



2011

Go And Make Disciples

The Cross and Beyond

Lesson 18: Go Into All the World . . .

Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20
 Mark 16:12-20
 Luke 24:13-53
 John 20:19-21:25
 Acts 1:4-11
 1 Corinthians 15:5-7

Memory Verse

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:15 (NIV)

Lesson Goals

Understand that Jesus appeared to over 500 people after His resurrection

Understand that, before He returned to heaven, Jesus sent His disciples out into the world to preach, teach, make disciples and baptize believers

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

The Scripture for our lesson today begins, "After that, Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them. This happened while they were walking out in the country." Who remembers what this was happening after? It happened after Jesus appeared to Mary in the garden. Mary had been at the tomb crying when Jesus appeared after His resurrection. It was Sunday, the first day of the week. Mary and the others had reported that Jesus was alive. Peter and John had seen the empty tomb, but the disciples still didn't believe.

While all of this was taking place in Jerusalem, these two followers of Jesus were traveling out in the country toward Emmaus. Emmaus was about seven miles away from Jerusalem. The two men talked about all that had taken place in Jerusalem that weekend. "As they talked about those things, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them. But God kept them from recognizing Him." (Luke 24:15-16 NIV) They talked about all that had happened in Jerusalem and Jesus explained, from the Old Testament, why it had to happen. Jesus ate with them that evening. "He took the bread and gave thanks. He broke it and began to give it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized Him. But then He disappeared from their sight. (Luke 24: 30b-31 NIV) The two men got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem.

They went to the disciples. They found them behind locked doors. The disciples were afraid of the Jews. The two men who had come from Emmaus told the disciples that they had seen Jesus. While the disciples were still talking about this, Jesus appeared. Locked doors didn't even keep Him out. The disciples "were surprised and terrified. They thought they were seeing a ghost." (Luke 24:37 NIV) Jesus assured them that He was no ghost. Ghosts don't have a body or bones. He showed them His scars; He told them to touch and see. He even ate in front of them.

Thomas, who hadn't been there the first time Jesus visited the disciples and who hadn't believed He was alive, was there a week later when Jesus visited again. Jesus "said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here. See my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'" (John 20:27 NIV) Thomas finally believed that it was Jesus. Jesus told Thomas that He had believed because he saw Jesus, but "blessed are those who have not seen Me but still have believed." (John 20:29 NIV)

Later, Jesus appeared to seven of the disciples as they fished. Thomas and Peter were there along with Nathanael, James, and John. Two of the other disciples were also there with them. Remember, just days before it was Peter who denied ever knowing Jesus. On this third visit with the disciples, Jesus gave Peter a second chance to follow Him.

Application

Our memory verse and the verses surrounding it also talk about how people get to a point where they call on the name of the Lord.

“How can they call on Him unless they believe in Him? How can they believe in Him unless they hear about Him? How can they hear about Him unless someone preaches to them? And how can anyone preach without being sent? It is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”—(Isaiah 52:7) (Romans 10:14-15 NIV)

It all starts with YOU obeying the final words of Jesus telling you to go into all the world and preach the Good News. Like with the disciples, it starts close at home. Does your family know what you believe about Jesus? What about your co-workers or your friends and teachers at school? Then you move out a little further to tell other people. And some people have the wonderful opportunity to go to other states and countries to tell others about the Good News of Jesus Christ. How about you?

“After that, He appeared to more than 500 believers at the same time. . . He appeared to James. Then He appeared to the apostles.” (1 Corinthians 15:6a, 7 NIV) Jesus had instructed the apostles, His followers, to meet Him at a mountain in Galilee. As He talked with them there, Jesus “opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.” (Luke 24:45 NIV) Jesus reminded them that He would send a Helper, the Holy Spirit, to live in them.

And then “He said to them, ‘Go into all the world. Preach the Good News to everyone.’” (Mark 16:15 NIV) “Go and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end.” (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV) Jesus would be with them through the Holy Spirit. They would also receive power from the Spirit. Then, Jesus explained the reach of their preaching and teaching. He said, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem. You will be my witnesses in all Judea and Samaria. And you will be my witnesses from one end of the earth to the other.” (Acts 1:8 NIV) After Jesus encouraged them this way, He rose up into heaven and disappeared from their sight. “They watched until a cloud hid Him from their sight.” (Acts 1:9b NIV) Two men in white suddenly appeared beside them. They asked the disciples why they were just standing there looking up at the sky. They told the disciples that, one day, Jesus would return just as they saw Him go! “Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere. The Lord worked with them. And He backed up His word by the signs that went with it.” (Mark 16:20 NIV)

Our memory verse and the verses surrounding it tell us that “Scripture says, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’—(Joel 2:32) How can they call on Him unless they believe in Him? How can they believe in Him unless they hear about Him? How can they hear about Him unless someone preaches to them? And how can anyone preach without being sent? It is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’—(Isaiah 52:7)” (Romans 10:13-15 NIV) Have you called on the name of the Lord? Have you asked Him to take over control of your life? Let’s talk about how you can do that.

Preparing for the Next Lesson

Jesus’ Example-Baptism



Preschool Lesson

Teachers:

Bring a map and globe.

Did you know that more than five hundred people saw Jesus after He came back to life? Isn't that amazing?

Mary Magdalene was the first to see Jesus. That same afternoon, the Sunday that Jesus came back to life, Jesus walked with two of His followers as they traveled in the country. His disciples saw Him several times and many others saw Him. Jesus' disciples were even with Him when He went back to heaven. Here is how it happened!

Jesus met His followers at a mountain in Galilee. He talked with them and helped them understand the Scriptures. Jesus reminded them that He would send a Helper, the Holy Spirit, to live in them.

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Jesus wanted them to tell everyone everywhere about Him. Jesus wants you and me to do the same.

Jesus told them how it would be possible. He would be with them through the Holy Spirit. Then, He explained that they would start where they were. They would tell the people around them about Jesus. Then they would go to the next city and then the next until everyone had heard. (Look at the map and globe together. Start where you are and move out from there.)

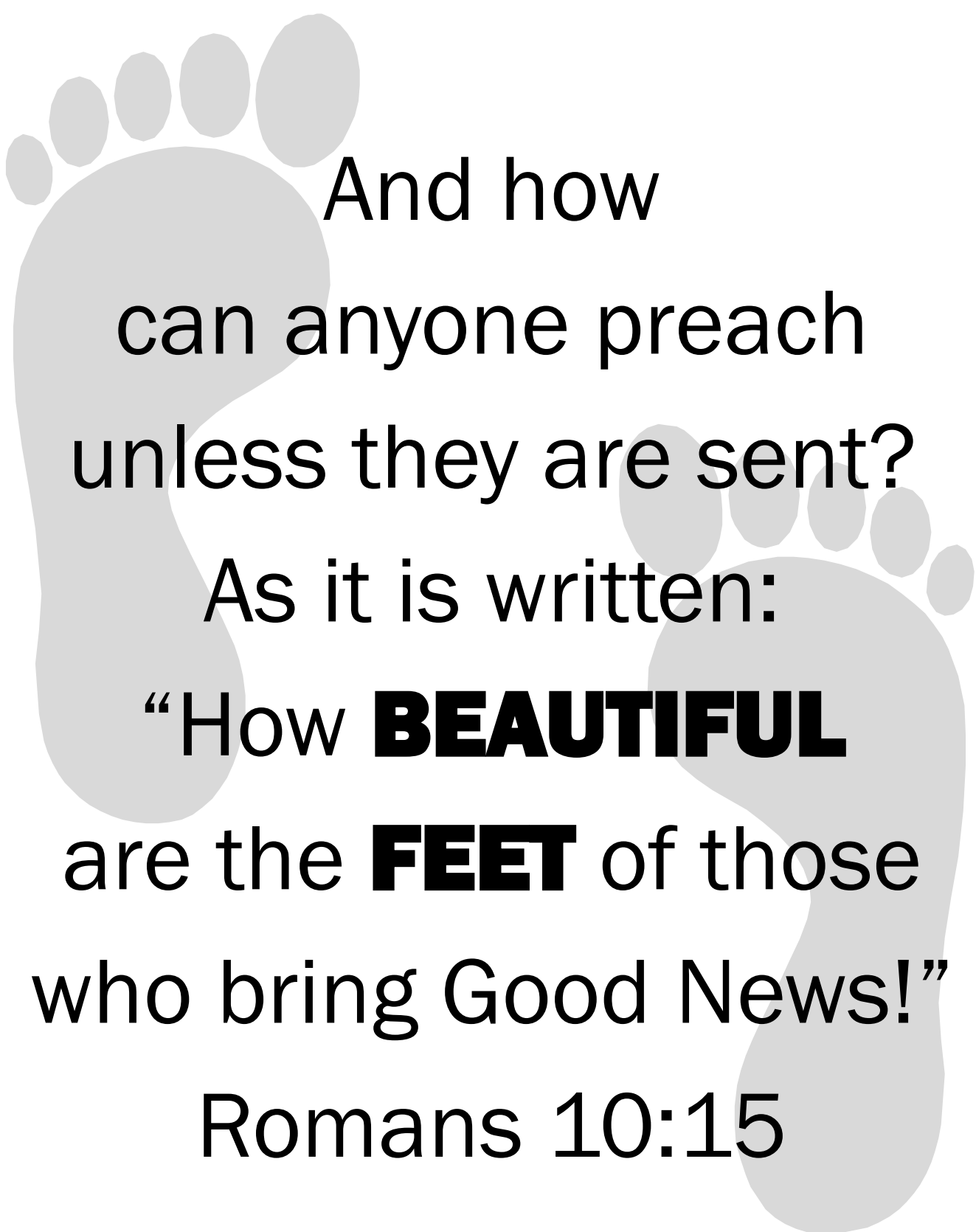
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Who will you tell this week?



Activities

- Memory Verse Activity - Make footprints in plaster or with paint on construction paper. Print the memory verse under the footprints.
- Encourage your students to fill out the journal/note page found on page 8. This can be used during the story to help focus your students or after the story as a review.
- Bring marshmallows for the snack. Talk about the clouds that covered Jesus as He returned to heaven.
- Visit the people in your community who don't attend church or Bible Study with you. Invite them to join you.
- Reenact the lesson.
- Sing "Shine, Jesus, Shine," "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," "I Love to Tell the Story," "This Little Light of Mine," "Come and Go With Me," "Get All Excited," or another song related to the lesson.
- Find Jerusalem on a map. Find Judea and Samaria. Then look at a globe and find the starting point of Jerusalem. Talk about starting where you are and telling others until the whole world has heard!



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Romans 10:15

Trace the letters.

Go into

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Focus on the Story

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Story Title:

Scripture References:

Main Characters:

Story Summary:

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Word Search

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