



PHUMC Sunday School lessons for Preschool – 5th grade.

April 11, 2021 – The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

Prepare to Wonder

Faith Word: Share

In today's Bible story, Jesus gathered his eleven disciples around him on mountaintop in Galilee. Some of his disciples were thrilled to see Jesus, and they worshipped him. Some of his disciples doubted that he was Jesus. We can live in the same doubt and ambiguity as some of Jesus' followers. We worship God and follow Jesus while also having questions, doubts, concerns, and a sense of mystery.

Jesus, however, went ahead with his plan and commissioned all of them, even the doubters, to go out into all the world, baptizing and sharing God's love with people and everything else he had taught them. What an awesome responsibility for eleven people! They were to spread the gospel of Jesus to the entire world! Christianity is now the largest religion in the world. And only eleven people were first commissioned to share it! This shows how the gospel can be shared by everyone, regardless of age, race, or economic situation. No one is too young to share the love of Jesus. The disciples kept the faith; but more importantly, they shared the faith.

To those who believe in Jesus, God gives a new commission; To make disciples of all nations. As believers in Jesus, we, too, are to share with others the love God shares with us.

With this command from Jesus came a promise. Jesus promised the disciples that he would be with them always. Jesus' promise to his disciples is the same promise Jesus gives us today. Jesus guides us and is with us every day.

Wonder with Me

READ the Bible Story

- Resurrection, from Matthew 28:16-20 (*Read from your Bible, see the verses listed below, or see one of the following pages for a picture of the Celebrate Wonder version.*)

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

WATCH the Bible Story

- <https://youtu.be/4wEI9GQoQQ>

SHARE the Faith Word

Faith Word: Share – means to offer God’s blessings to others. We know that God gives us blessings and love. God wants us to share those blessings and God’s love with others.

In our Bible story today we hear how Jesus told his friends to share God’s blessings with others and Jesus also wants us to share God’s blessings with everyone.

WONDER Together:

1. Why do you think Jesus wanted his friends and us to share about God’s blessings?
2. What are some of Gods’ blessings that you want to share with others?
3. Is God’s love and blessings given to just certain people or are they for everyone?

Spiritual Practice

- **Share the Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book together** (page 14 & 15). On page 15 (*and below*) you will find the suggested Spiritual Practice activity for the week.

Jesus was commissioning, or instructing, his friends to do a very big task. Travel wasn’t easy in those days, and Jesus knew they could expect serious trouble from people. The promise that he would be with them must have given them some comfort.

Use a calming spiritual practice to remember that Jesus is with you, always.

Close your eyes, breathe in and say, “Jesus is by my side.” Breathe out and say, “I am not afraid, Amen.” Do this several times.

Think of the community you are a part of. When you wash your hands this week, remind yourself that you are included in community that loves you as God loves you.

Go in Peace

Blessing: Touch your child and say: **“May you always share the good news of Jesus.”**

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for helping me share joy and happiness. Amen.

Additional Activity for each age group

Select the material toward the end of the lesson that is age appropriate for your child(ren)

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

Mary Magdalene and Mary told the followers that Jesus was alive and that all of Jesus' followers needed to go to Galilee to wait for Jesus.

They all traveled to Galilee. They sat in the green grass listening to the sound of the sea swishing while they waited for Jesus. When Jesus appeared, the followers worshipped him. Jesus said, "God has given me power over everything in heaven and earth."

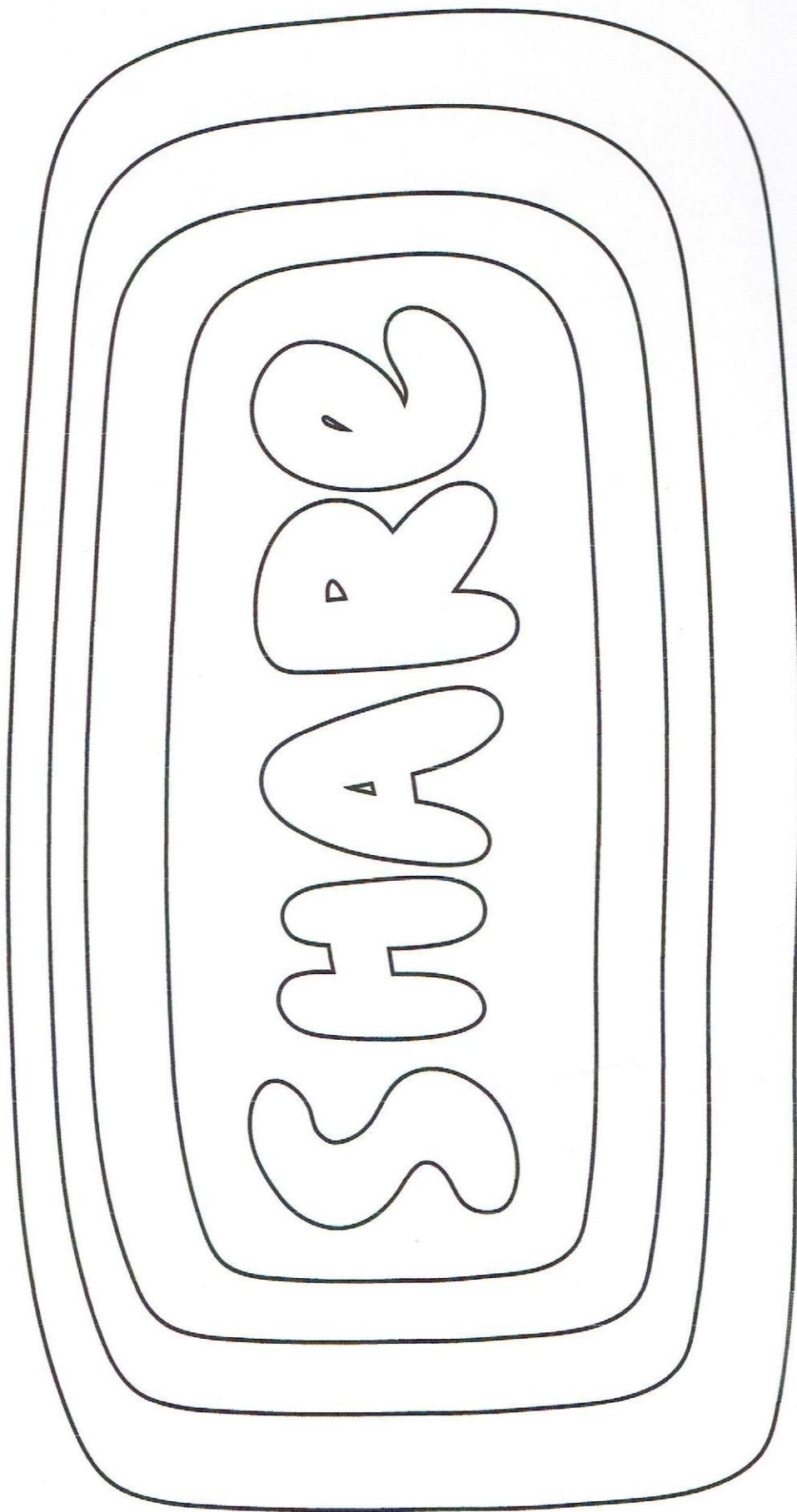
Jesus gave the followers special instructions to share the good news about him with the world. Jesus said, "Go to all people and teach them about me. Baptize them. Teach them to love one another and to do all the other things I have taught you to do. I will be with you always, wherever you go, for all time."

Can you find the hidden cross, dove, and heart?

Color Sheet for all



Unit 2 Faith Word



Preschool Activity

Coloring Sheet and “Showing God’s Love”

Action Rhyme

Supplies: print the preschool activity sheet and have your child draw a picture of them sharing God’s love with someone.

Additional activity: Do the following action rhyme together and think of ways to show God’s love to others

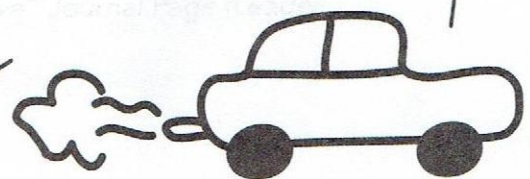
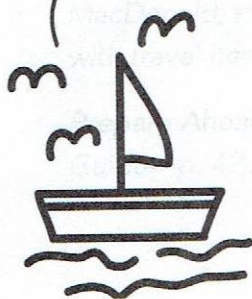
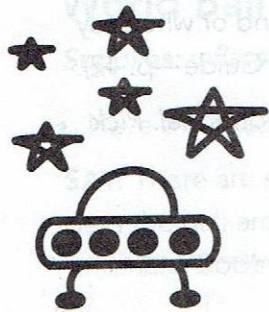
God shows his love to me. (Point to self.)

I show God’s love to you, (Point to someone else.)

By (*sharing blocks and toys). (Hold hands out.)

And speaking kindly, too. (Point to mouth.)

***Substitute other phrases on how to share God’s love with someone.**



Early Elementary Activity

I am Going (Game)

Supplies: None

Say: In the Bible story, Jesus sent his friends out into the world. Pretend you are going on a journey...what would you take with you??!! Have each child and adult say, "My name is _____, and I am bringing _____ around the world."

- The item being taken on the journey must start with the same letter of the name of the person playing. Try to think of at least five things each!

Older Elementary Activity

I am Going (Game)

Supplies: None

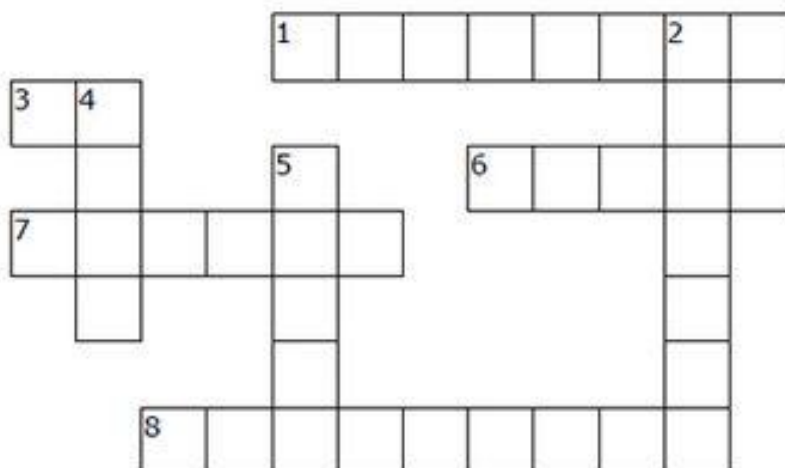
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Based on Matthew 28:18-20



ACROSS

1. Giving instructions to a group of students
3. The opposite of stop
6. The planet on which we live
7. The place where God lives
8. Followers of Jesus

DOWN

2. Groups of people living in a certain area; countries
4. To follow the commands, rules, or guidance
5. The Son of God

EARTH
JESUS

TEACHING
DISCIPLES

GO
OBEY

HEAVEN
NATIONS