

GOD GAVE US A MISSION



Week 1 – Preschool Additional Resources for Parents

ACTIVITY: Travel Match

INSTRUCTIONS: Print out two copies of the Travel Match printable. Put one set face up on the table and the other set face down on the table for the kids to find the matches. For older kids, put all the cards face down and have them find the matching pairs. These cards all show different ways for us to go on a trip. **God wants us to do something important when we go. God wants us to tell people about Jesus.**

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

INSTRUCTIONS: Hide pairs of inexpensive sunglasses (one for each kid) in your family. Today, we are all secret agents on a super special mission—wait a minute! We’re missing something. If we’re gonna be secret agents, we need super secret sunglasses! When I say, “Go!” can you help me find them? Okay, Go!
(Once all the sunglasses are found) Now we’re ready to hear the Big Idea. Everyone put on your glasses and repeat after me: **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.”

INSTRUCTIONS: Spread a big map on the floor or pull up the map on the computer and call the kids over to sit around the map. Take turns pointing to a place on the map that would be fun to visit.

The Bible tells us Jesus told people to go all over the world. Jesus was talking with the disciples and told them what to do when they were going.

Jesus told us to go to all nations. That means we can go all around the world and meet different people wherever they live. (Ask everyone to pat the map.)

Jesus told us to baptize people in the name of God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Move your hands as if dipping someone down into the water to baptize them.) Jesus told us to obey. (Put up both thumbs.)

Then, Jesus told us we would always have help because Jesus is always with us. (Ask everyone to give themselves a hug.)

ACTIVITY: Color on Maps

INSTRUCTIONS: Print out the Maps printable and give the kids crayons to color on them with. Older kids can draw some people on the map. You are coloring on a map that shows far away places and places nearby. God wants us to tell people about Jesus in far away places and in places nearby. **God gave us a mission!**

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:16

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