

# Sunday School Lesson

## Sunday, April 19, 2020 Second Sunday of Easter



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

**Read:** Matthew 28: 16-20

### Activities and Background:

This text shares the last words the Resurrected Christ shared with his disciples here on earth. Within this short passage Jesus affirms his power and authority, gives the disciples a job to do and promises them that he will always be with them. This text is called “The Great Commission” as it was commissioning or ordering the disciples on what they were to do. But there is a second implied commission. The disciples are to baptize and teach the baptized. That implies that there is a commissioning of the baptized to learn. Once baptized we need to become students of the Word.

1. Young children enjoy hearing about the day they were Baptized. Show pictures. Tell the story of that day. Parents can share when, where and how they were baptized. Make a connection that they were baptized because someone took them to be baptized following this Great Commission. For 2000 years people have been following this command and so we continue to baptize.
  - I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus told them to do this.
  - I wonder what would have happened if the disciples did not follow this command.
  - I wonder what would happen if we do not follow this command.
2. Since you are baptized, how will you continue to learn? Decide as a family something you will do to fulfill the baptism vows to continue learning about Jesus. Maybe you will decide to read the Bible together each day or go to Sunday School or pray together. What else can you do to learn about the awesome God whose family you joined and through whom you were sealed in baptism?
  - I wonder what you will learn about God.
  - I wonder how being baptized and knowing that Christ is always with us helps us live.
3. Who will you invite to join God’s family? How will you teach others about Jesus? Younger children will think about inviting someone to church or telling someone a Bible story. Older children may think about how giving to a global mission brings others to Christ or how doing acts of service brings people to Christ.
  - I wonder how your family can go and make disciples for Christ.
4. Read the story again from a different Bible. Draw a picture to remind you of the story.
5. Say a prayer together praying for people in your neighborhood, in your state, in your country, and around the world.