

April Weeks 4 and 5



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OVERVIEW CARD

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Key Question:

Who is the best?

Bottom Line:

Jesus is the best!

Memory Verse:

"God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son."
John 3:16, GNT

Bible Story Focus:

We can tell others about Jesus.
The Great Commission
Matthew 28:19-20

Coloring Page:

Jesus makes a promise.

Music:

Praise the Lord Everyday
Shout
Go

Bible Lesson:

God's Story for Me Bible
The Ascension
Pages 441 to 445

Story:

Wherever You Are my love will find you
by Nancy Tillman

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ACTIVITY 1 –

2's/3's only

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Everyone, Everywhere Parachute

Big Idea:

Children will play with the parachute and inflatable globes.

What You Need: A beach-ball-sized inflatable globes and parachute

What You Do:

Before the activity: Inflate the globe.

During the activity: The children will play a game where, together as a group, they must keep the globes on the parachute and off of the floor.

At the end of the activity: Hold on to the globes and sit down with the kids. Review the Bible lesson.

What You Say:

Before the activity: (Hold up the globe.) “I have a really fun game for us to play with this earth ball. Spread out a little. (Pause.) Super!”

During the activity: “I’m going to place these globes on our parachute. That’s what we call this earth ball—a globe. We’re going to start shaking the parachute but we have to try and keep the globes from touching the floor. Are you ready? (Pause.) Let’s play!” (Continue as long as there is interest.)

At the end of the activity: “You did a great job keeping the globes off of the floor. That was fun! Look at this globe with me for a moment. There is a lot of water and these green parts are land where people live. We live right here. (Point to where you live.) In our Bible lesson today, we heard how we can Go and tell other people all over the world about a very special person. Do you remember who that was?”

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ACTIVITY 2 –

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Red Light, Green Light

Big Idea:

Children will play a fun game of stop and go.

What You Need:

“Go” and “Stop” paint sticks

What You Do:

During the activity:

Have the children stand in a circle in the middle of the room. When you hold up the “Go” circle, have the children run in place as fast as they can. When you hold up the “Stop” circle, have the children stop, freeze and say the Bottom Line (“Jesus is the best!”) together.

After the activity:

Remind the children of our lesson.

What To Say:

Before the activity: “We are going to play a fun game where we have to ‘Go’ or run really fast while the green light is showing and ‘Stop’ and tell everyone that ‘Jesus is the best!’ when the red light is showing.”

After the activity: “Who told us to Go? (Pause) Yes! You are right, Jesus told us to ‘GO’ and tell everyone about His love for us. Can you think of someone that you would like to tell about Jesus’ love? (Pause) God wants us to go and tell EVERYONE that Jesus wants to be their friend, too! God loves us so much that He sent us Jesus! We should tell everyone that **Jesus is the BEST! Who is the best? Jesus is the best!**”

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ACTIVITY 3 - All

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Pass the Globe

Big Idea:

Children will take turns catching the globe while practicing their memory verse.

What You Need:

Inflatable globe

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Guide the children to sit in a circle. Say the verse as a class.

During the activity: Using your hand, toss the ball to a child and have them say the verse. Then encourage them to toss it back to you. Continue tossing the ball to all of the children and encouraging them to say the verse each time.

At the end of the activity: Say the verse together one last time. Tell the children that they should tell people all around the world about Jesus.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Everyone come and sit in a circle with me. (*Hold up the globe.*) Our lesson today told us that we should tell everyone EVERYWHERE about Jesus. This is a globe. (*Hold up.*) A globe is a model of the world that we live in!"

During the Activity: "Let's practice our memory verse. I am going to toss the ball to you and when I do I want you to say our verse. Are you ready? (*Pause.*) Here we go! (*Toss the ball to each child and help them say the verse.*) God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, John 3:16." (*Repeat several times.*)

After the Activity: "Awesome job! Do you know why I chose to play with a ball that has the whole world on it? (*Pause.*) God wants us to tell people that Jesus wants to be their friend forever, all around the world. He wants people who live in all of the countries of the world to be His friend! He wants us to tell EVERYONE that Jesus wants to be their friend! God loves us so much that He sent us Jesus! We should tell everyone that **Jesus is the BEST! Who is the best? Jesus is the best!**"

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ACTIVITY 4 –

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Stop and Go

Big Idea:

Children will play a fun game of Red Light, Green Light.

What You Need:

No Supplies Needed

What You Do:

Have the children form a line about 15 feet away from the leader. The leader faces away from the children and says, 'Go'. At this point the children are allowed to move towards the leader. At any point, the leader may say 'Stop' and turn around. If any of the children are caught moving after this has occurred, they are out. The game resumes when the leader turns back around and says 'Go'. The first player to touch the leader wins the game and earns the right to be the leader for the next game.

What To Say:

Before the activity: "We are going to play a fun game called Stop and Go. It is very similar to Red Light/Green Light, have you played that game before? (Pause) Great! You will walk towards me when I say 'Go' and stop and freeze when you hear me say 'Stop'. You have to stand really still when I say 'Stop' and freeze in place. The first one to make it to me without moving earns the right to be the leader in round two of the game."

After the activity: "Who told us to Go? (Pause) Yes! You are right, Jesus told us to 'GO' and tell everyone about His love for us. Can you think of someone that you would like to tell about Jesus' love? (Pause) God wants us to go and tell EVERYONE that Jesus wants to be their friend, too! God loves us so much that He sent us Jesus! We should tell everyone that **Jesus is the BEST! Who is the best? Jesus is the best!**"

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ACTIVITY 5 – 4's/5's only

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Where is the World?

Big Idea:

Play a fun game by hiding a globe in one child's hand while another child has to guess who has it.

What You Need: World stress ball that fits in the palm of your hand

What You Do: Sit in a circle with the children. Ask one child to sit in the middle of the circle and close his eyes while you secretly give the globe to another child. The child with the globe should hold it in his hand and put both hands behind his back. Instruct the rest of the children to put both of their hands behind their backs as well. Ask the child sitting in the middle of the circle, whose eyes are closed, to open them and try and guess: "Where is the world?" (*The person holding the globe will most likely give it away with his facial expressions!*)

What You Say:

Before the activity: "Come here, everyone, and sit in a circle with me. I have a fun game for us to play! This is a globe of the world. (*Hold up the globe.*) We're going to use our globe to play a game. Everyone will get a turn sitting in the middle of the circle. The person in the middle will close his eyes while I secretly give the globe to someone else in our circle. When the person in the middle opens his eyes, he has to guess where is the globe. You'll get the hang of it once we start playing."

During the activity: "Now I need one person to sit in the middle of our circle. How about ... (say child's name)? Okay, you sit in the middle and close your eyes for just a minute while I give the globe to one of our friends. No peeking! (*Give the globe to a child.*) I need everyone to put their hands behind their back like this. (*Demonstrate.*) I think we're ready! Open your eyes and tell me: WHERE'S THE WORLD?" (*Say something similar each time a new child sits in the middle of the circle. Make sure to ask, "Where's the world?" each time.*)

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CRAFT WEEK 4

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Go and Tell

What You Need: Labels, large paper cups with the bottom cut out, stickers, and markers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Allow the children to decorate the sides of the cups with the markers and stickers.

After the Activity: Place the label onto the side of the cup. Encourage the children to shout **“Jesus is the best”** by placing their mouth on the bottom of the cup like it’s a megaphone.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Let’s tell everyone about Jesus! He is the best!”

During the Activity: “We are going to make a megaphone that will help us tell others about Jesus. First, we need to decorate our megaphone with markers and stickers. (*Decorate megaphones.*) You did a beautiful job! Now you can hold it up to your mouth and say **‘Jesus is the BEST!’**” (*Demonstrate.*)

After the Activity: **“Jesus is the BEST!** And just like we heard in our lesson today, God wants us to tell EVERYONE everywhere that He is the best! **Who is the best? Jesus is the best!”**

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Match the People

What You Need: “Happy World” Activity Page, happy face stickers, and crayons and/or markers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Give each child an Activity Page and four happy face stickers. Show the children where the happy faces are printed on the page. Encourage the children to place the stickers on top of the happy faces on their page and finish coloring in the picture.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Our Bible lesson today told us that Jesus wants us to tell everyone about Him.”

During the Activity: (Give each child an Activity Page and four stickers.) “This is a picture of the world. Do you see happy people all over the world? (Pause and point.) Yes! These people know that **Jesus is the best!** Now put a sticker on top of each happy face on your page. Happy people know that **Jesus is the best!**”

After the Activity: “Nice job! Jesus wants us to tell EVERYONE that He is the BEST, just like the people in our lesson today did! **Who is the best? Jesus is the best!**”

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SMALL GROUP

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Small Group Time

What you Need: Parent Take Home Card, Playdoh, People Cookie Cutters, Rolling Pins, and Sticker Roll

SGL: Look at these cookie cutters. They are people cookie cutters! Let's use them to make some people. Our lesson today had something to do with people, do you remember what it was? (Pause) Yes! Jesus told His friends to tell everyone everywhere how much He loves them! Jesus wants every person in the whole wide world to be His friend forever. Jesus really is the best! **Who is the best?**"

CHILDREN and SGL: "Jesus is the best!"

(Give each child four "Jesus Loves You" stickers.)

(Hold up one "Jesus Loves You" sticker.) "These stickers say, 'Jesus loves you!' You can give them to anyone anywhere so they will know Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever! I think that's awesome! And today, I'm going to pray and ask God to give us the courage to do what Jesus told us to do and tell everyone everywhere that He loves them."

"Ok, it's time to review our lesson. I am going to ask you some questions and you will get a sticker for answering them. I have some really cool stickers today. Are you ready? (Pause.) Great! (Ask the children the questions from the "Parent Take Home Cards". You can also make up additional questions from our video lesson. Don't forget to ask them to say their memory verse for another sticker. You can repeat the same questions over and over as repetition is good for preschoolers.) You are such great listeners!"

"Now I'll pray before it's time to say goodbye until next week. (**Read the prayer on the back of the "Parent Take Home Card."**)"

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