.
- Take a minute and think about people that you may know that don't know Jesus or much about God. Think of maybe people that live in the same area that you do. Answer the questions in your family and then spend some time praying together as a family.
 - Start praying for these people to know more about Jesus.
 - Think of different ways that you could teach them about Jesus.
 - How are ways that you could be kind to them or serve them?

Craft:

• Draw a picture of a bird and write in the middle "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" in the middle of the bird (you can also complete the coloring page that is included).

