**Sunday School from Home**

**Week of April 26**

The story this week is from Matthew 28:16-20. This is the very last part of the Gospel of Matthew, and is known as The Great Commission.

* Read the story from any Bible you have at home or online.
* Notice the text mentions eleven disciples, rather than twelve. Explain who is missing and why.
* Watch a short video about the lesson today here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VdL_F6KKXQ>
* Jesus asks us to go and tell the whole world the Good News of the resurrection. But that seems like an impossible task for an individual person, or even an entire church family. Watch this object lesson with dominos to explain the “chain reaction” that occurs when we share the love of Jesus with just one person: <https://ministry-to-children.com/discipline-of-evangelism-lesson/> If you have dominos or similar toys at home, try setting up your own line of dominos and watch what happens! Family members can take turns creating or even have a friendly competition.
* You’ve heard of a megaphone, but what about a whispering tube? You can ***shout*** the news about Jesus, or ***whisper*** it, as long as you keep telling others! Give your child the paper tube from a roll of paper towels or toilet paper, and allow him or her to decorate it with markers, stickers, or whatever you have around the house. Use the tube to whisper a special message (maybe “Jesus loves you”) into your child’s ear, and have them whisper it back. You can use one or more tubes to play a game of Telephone.
* Jesus asks us to GO into the world, so go outside and play a game of Red Light, Green Light. Take turns being the leader.
* Take the traffic light idea to the kitchen and make cookies that look like traffic lights. You can make your own or use pretzel rods, ready-made shortbread cookies, graham crackers, etc. Use M&Ms or other candies for the lights, and peanut butter or melted chocolate for the glue. Some inspiration can be found here: <https://www.redtedart.com/boys-cars-party-cont-traffic-lights-cars-cookies/>
* For reading and writing practice, or for discussion with younger kids, try this: <https://ministryspark.com/wp-content/uploads/What-Do-Disciples-Do-1.pdf>
* What types of actions can we take to follow the instruction to make disciples? See this sheet for some general ideas, and fill in the blanks with more specific actions or people: <https://ministryspark.com/wp-content/uploads/Making-Disciples-for-Jesus.pdf> Add more ideas if you can!
* Try writing a cinquain poem about Jesus. Use this graphic organizer to help you write a rough draft: <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson51/cinqgraphic-apple.pdf>

Poems might also be written about yourself, things you see on your nature walks, etc.

* Since we are to GO into the world to tell others about Jesus, use your feet to create some artwork. Try tracing your foot on a piece of paper, or make a footprint by painting the bottom of your foot with any paint you have at home. ***HINT TO DADS***: These would make a great Mother’s Day gift! Do a footprint for each child and add their cinquain poem from above on a sheet of paper, and put it in a frame. Be sure to label with the year and the child’s name.
* More fun ideas with footprints for those who love all things with wheels: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/570409109034586795/>
* For older kids, kids who like a challenge, and adults: Try researching other Bible characters who were sent by God. Use the concordance in your Bible or search online to find out who they were and what mission they were given. Some possible names to look up: Abraham, Moses, Jonah, Joshua, Gideon, Elisha, Elijah, Ezekiel, Paul, Jeremiah, Peter, Samuel.
* Some uplifting music that seems very appropriate right about now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqPC1jcz4A4> Notice the prayer section at the end. Perhaps you will encourage each family member to add their own prayer request.