



The Great Commission

Lesson Aim: To tell other people about Jesus.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The King Who Rose

THE WORD

Bible Story: Matthew 28:16-20

What He has done: Jesus sent followers to tell the world about Him.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "Tell the world."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." John 21:17b

Unit 4: The King Who Rose			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
18	Jesus is Risen, John 20:1-18	Jesus came back to life.	To know the true meaning of Easter.
19	The Road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-18, 27-34	Jesus walked and talked with His friends.	To know Jesus showed His friends He was alive.
20	Jesus Talks with Peter, John 21:15-17	Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him.	To show Jesus we love Him by helping others.
21	The Great Commission, Matthew 28:16-20	Jesus sent His followers to tell the world about Him.	To tell other people about Jesus.
22	The King Ascends, Acts 1:8b-11	Jesus went to heaven.	To know Jesus is in heaven.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Revelation 7:1-12. Please join us in praying, "Thank You for the Great Commission and the promise of Your presence. Use us to inspire each child with Your Words. Amen."

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THE WORSHIP THE WORD & THE WAY

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of the world
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "Tell the world."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Do You Love Me?" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Give Thanks to the Lord" "Here I Am, Send Me" "How Wide?" "It's Praise Time" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "We Love" "Sing Praises" Additional Hymn Suggestions: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Additional Song Collection Suggestions: Cedaromont Toddler Bible Songs The Ultimate Bible Song Collection for Kids Vol. 1
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 4, Lesson 21
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Matthew 28:16-20	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Matthew 28:16-20 Visual: Globe or picture of the earth
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: "Tell the World" Suitcase	Sturdy 11 inch x 17 inch paper, red sturdy paper, tape or staples, crayons or markers, optional: world and friends stickers or other craft decorations
		Game: Follow and Tell	"Tell the World" Suitcase crafts
		Game: I Can Tell The World	One inflatable world globe ball (or beach ball)
		Snack: "Tell the World" Horns	Bugles or other horn-shaped snack
		Circle of Prayer	None
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 4, Lesson 21 Color This Story: "Jesus Sends His Followers"
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Matthew 28:16-20	None
	Up to 10	Game: Send Up Love	Lightweight or inflatable ball (draw hearts onto ball with red permanent marker), large sheet or tarp
	Up to 10	Game: "I Love You" Hopscotch	(11) 8-inch X 8-inch fabric squares (or floor tape)
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about telling others about Jesus

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Tell the world

THE WELCOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____. I'm glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of the world. **Let this sticker of the world help you remember to tell the world about Jesus. Today's Whisper Verse is "Tell the world."** Teach Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.***

SIGN LANGUAGE: "Tell the world."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with two hand motions:

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| "Tell" | Place the index finger of the right hand on the throat and drag it forward past the chin and outward from the face. |
| "(the) world." | Make the letter "W" hand shape with both hands, as if showing the number three with your fingers. Have the hands rotate around each other a single time in a forward motion at chest height. |

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

"Clean Up Song": **Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!**
 Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "Tell the world," John 8:26. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



Jesus as the King who rose

THE WORSHIP

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play "It's Praise Time!" as children move to that designated area.

Teacher Tip: When telling the children Jesus "rose to life" or "rose again," raise your palms upwards as you say "rose" to distinguish from the rose flower.



It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the King who rose to life. Just before Jesus rose up to His throne in heaven, He told His followers to go and tell the world about Him. That is our Whisper Verse today. Let's try it together. Review Whisper Verse together: "Tell the world." Include sign language.

One thing we can tell the world is Jesus is the King who rose to life. Let's honor King Jesus now by listening to this song as we give our money offering. Play: "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" as background music while collecting the offering.



Let's see how our friends Delbert and Lello are doing today. Can you help me call them out right now? Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 4, Lesson 21.



What else can we tell the world about King Jesus? (Children respond.) **Those are great ideas! We can tell the world Jesus loves everyone.** Sing: "Jesus Loves The Little Children."

When we tell the world about Jesus, it's as if we are saying, "Jesus, we love You!" Do you think Jesus likes to hear that? (Yes.) **Let's tell Jesus we love Him as we sing our Bible Memory Verse Song.** Sing: "Do You Love Me?"

Another way to show Jesus we love Him is to go wherever He sends us to tell others about Him. Sing: "Here I Am Send Me."



Jesus sends out His followers

THE WORD

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher;

My mouth quiet as can be,

I will listen to hear,

How God loves you and me.

Point to eyes.

Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.

Cup hand around ear.

Hug self, point to others and then self.

Last week, we learned how Jesus talked with Peter after Jesus had risen. Today, we will hear how Jesus sent His followers to tell the world about Him. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Matthew 28:20b.

WATCH THE WORD: MATTHEW 28:16-20

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, hold a globe or picture of the earth. Other visual options include craft sample, Color This Story, or any related picture.

- Jesus sent His followers to Galilee.
- They went to the mountain where He said He'd be.
- They saw Jesus and they worshipped Him.
- This is what Jesus said to them:

- "Go and tell the world about Me.
- Tell each person that you see.
- Teach them to follow and obey,
- And I'll be with you all the way."



Who will always be with you? (Jesus.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Matthew 28:20b from teacher's Bible.

Who can we tell about Jesus? (Anyone in the world.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Tell the world." Include sign language or hand motions.



We can tell the world

THE WAY

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

CRAFT: "TELL THE WORLD" SUITCASE

Purpose: To know we can go and tell other people about Jesus.

Supplies: Sturdy 11 inch x 17 inch paper, red sturdy paper, tape or staples, crayons or markers, optional: world and friends stickers or other craft decorations

Prepare: Fold an 11 inch x 17 inch piece of paper in half widthwise. On one side, draw the outline of a suitcase. Cut the suitcase shape from both halves, leaving the folded edge intact. On the suitcase, print: **"Tell the world." Matthew 28:16-20.** For each child, cut two hearts from red paper. On each heart, print **Jesus loves you!**

Directions:

1. Color the outside of the suitcase. Optional: Decorate with world and friends stickers or other craft decorations.
2. Tape or staple the sides of the suitcase closed.
3. Place two hearts inside suitcase.

Craft Discussion:

- **Who remembers the Whisper Verse?** ("Tell the world.") **Let's say it right now!** Say Whisper Verse together with hand motions.
- **Who did Jesus want His friends to tell about Him?** (The world.)
- **Jesus wants you to tell others about Him, too. You can tell anyone in the world. What can you say to other people about Jesus?** (Jesus loves you.)
- **Who would you tell about Jesus?** (Children respond.) **You can give one of the hearts in your suitcase to that person and tell them, "Jesus loves you!"**

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: FOLLOW AND TELL

Purpose: Children will practice telling others about Jesus.

Supplies: "Tell the World" Suitcases from craft

Teacher Tip: If you are not sure people will be present outside your classroom during class time, you may wish to pre-arrange a few people waiting in various locations.

Optional: If you cannot leave your classroom, have helpers or a few children stand in various locations in the classroom. When the children pass by them, lead them in saying, **"Jesus loves you!"**

We can tell the world about Jesus. Let's tell others about Jesus right now. We can tell them, "Jesus loves you!" Follow me!

Directions:

1. Direct children to stand in a line behind you.
2. Children carry their "Tell the World" Suitcases with them.
3. Lead the children in playing "Follow the Leader." Have them follow you while imitating your actions.
4. Lead the children outside of the classroom. Each time you see someone, lead the children in saying together, **"Jesus loves you!"**

GAME: I CAN TELL THE WORLD

Purpose: Children will think about people they can tell about Jesus.

Supplies: One inflatable world globe ball (or a beach ball)

Who did Jesus want His friends to tell about Him? (Anyone in the world.) **You can tell people you know about Jesus. You can tell your family members, neighbors, and friends. Who would you like to tell about Jesus?** (Children respond.) **I am going to roll this ball that looks like the world. When I roll the ball to you, say the name of someone you will tell about Jesus.**

Directions:

1. Seat children on the floor in a circle.
2. Teacher rolls ball to a child.
3. Child says, **"I will tell insert name about Jesus."**
4. Child rolls the ball to another child.
5. Continue playing until all children have had a turn.

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: "TELL THE WORLD" HORNS

Purpose: Children will enjoy a horn-shaped snack and discuss telling others about Jesus.

Snack Suggestion: Any horn-shaped snack

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate motions to Whisper Verse: "Tell the world." If eating a horn-shaped snack, lead the children in announcing the Whisper Verse through their snack "horns."
 - **Who did Jesus want His friends to tell about Him?** (Everyone in the world.) **You can tell anyone in the world about Jesus, too!**
 - **What did Jesus want His friends to teach people to do?** (Obey Him.)
 - **Who will always be with you?** (Jesus.) **Jesus will always be with you. Jesus will help you tell other people about Him.**



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (say each name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Tell the World" Suitcase. Give one of your hearts to someone and tell them, "Jesus loves you."

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards, if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about how Jesus wants you to tell the world about Him.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "Jesus Sends His Followers." Discuss Bible Story and play Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse Song "Do You Love Me?" as children color.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: MATTHEW 28:16-20

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the Bible Story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **Jesus sent His followers to Galilee.** (Point far away.)
- **They went to the mountain where He said He'd be.** (Raise arms above head in the shape of a triangle to represent a large mountain.)
- **They saw Jesus and they worshipped Him.** (Fold hands in prayer.)
- **Hear what Jesus said to them:** (Cup hand around ear.)

- **"Go and tell the world about Me.** (Point to self.)
- **Tell each person that you see.** (Point to mouth.)
- **Teach them to follow and obey,** (Walk in place.)
- **And I'll be with you all the way."** (Hold heart.)



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." John 21:17b

GAME: SEND UP LOVE

Purpose: Children use the Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse to show Jesus they love Him.

Supplies: Lightweight or inflatable ball (draw hearts on ball with red permanent marker), large sheet or tarp

Jesus loves you and me. He loves to hear you tell Him you love Him, too. Let's tell Jesus we love Him by saying our Bible Memory Verse. Repeat after me. Say Bible Memory Verse pausing after each word to allow children to repeat each word. **Let's pretend this ball with hearts on it is our love for Jesus. We can send our love up to Jesus!**

Directions:

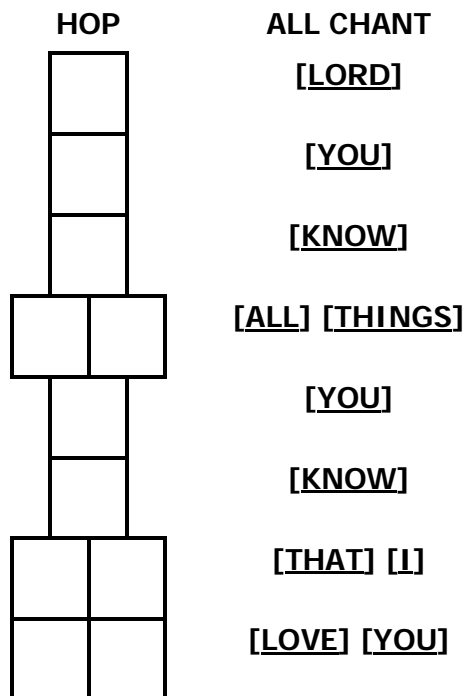
1. Spread sheet on the floor and have children gather around the edges.
2. Have children grasp the edges with both hands. Practice raising and lowering the sheet together.
3. Place the heart-covered ball in the middle of the sheet as the children raise and lower it.
4. Have children pretend they are sending Jesus their love as they bounce the ball on the sheet.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: "I LOVE YOU" HOPSCOTCH

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: (11) 8-inch X 8-inch colorful fabric squares (or floor tape) placed on the floor in the shape below:



Jesus loves you. He came back to life on Easter to help you know He loves you. He wants you to tell Him you love Him, too. Our Bible Memory Verse says "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Let's all say the verse together as we clap one time for each word. Now let's have one "hopper" jump on the squares as we say each word.

Directions:

1. Choose one child as volunteer a "hopper."
2. Children chant "Lord" with one clap. Hopper jumps onto the first square.
3. Children chant "You" with one clap. Hopper jumps onto the next square.
4. Children chant "know" with one clap. Hopper jumps onto the next square.
5. Continue with chanting one word at a time of the Bible Memory Verse: **"Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."** Let each child that wants to be the hopper have a turn as all of the children repeat the chant and clap.



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about telling others about Jesus.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 4, Lesson 21: Jesus Gives the Great Commission

PONDER! Read Matthew 28:16-20 with your family. Talk about how Jesus told His friends to go tell other people in the world about Him. He told His friends to teach other people to obey Him. Jesus wants you to tell other people about Him, too. Jesus will always be with you and will help you tell others about Him.

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, help us tell others about You. Thank You for promising to be with us always. Amen."

PLAY! Who in the world can you tell about Jesus? Look at a map of your country or of the world and find where you live. Find the places where people you know live. How can you tell them about Jesus? Can you send a message to tell them Jesus loves them?

Unit 4 Bible Memory Verse: John 21:17b

"Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."