
THE GREAT COMMISSION

UNIT OVERVIEW

Everyone desires to accomplish great things in their lifetime. We all want to make a difference in the world. As disciples in the kingdom of God, we have a chance to change lives and change the world by bringing people to know God. The Great Commission gives us our direction, and Jesus gives us his promise that he will be with us as we go forward. As individuals, we need to be willing to sacrifice in any way to accomplish this purpose. This means giving our time, our money, our energy—whatever it takes to win the world. In this Unit, the students will learn about the Great Commission and its direction for our lives. They will understand that a key element in accomplishing this mission is our reliability in all that we do and say. And, the students will begin to see that conviction, prayer and sacrifice are all vital to the successful completion of the plan that God has laid out for his people.

UNIT GOALS

1. The students will understand the disciples' purpose, based on the Great Commission.
2. The students will understand that reliability is an important element in teaching others about the word of God.
3. The students will develop the conviction that sacrifice in every area is vital to accomplishing the task which Jesus has set before us.

UNIT CONTENTS

LESSON 1 MAKING DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE MEMORYVERSE

JOHN 15:16

Every one of us wants to make an impact on the world. We want to leave a mark that lets the world know that we were here. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus lays out a very specific command to his disciples—to go and make disciples of all nations. This is the lifelong purpose which we adopt as disciples, and its implications are worldwide. In this lesson, the students will learn that, by carrying out the Great Commission in their lives, they can make an incredible difference in the world.

LESSON 2 ENTRUST TO RELIABLE MEN

SCRIPTURE MEMORYVERSE

ACTS 8:4

Being reliable is a precious and important quality in God's eyes. But how do we teach students, especially preteens, how to be reliable? The most effective way to teach reliability is to be a reliable person. As parents and teachers, the example that we give our children is one that they will imitate, and if we are reliable as adults, they will learn to be the same. In this lesson, the students will learn that a reliable character and a reliable knowledge of the Scriptures can have a major impact on the lives of those around them and around the world.

LESSON 3 WHATEVER THE COST

SCRIPTURE MEMORYVERSE

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

What is the cost of helping an entire world hear the gospel of Jesus? Can it be measured only in dollars? Sacrifice consists of more than just giving money. It takes conviction, prayer and planning. It takes giving up our time, our energy and our hearts to let every nation hear the word of God. In this lesson, the students will look at David's heart and willingness to sacrifice. They will begin to develop their own convictions that the world must hear the gospel, whatever the cost.



Preteens



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Dear Parent,

On the reverse side of this page you will find an outline and description of the lessons which comprise this unit. The weekly Scripture Memory Verse is listed with each lesson synopsis.

As part of the class experience, the students are given a Weekly Challenge. Below is a list of the challenges given with the lessons:

LESSON 1 MAKING DISCIPLES

Weekly Challenge: Write down the name of a friend you want to ask to church this week, and ask him or her.

LESSON 2 ENTRUST TO RELIABLE MEN

Weekly Challenge: (1) Share your reliability goal with your parents in family devotional. (2) Call your partner twice during the week to share your progress and to encourage him or her. (3) Pray for your goal and your partner's goal every day.

LESSON 3 WHATEVER THE COST

Weekly Challenge: During the coming week, plan how you will contribute individually toward the Special Missions contribution.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways for you to reinforce these lessons at home:

- Share with your child your convictions about our mission to take the message of Jesus to the world.
- Review the memory verse before bedtime, at dinner or while riding in the car.
- While eating dinner, talk about something that your child really enjoyed about Bible class this week.
- Ask your child to share with you how he or she is doing with the weekly challenge. Give encouragement or direction as needed.
- Have a family devotional using the memory verse (or parallel verses) this week.
- Allow your child to share with younger siblings what he or she is learning in class.
- Don't forget to encourage your child as he or she uses the Preteen Quiet Time Book that gives daily support for the lesson of the week.

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

We look forward to being partners with you as we help *Generation Next* to be zealous and effective as they move forward the kingdom of our God.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers