

# Life of Christ

## Go and Tell Others

Matthew 28:16-20

### Younger Verse

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### Lesson Goals

Understand that Jesus left His disciples with a job to do  
Learn that ALL of Jesus' followers have the job of telling others about Him  
Recognize that Jesus left us His Holy Spirit to empower us

### Welcome Time

What is something you get really excited about? Jesus wants us to get excited about the Good News that He can save people and give them a new life. We need to be so excited about Jesus that we can't help but tell people about Him!

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible before teaching it. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

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**First, Jesus said that He has all power in Heaven and on earth.** Jesus is the Son of God. He wanted His disciples to understand that they would have access to that power. They would not be speaking on their own; the Holy Spirit would speak through them. We see that in the book of Acts, where the disciples spoke and did powerful things through the Holy Spirit. When we allow God's Spirit to work in our lives, we can make a powerful difference in our world.

**Jesus then told His disciples to go into all the world and tell people about Him. He said to "go and make disciples."** When a person accepts Christ into their life, they become a disciple. We can "make disciples" by sharing God's love with others and living a life others want to follow.

**Then Jesus said to baptize the new believers in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** After a person accepts Jesus, the next step of obedience is to be baptized. It shows the world we have decided to start a new life with Christ.

**He then told the disciples to teach the new followers to obey all of God's commands.** Accepting Christ is just the beginning. We must continue to grow in our understanding of God's Word. We need to get closer to God by spending time in prayer and

going to Bible study. We can help new believers to study God's Word and obey it.

**Finally, Jesus reminded His friends that He would always be with them.** It was important for Jesus' followers to remember that He would always be with them. How is Jesus with us today? (His Holy Spirit is with us always.)

Jesus' disciples did what He told them. Because they went around the world and shared the good news of Jesus, we know about Him today! Now it is our turn. If we have accepted Christ, we are His disciples. So His command to reach others is for us also. Some people go to other parts of the world to share Christ. We may not be able to do that right now, but we can go across the street or next door.

God wants everyone to know about Him. And He has chosen us to spread the Good News! Are we ready? How do we get ready?

First, we must be right with God. We need to make sure we have received Christ into our hearts. Romans 10:9 says that if you say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. That same chapter reminds us that if we don't tell people about Jesus, how will they hear about Him?

#### Review Questions

1. What does it mean to make disciples? (Sharing about God's love and living a life others want to follow)
2. What else did Jesus tell His followers to do? (Baptize new believers; Teach new believers about what God wants for them.)
3. In whose power were the disciples to do these things? (In the power of the Holy Spirit)

#### Prayer Time

Thank God for leaving us with His Holy Spirit. Pray that we will be faithful to share His love with everyone we meet.

#### Life Application

**"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go tell them without being sent? That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"**

**Romans 10:14-15**

Did you know there are people all around us who do not know Jesus loves them? It seems hard to imagine, but it is true. That is why Jesus gave us the command to go and tell others about Him. It takes all of us to reach this world for Christ. We are all in different places and see different people every day. So wherever we go, we need to remember to take the love of Jesus with us—and share it!

Why do you think the Scripture says that people who share the Good News have beautiful feet? We use our feet to go places. Jesus told us to go and tell others about Him. So even our feet can be useful for God! Let's take our feet and go share Jesus with someone this week.

Think of someone that needs to know about Jesus' love and forgiveness. Pray for the boldness to share and that the Holy Spirit will give you the right words to share. John 3:16

## **Preschool Lesson for Go and Tell Others**

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**First, Jesus said that He has all power in Heaven and on earth.** Jesus is the Son of God. So He has power over everything! He made all things in Heaven and on earth, and He controls everything. (Sing “My God is So Big” or “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.”)

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Pray that we will be excited to share about Jesus’ love with others.

## **Hands-on Activities for Go and Tell Others**

Play the game “Telephone.” Start with today’s memory verse, then let the kids think of other Scriptures to pass around the circle. Talk about how we can share God’s Word with others.

Bring a globe or map of the world. Have the children point out places that they have heard of. Talk about missionaries and how they go to places and tell people about Jesus. Pray for the missionaries throughout the world.

Bring a copy of a world map or globe for each student. Have them decorate and write the Bible verse on it. Tell them to hang the maps on their wall at home to remind them to pray for missionaries—and to *be* a missionary!

Bring a small tub of water and several small stones. After the lesson, take the kids outside and let them drop a stone in the water and watch the rippling of the water. Talk about how our lives can “ripple” - we share Christ with someone, then they share it with someone else, etc.

The Holy Spirit is our power source for sharing Christ with others. Bring a flashlight. Try to use it without batteries. Then put the batteries in it and let a student turn it on. Talk about how our lives need the “Power Source” of the Holy Spirit to make a difference and reach people for Christ.