#### "Share the Good News"

Children's Sermon Object about the Great Commission

Main Objective: Jesus has sent us all into the world on a mission: to share His love with one another. This message communicates to children the importance of spreading the

Gospel with those near to us, as well as the whole world. This is a privilege and blessing that is commanded to us by God.

Law/Gospel Theme: The good news of the Gospel is a wonderful reminder to us that because of Christ's sacrifice, we will have life with Him in Heaven one day. This is such a fantastic assurance that we should be eager to spread it with others. The Great Commission is not a grudging mandated chore, but a beautiful opportunity to share in the ministry of Jesus!

Optional Materials: Mail, stamps, or packages

Bible Passage: Matthew 28:16-20

**Message Note**: As with most messages, the details of how you choose to communicate this are adaptable and should cater to timing as well as to your audience and student needs. Use your judgment and ideas to best serve students.

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# Children's Message about the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

Greet children, prepared with your mail or postal items of your choice. Hello, children of God!

Today I want to talk with you about a very important job we have as Christians. Before Jesus went to Heaven, He gave His disciples some special instructions, and they apply to us, too! First, though, I want to show you some items I just picked up from the Post Office. See, here's a letter from my Grandma, and this one is a card from my friend who lives far away...this one is a boring bill, but this one has some important news for me! Ooh, and this one is an invitation for a birthday party. I enjoy getting to pick up the mail from the box, and seeing what is inside. Do you like to receive mail?

What do you think would happen if the mail carriers decided they just didn't want to do their jobs anymore, and they quit bringing the letters? All of those important notices, and letters, and bills and information and invitation, all of that would never reach people! They might miss out on something they really needed to know. Did you know that our Post Office is actually controlled by the Government? If the mail delivery agents don't properly drop off mail, it's actually considered a crime! They have to do that job, and it's an exciting one.

Did you know that we have an essential task to carry out, as well? Jesus gave us some important instructions to fulfill. Before He ascended into Heaven, He reminded the disciples that He would always be with them. And He told them to go into all of the world and make disciples of other people. That meant they were commanded to spread the Gospel, start churches, and tell others of Christ. We often refer to this sending as the "Great Commission", as Jesus was sending us out to perform an essential task.

Guess what? Those directions were not just for the disciples. It's our turn, now! God wants us to serve others and tell them about the good news of Jesus. That's something that Jesus commanded us to do. It's not something we can just choose to do if we feel like it, but a critical part of who we are as Christians. Just as mail is sent out, we are sent out, and it's our job to share God's love with one another. We can do this around the whole world, but we can also do it with people near to us. What are some ways we can follow that Great Commission of Jesus? Well, we can tell people about Jesus. We can invite them to church or Sunday School. We can



send them cards or letters...and we can just love them and be their friends! That's a great way to share and spread the good news.

When we are faithful to God, we can make more followers. And it's a beautiful thing! This is not just a task we *have* to do, but something we *get* to do! It's a blessing to have the opportunity to take part in helping God bring the world into relationship with Him. People need to get those good news messages. Let's deliver them!

## Children's Prayer Moment

Dear God,
Please help us to love and serve others
Those near us, and around the world
Thank you for allowing us to be part of your great plan
Help us to share the good news
And spread your love to one another
Thank you for your love
We love you, God!
In Jesus name, Amen!

## Bible Verses: Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." -<u>Matthew 28:16-20</u>





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