



Week 1 – Elementary
Additional Resources for Parents

ACTIVITY: Your Mission Is. . .

Today, you are all secret agents on very important missions. You will have a short amount of time to complete each mission. When you have completed all your missions, return to your seat. Are you ready?

INSTRUCTIONS: Print out and distribute one “Your Mission Is” printable for each kid. Determine the amount of time kids will get to complete this activity.

Did everyone enjoy going on those missions? Were they easy or hard? And it was nice to do kind things for some other people, wasn't it?

ACTIVITY: Listen and Draw

INSTRUCTIONS: Divide the group into pairs and give one partner in each pair the “See the Listen and Draw printable”. The person with the printable will give a description on what to draw. The other partner listens and draws from the description given. If you have time, you can switch the partners and have the other kid take a turn describing and drawing.

Which one is harder, being the one who draws the picture or the one who describes it?

What would have made this activity easier?

THE BIG IDEA: **God gave us a mission.**

Sometimes, it can be hard to follow what we are told to do, can't it? Sometimes, we might not quite understand what we're supposed to do, which makes us not want to follow them, right?

Yeah, it's hard!

We have started a new series this week, called “Go!” **What do you think it means? We are supposed to “go” out into the world and tell others about Jesus. Do you know who gave us that mission?**

Do what I do:

God (Point upward.)

Gave us (Point to self.)

A mission (Hands on hips.)

That's today's Big Idea! Let's try these motions again to help us remember it! **God gave us a mission.**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

ACTIVITY: I Spy

Right now, I want you to act like spies. Here's your mission: Read Matthew 28:16-20 once again. Then see if you can spy three action words in the Great Commission—there are three things Jesus tells us to do!

INSTRUCTIONS: Allow time for the kids to find and read Matthew 28:16-20, if they are old enough to read. For the younger kids, read these verses to them again and help them identify the three action verbs in the passage.

Okay, did anyone spy the three things Jesus said to do?

That's right! The words are, "go," "baptize," and "teach." Jesus says to 1) **go** and make disciples, or followers of Jesus, 2) **baptize** them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and 3) **teach** them to obey what God says.

ACTIVITY: Not-So-Secret Mission

INSTRUCTIONS: Ask the kids to fill out the Not-So-Secret Mission printable about someone they would like to introduce to Jesus. After they fill it out, pray together over this person's "dossier." You could also write in a big "MISSION POSSIBLE" on the bottom of their paper when they are finished.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that^(a) they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.