

1st-5th Grade Small Group Lesson



Session Title: Jesus Gave the Great Commission

Bible Passage: Matthew 28:16-20

Main Point: Jesus gave the disciples the Great Commission.

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Big Picture Question: What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.

Christ Connection: The good news about what Jesus has done to rescue us from our sins is too great to keep to ourselves. Before Jesus went back to heaven, He gave the disciples a job to do. Jesus wants His followers to teach people everywhere about Jesus, so they will trust in Him as their Lord and Savior.

Connection Activity

Materials: World Map, white paper, markers or pens

Look at the world map while reading the following:

Everyone in the world needs to hear the good news about Jesus. Jesus gave the disciples the Great Commission, **and Jesus calls all believers to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. More than 7 billion people live on earth. That's a big job! Some of us might travel as missionaries, and others of us might support missionaries or share the gospel right in our own neighborhoods. That might sound overwhelming, but Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit to help us on our mission of making disciples.**

Think about the unique place God has put you—in your specific city, school, or neighborhood. Who do you see every day that you could tell about Jesus?

Give each person a piece of paper and markers. In the center of the paper, have them write their name and draw a circle around it. From the center circle, have them draw five lines and ask them to write names of family members, friends, or teachers that they know well. Then, draw a circles around those 5 people.

Have everyone continue the pattern of drawing five lines from each circle and connecting five new circles. As the web grows, a map of influence begins to form. They will get a picture of the impact they can have on a large number of people, even adults.

Things to discuss:

- **How can you influence the five people connected to your circle?**
- **If a friend asked you why Jesus' death and resurrection paid for your sin, what would you say?**

Crossword Verse



INSTRUCTIONS: Use the missing words from the Bible verse to complete the crossword puzzle.

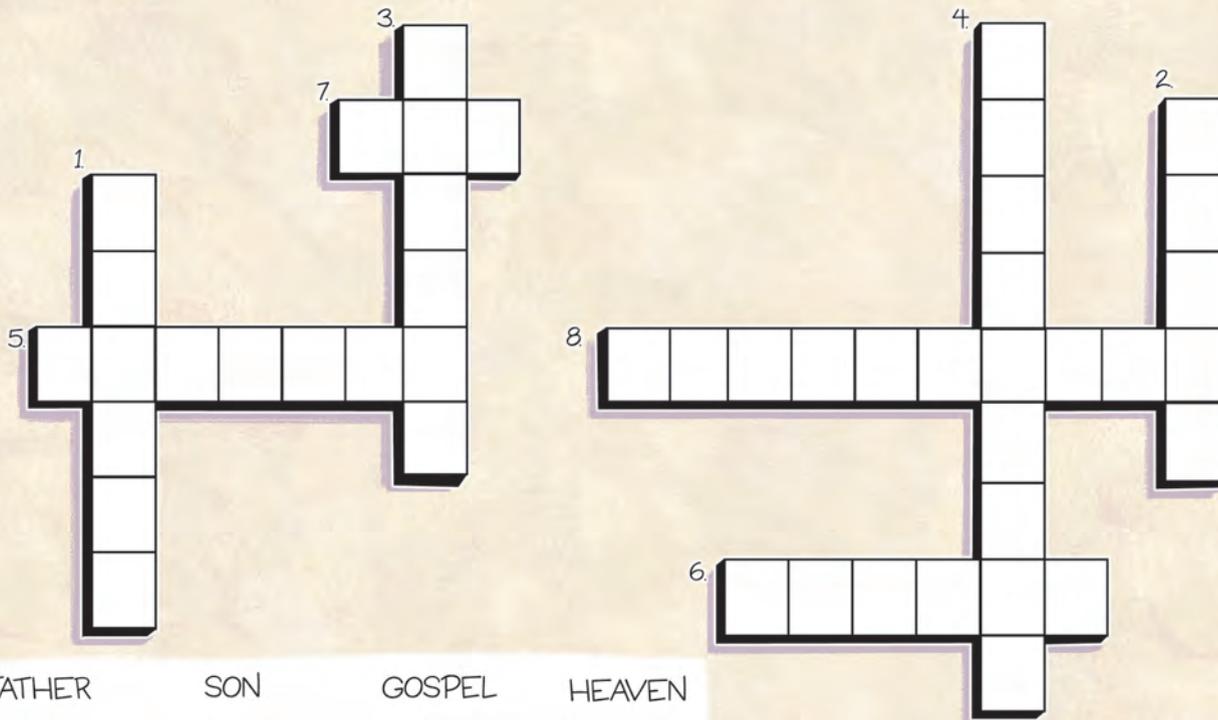
DOWN: "All authority has been given to Me in ¹ _____ and on ² _____ .

Go into all the world and preach the ³ _____ .

Make ⁴ _____ of people from every nation,

ACROSS: ⁵ _____ them in name of the ⁶ _____

and of the ⁷ _____ and of the ⁸ _____ ."



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KEY PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS GAVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

- Jesus and His disciples met on a mountain.
- Jesus gave the disciples the Great Commission.
- Jesus told them they would make disciples and teach them to obey Jesus.
- They would also baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Who else is called to make disciples?
- What does it mean to be a "disciple"?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Take your kids to a mall or public park to share the gospel with someone they have never met.

