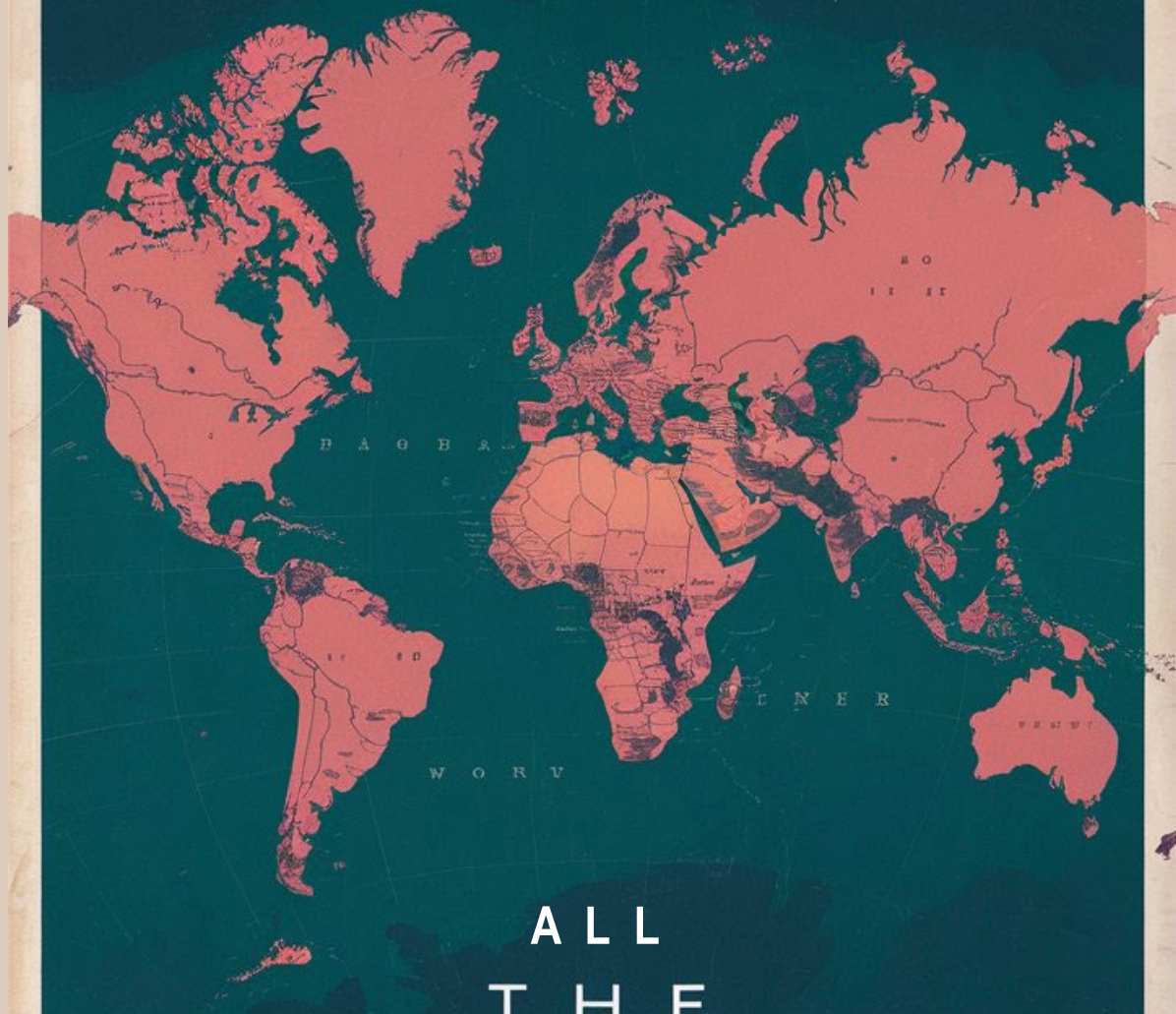


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### Bible Lesson

**Before Class:** Have a variety of maps gathered (*road map, map of the world, trail map, globe*).

**Small Groups:** Have your class break up into groups. Give each group a map. Have leaders explain what type of map it is. **Ask:** "Why do we need maps?" (*Allow for responses.*)

Leaders emphasize that maps help us stay on the right roads and trails.

**Large Group:** Say, "I have another map here." Hold up your Bible, and read Psalm 119:105. Say, "Did you know that the Bible is the most important map for telling us the right way to go?" After Jesus was crucified and

rose from the dead and just before He ascended up into heaven, He told His disciples, "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) Jesus was speaking of the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of their testimony. He was also speaking of spreading the Good News about Him to the whole world.

Point out that for us, Jerusalem is the community we live in. Judea is our state. Samaria is our country, and the ends of the earth is everywhere else.

Say, "God is saying for us to go to all the world, and tell others about Jesus."

### Power Point

We will take  
the Good News  
of Jesus into  
all the world.

### MEMORY VERSE

Mark 16:15, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

### Activity: Footprints on the World

**Before Class:** Draw a huge map of the world on a banner of butcher paper. (*Use an overhead projector to shine a picture of a world map onto the paper and then trace it with a marker.*)

**Footprints:** Have each of your students stand on the banner and trace around his/her feet/foot. Have them decorate their own footprints and sign their name to it. Then ask them to discover the name of the country of the world that their footprint ended up on. Ask them to promise to pray for the people in that country this week.

Put the banner on the wall of your classroom and use it as a reminder to pray for people in other countries of the world.





## Object Lesson: Harvest is Ripe

**Items Needed:** Fruit, rotten fruit or vegetable

Hello, children of God! What do I have here? (*Hold up a piece of fruit*) That's right, this is fruit! I love fruit, don't you? Do you have a favorite kind of fruit? (*Hold up several fruits and/or vegetables*)

What do you think would happen if fruit did not get picked off of the trees? What if no one came to harvest the produce? Well, it would go bad. It would get old, and moldy, and rotten and yucky! (*If available, demonstrate a piece of rotting or old fruit*).

No one would be able to enjoy it, and it wouldn't provide nourishment or joy. That seems a little sad, doesn't it?

Did you know that people can be like this? It's true! Jesus calls us all to be fruit pickers! See, if people never hear about the good news of Jesus, and they never experience the love of God, they won't be able to bless others and be blessed through faith. Without love and without the Gospel, people tend to "rot" in their hearts, and they miss out on amazing and beautiful opportunities. So our job is to communicate the good news. We are called to serve God's people.

Jesus told the disciples that the "harvest" was ready: He meant there were many people who needed to hear the wonderful story. This is no less true today! When people

miss out on God's love or don't hear the Gospel, they tend to go sour, and can do things they shouldn't. Jesus was us to share His love. He wants us to recognize opportunities to serve each other. So many people need to hear this good news, and we get to communicate it! Isn't that wonderful? And we can tell ALL people about God's love.

The good news of Jesus is not just for people that look a certain way, or treat us nicely...we want to make sure that we are looking for ways in which all people will be noticed, helped, and "picked" for service. We don't want to leave anyone "rotting" on a branch, but we seek to bring all people into God's family. Why don't we consider that possibility now, with a prayer of thanksgiving?

### Children's Prayer Moment

(*Have kids repeat each line*)

Dear God,  
Thank you for letting us be part of your plan  
Please show us ways to love one another  
And to share the good news of Jesus  
Show us ways that we can love one another  
Thank you for your love  
We love you, God!  
In Jesus name, Amen!

## Small Group Activity

**Items Needed:** Globe for each group, fact sheet

Look at a globe. Discuss features of our great planet.

**Ask:** How big is the world?

**Q:** Ask students to think of as many countries and languages as they can.

**Q:** How many countries are there?

**Q:** Which is the largest?

(Provide some facts for things they may not know)

**Explain:** Jesus sent the disciples to spread Christianity to ALL the world!

**Q:** What might it mean to go into ALL the world?

**Q:** What do you know about the work of a missionary?

**Say:** We get to be agents of God's will! Think of a special forces team or a secret agent.

**Q:** What do secret agents do?

**Say:** When we go out as Christians, our lives can be just as exciting a secret agents.

**Q:** What are some "sneaky" methods of serving others not for our own credit, but for letting someone else feel loved?

**Say:** Jesus has given us all an important job to spread the good news of Jesus to everyone.







### Object Lesson: Beautiful Vase

#### Lesson: Masterpieces Are Not for the Closet.

**Items Needed:** vase and real flowers (lying by the vase)

**Leader:** Take a look at this vase. Someone thought about it and designed the shape, color, and look of it. There was thought and time that was put into making this vase. Let me share two scenarios of how this vase could be used.

First, imagine after all of the thought and work that went into making it, this vase gets put into a storage closet and the door is closed. It just sits there for years, gathering dust on a shelf, unseen and forgotten by everyone. do you think this is what the vase was made for? No, the vase was made to be seen and used.

Now imagine a different story. Instead of being put into a storage closet and forgotten, the vase is put in the middle of the living room table. It's used to hold fresh flowers. (*Put the flower inside the vase.*) Every day it's seen by people in the family and the guests they have over. The color and design of the vase is seen and enjoyed by others.

Which of these do you think is the better story? (*Invite children to respond.*) It seems like the second story is better, be-

cause the vase is being used in the way it was intended. Also it adds something to the lives of others by being seen and used.

The same is true for you. No one in this room, and on this planet, was created by God just to exist and then die. Each of you was created with specific gifts, talents, abilities, and personalities. You were put in a specific place, not to be hidden away. God wants you to use all your gifts and abilities to be part of God's team, working on his project to restore the world.

Have you ever thought of yourself as a masterpiece? Ephesians 2:10 tells us that "*we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*"

Some translations say that we are God's "handiwork" or his "masterpiece." Either way, we are made by God to do good works, not to be put away in a storage closet. Through the unique ways God has made you, you are able to partner with God to accomplish good things.

### Noah's Object Lesson: The Ark

**Question:** Did Noah tell people about the coming flood when he was making the big boat, the Ark?

**Answer:** The Bible doesn't tell us every word Noah said about the Ark and the big rain (the flood). But it does call Noah a "righteousness teacher" (2 Peter 2:5) which means he probably told people to be good because something big was going to happen.

We don't know exactly what Noah told people while he was building the big boat, but we can guess that he had lots of time to talk about why he was making it and what was going to happen. It took a really, really long time to build the boat—maybe even 120 years! So, Noah had many days to share the message about the flood and how the big boat could save them.

To wrap it up, even though the Bible doesn't say Noah used the big boat as an object lesson to save people from the flood, we think he probably did tell his friends and neighbors about the warning and how they could be safe.



Noah building the ark and his family being saved from the flood reminds us of our faith in Jesus Who is the Savior of the world.



And He said to  
them, "Go into all  
the world and  
preach the gospel  
to every creature."

Mark 16:15

