

**Lesson 35: The Great Commission**

**Objective:** To learn that we who follow Jesus (disciples) are also sent to tell the world about Jesus (missionary) (Review Lesson 7)

**Background:** God said the penalty of sin (disobedience to God's Word) is death, (Romans 6:23) God hates sin and punishes sin because God is holy and He is a just Judge. But the good news is that God loves sinners. (We all have sinned – Romans 3:23) And instead of punishing us, God made Jesus, His only Son, to take our punishment – to die on the cross in our place. And because Jesus became our substitute, God now freely forgives people who repent and believe in Jesus, His Son.

**Instructions:** Read Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:44-53; also Acts 1:6-11 as if you heard it yourself. Read "The Legend" after you complete the lesson.

**Let's Think:**

For about 40 days after He arose from the dead, Jesus appeared to the disciples and many others to show (prove) that He was the same person who died on the cross, who was buried, and now lives again. At the end of 40 days, Jesus returned to heaven from the Mount of Olives. And before He left the earth, He commanded the disciples (believers) to go and to tell the world (the people) what He had done for them. And the command became known as "The Great Commission".

1. a) What were the disciples sent to tell the world – the people? Tell in your own words.

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b) Are we sent to tell about our church? our group? or our leaders? (John 3:16)

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2. a) Had the disciples obeyed Jesus' command – to tell the Good News? Give your reason.

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b) Why is it important for us to obey Jesus' command – to share the Good News? Read carefully John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:14,15.

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3. a) What does God want people to do when they hear the Good News? (Luke 24:47; John 3:16)

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b) And what will happen when a person accepts the Good News, to believe in Jesus? (1John 1:8,9; John1:12; John 3:16; 2Corinthians 5:17)

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4. a) Where does Jesus want you to begin in sharing the Good News? Give example Could you be a “missionary” at home? (Acts 1:8 – “Jerusalem” is where you are.)

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b) How could you share the Good News with people who live in far-away countries? Think!

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5. a) Why do you need the Holy Spirit in witnessing for Jesus? (John 16:7,8; Lesson 31)

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b) What should you remember when you witness for Jesus? (Matthew 28:20)

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6. a) We witness for Jesus by words (share the Good News) by our attitude and by every little think we do. Are you a good witness for Jesus and a good example of a Christian among your friends? List ways that you can be a good witness and make Jesus more attractive and DO IT. Please read 1Corinthians 10:31

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Let’s Remember: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

