

Lesson 1: Evangelism

Today's Bible Story

After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to a group of women who were visiting his tomb. "Don't be afraid," he said to them. "Go, tell my brothers to travel to Galilee. There, they will see me." Filled with excitement, the women ran to tell the disciples what they had seen and heard.

A short time later, the eleven disciples left for Galilee. When they arrived, they went to the mountain where Jesus had said to go. Sure enough, he was already there, waiting for them! Seeing their Lord for themselves, his friends were filled with joy. Immediately, they began to worship him. Others felt uncertain; they weren't sure what was going on.

Then Jesus came and spoke to them: "All authority in heaven, as well as on earth, has been given to me," Jesus said. "Go out into the world, and make disciples of all nations! Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them everything that I have taught you. And remember, I am always with you — even to the end of the age."

The words that Jesus spoke are known today as the Great Commission. A commission is a job that someone is sent to do. That day in Galilee, Jesus gave his followers a job to do. He told them to baptize people of every nation, and to share all that he had taught them. Yet he also reminded them that they wouldn't be alone, for he would be with them always.

The disciples listened to Jesus, and did what he asked them to do. Even though their work was very difficult at times, they took the message of Jesus to all the nations. This is the same commission that Jesus has given us!



From Matthew 28:16-20

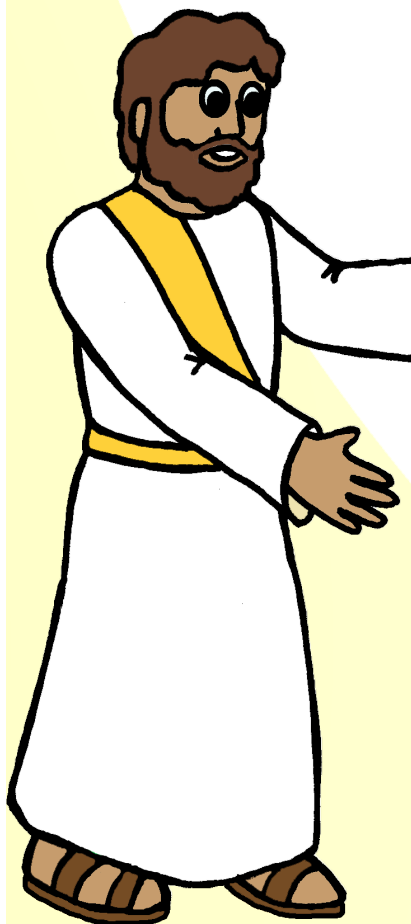
Bible Rhyme

When they arrived in Galilee,
the followers of Christ could see
that Jesus was alive — not dead!
Then Jesus spoke to them and said:

"God's given all authority
in heaven and on earth to me.
So travel here, and travel there,
and baptize people everywhere!
"Teach all that I've commanded you,
and preach the gospel, pure and true.
"Go out with courage, faithful friends,
and I'll be with you 'til the end."

Eleven disciples traveled to Galilee to meet Jesus. Find and circle their names in the word search, and write them on the lines below! Names can go across, up, down, or diagonal.

This puzzle uses the names listed in Matthew 10:2-4. Two disciples had the same name!



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Which of the original twelve disciples was missing after Jesus' resurrection?

_____ Do you know what happened to him?