

All Nations

Lesson Objectives

- The students will hear God's plan for all nations.
- The students will state the Great Commission.
- The students will identify one nation where God's church is growing today.

Lesson Text

Matthew 28:18-20

Scripture Memory Verse

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last."
John 15:16

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: The Great "Go" Mission

Welcome and Singing

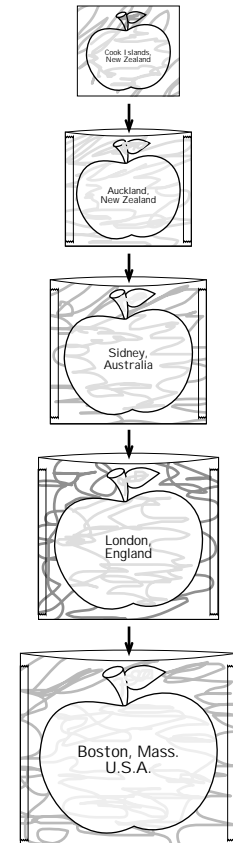
Centers:

Bible Story: Therefore Go!
(Evangelization Proclamation)

Craft: Nesting Fruit

Scripture Memory: I Chose You

NOTE: Allow time for a snack.



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Therefore Go!

The students will hear how Jesus' Great Commission is being carried out today.

Materials

For each student:

- pencil

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for each student

Preparation

1. Practice presenting the summary of the Evangelization Proclamation (on the back of this Lesson Card) with energy and enthusiasm.
2. Pray that you will help the students to be amazed by the ways that God is moving in their lifetime.

Introducing the Bible Story

Open your Bible to Matthew 28:18-20 and read it to the students. Tell them that this week's Bible Story comes from the New Testament book of Matthew in chapter 28 where Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations. *In the first century, the gospel grew and spread around the world. Today, God's church is still growing and spreading around the world.*

Let's think about how the world was different two thousand years ago from today. How did people travel then? How did they communicate? How many people were in the world?

Help the students to appreciate that the early disciples took the gospel around the world without phones, airplanes, computers, video or television. *Today, there are millions more people on the earth than there were two thousand years ago, but there are also many more ways for disciples to spread the word. In our Bible Story today, we are going to hear about an amazing event in the history of God's modern movement in which disciples made a promise that they would take the good news of Jesus to all nations in one generation.*

Presenting the Bible Story

In our last lesson, we learned about a small group of disciples in Boston who decided to be committed to discipleship and unity in God's church so that the whole world could hear about Jesus. In

today's lesson, you will hear how this small group grew in only fifteen years to become a worldwide church with a worldwide mission. The leaders of churches around the world, called World Sector Leaders, came together to make a pledge to each other and to God that they would take the gospel to every nation in their part of the world with a city of over 100,000 people. This pledge was called the Evangelization Proclamation. On February 4, 1994 the World Sector Leaders signed it to show their commitment to fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission in their generation.

The signing of the Evangelization Proclamation was an historic event for many reasons. Not since the first century has God's church spread around the world in a unified movement of God. Since this was signed, God has blessed the church and opened doors for disciples to go into hundreds of places around the world so that the church will meet its goal of reaching all nations in one generation.

In order for you to understand this important document, you will hear a summary of the Evangelization Proclamation. This will help you understand how God has been moving around the world. NOTE: Make sure the students understand that what they are about to hear is only a summary of the Evangelization Proclamation.

Distribute the copies of Reproducible Page B and pencils to the students. Tell them that each of these dates on the page is significant in the movement of God's church around the world. Tell the students to circle each year as they hear you read it and then listen carefully to the ways that God moved in that year. Read the summary on the back of this Lesson Card to the students.

Sharing with Others

Ask the students which of these events is the most amazing to them and why. Ask them who they want to talk to about this week's exciting story. Close with a prayer praising God for the ways he is blessing and moving in his church.

Teacher Tips

- A copy of the actual Evangelization Proclamation has been provided for your reference in a special Appendix A at the end of the Reproducible Pages.



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Student Summary of the Evangelization Proclamation

On February 4, 1994, we the World Sector Leaders issue this proclamation.

We challenge each disciple to help carry out Jesus' Great Commission to make disciples in all the nations of the world in our generation. As God's church we need all disciples to grow in their faith and actions to accomplish this mission. It will take God working many miracles, but we should keep in mind that God has already performed many miracles.

In **1979**, thirty "would-be disciples" in Boston met together in the living room of Bob and Pat Gempel. This small group believed that the Bible is the word of God and must be obeyed. They studied out the Scriptures and gained strong convictions about what God expected of them as disciples of Jesus. They began what we now know as the Boston Church of Christ. This small group decided to carry out the Great Commission and God made the Boston church grow and grow.

In **1981**, led by the Holy Spirit, we decided that men and women who wanted to be leaders in the church would be trained by disciples in a local church, not in a special preaching school or seminary.

In **1982**, God showed us that we should send teams of disciples from Boston into the world's largest cities to start new, "pillar" churches that would in turn start smaller churches in the surrounding countries' capital cities. These would then start churches in all the smaller cities and villages in their own countries. And God moved as we planted the Chicago and London churches.

In **1983**, the Spirit led eighteen disciples to New York City, a city of 18 million people! We knew that if every disciple made disciples who made disciples, then God could have one great, growing church in that city—just like he did in the early churches in the Bible.

In **1984**, news spread fast that the Boston Church was growing larger and larger and sending out mission teams. Many people decided to leave their old churches, move to Boston and become disciples. Because of this, many people called us the "Boston Movement."

In **1985**, God blessed us as we sent a church to Toronto, Canada, the second church to be planted outside the United States. Meanwhile in Boston the number of people who came to church on Sundays went from thirty people to over 1,000 people. Today many of our churches in and outside the United States have over 1,000 people meeting together on Sundays.

In **1986**, a miracle happened in Johannesburg, South Africa. Under Apartheid, black and white people had to be separated. Many hated each other. But God's plan was different and a team of black and white disciples were sent to plant the church. Soon, South African blacks and whites were meeting together to worship God and love each other. God's miracles continued as the Paris, France and Stockholm, Sweden churches were planted, proving that anyone can be a disciple of Jesus, no matter what language they speak.

In **1987**, many leaders in other churches saw what God was doing in our churches and asked for help. We sent leaders to these churches to preach powerful messages of decision to the people. Those who accepted the message renewed their initial decision to be disciples or were baptized to form new, discipling churches. God was also moving to send a team to Bombay, India where many of the people are sick and poor. HOPE Worldwide was formed to help disciples of Jesus "help other people everywhere" and now God's churches in India minister to close to one billion people in India.

In **1988**, after much Bible study, advice and prayer, the World Sector Leaders were selected to help make sure every nation would be evangelized. The nations of the world were divided into groups

called sectors, and the World Sector Leaders were challenged to take the message of Jesus to everyone in their part of the world.

In **1989**, churches were started in the cities of Manila, Philippines, Tokyo, Japan and Los Angeles, United States. Thousands have since been baptized in these three cities. God had helped us build the first of the pillar churches that we had only dreamed of a few short years ago.

In **1990**, disciples were sent to bring God's victory to Bangkok, Thailand, a city where many women were living sad and sinful lives, and far too many people were dying of diseases like AIDS.

In **1991**, God's church was sent to a country once known as the Soviet Union. God opened miraculous doors for the church to begin and today thousands of people freely worship God in a place where most people had never heard of Jesus.

In **1992**, the first "fifth-generation church" was born. The Boston church had planted the London, England church, which then planted the Sydney, Australia church which then planted the Auckland, New Zealand church which then planted the church in the Cook Islands. Wow!

In **1993**, we adopted the name, "International Churches of Christ" because truly God has allowed the church to grow all over the world.

Now in **1994**, God has shown us that there is much more work to do. We put before God our plans to have a church in all the countries that have a city of over 100,000 people by the year **2000**. After that, with God's help, we want to reach every single country, then every large city, then every town and village, on and on, until we are able to reach every person in the world and tell them the good news about Jesus.

And to God be the Glory!



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Nesting Fruit

The students will make a craft to remind them that God's church is growing in all nations.

Materials

For each student:

- scissors
- crayons
- invisible tape

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 1 copy for each student
- Page D, 1 copy for each student

Preparations

Make a sample of the craft to show the students.

Instructions

1. Introduce today's activity: *In your Bible Story this week you are learning that God's church is growing and going into all nations today just as it did in the Bible. All over the world, disciples of Jesus are making disciples who are making disciples and the church is growing and bearing fruit just like Jesus said it would. In your craft today, you will make a set of apples to show you how God's church has grown and born fruit around the world.* Show the students your sample. Read the scripture on the back of the "Boston" envelope. Show the students each of the apples reading the name of each city and country. Explain to the students that the Boston church planted the London, England church—which planted the Sydney, Australia church—which planted the Auckland, New Zealand church—which planted the Cook Islands church. Tell them that this is like an apple tree whose seeds plant another apple tree, whose seeds plant another apple tree, whose seeds plant another tree, and so on.
2. Distribute the copies of Reproducible Pages C and D and the crayons. Have the students color their five boxes. Tell them to write their names on their Boston boxes.
3. Distribute the scissors and have the students cut out their five boxes. Have them fold each box along the dashed line, excluding the "Cook Islands" box. See Figure A.

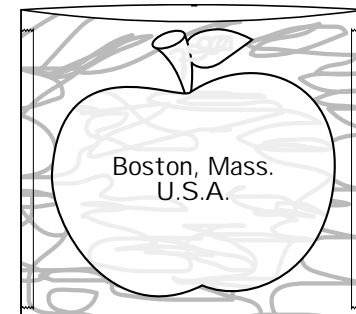
4. Distribute the tape. Have the students tape the sides of each of their boxes, excluding the "Cook Island" box, making envelopes. See Figure B.
5. Starting with the smallest and working toward the largest, have the students insert each box/envelope inside one another. See Figure C.

Conclusion

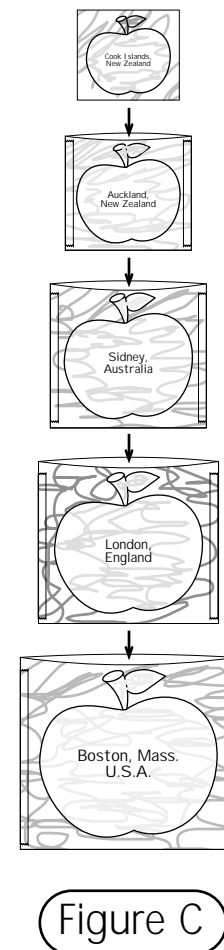
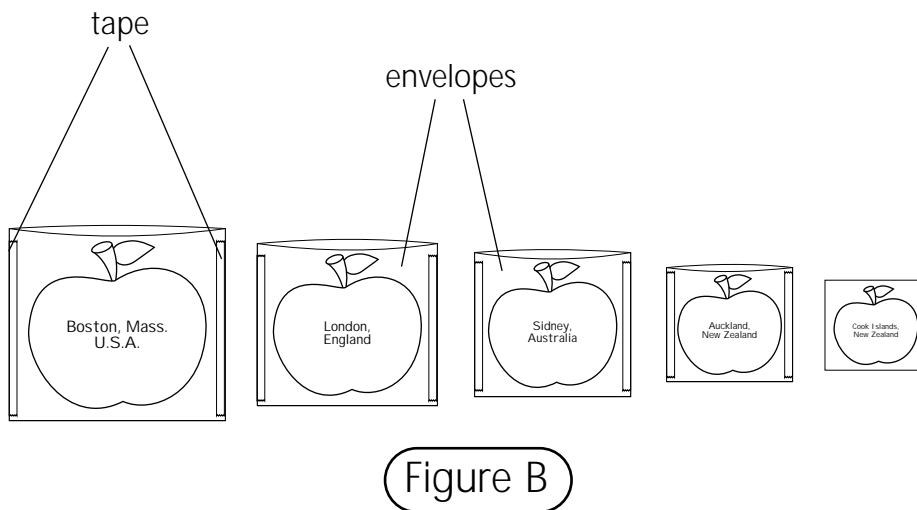
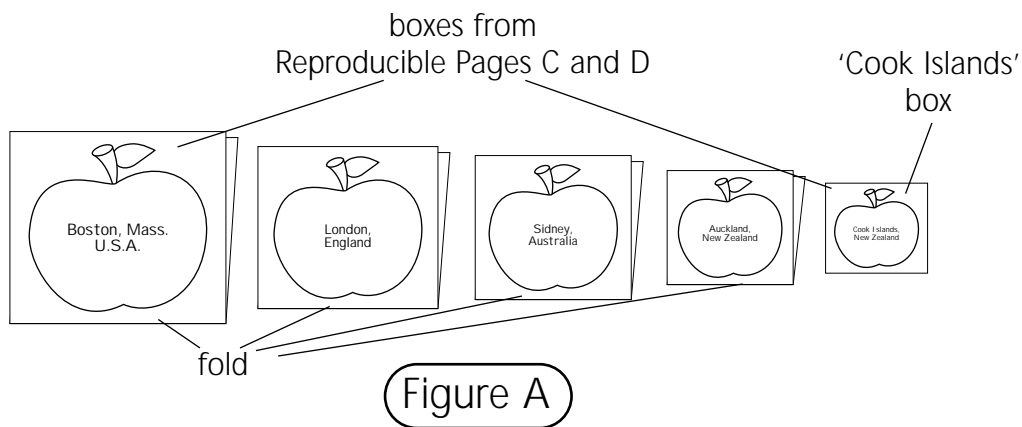
Ask the students how it makes them feel to know that disciples are doing exactly what Jesus told his disciples to do—go and make disciples of all nations. Tell the students that there is nothing more exciting than helping someone to know God and follow Jesus. Close with a prayer praising God for the way that disciples are making disciples around the world.

Teacher Tips

- Help the students with the taping and cutting.
- To save time, have the students cut and tape their boxes first and then color them in the time that remains.
- As an alternative to coloring, reproduce the copies of Reproducible Pages C and D on red, green and/or yellow paper (the colors of apples).



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I Chose You

The students will learn and memorize today's Scripture Memory Verse as they practice choosing each other.

Scripture Memory Verse

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last."

John 15:16

Materials

For the teacher:

- 1 basket of fruit (real or plastic)

Preparation

Practice leading this activity.

Instructions

1. Introduce today's activity: *In your Bible Story this week you are learning that God's church is growing and going into all nations today just as it did in the Bible. All over the world, disciples of Jesus are making disciples who are making disciples and the church is growing and bearing fruit just like Jesus said it would. In your activity today, you will learn Jesus' words to his disciples in which he told them that he had chosen them to go and bear fruit.*
2. Show the students the Scripture Memory Verse on the back of this Lesson Card. Say it to them three times as they follow along. Ask them to say it together with you three more times. Choose students, one at a time, saying: *I choose you to say the verse with me.* Say the verse together with each student until they have all had a chance.
3. Ask the students if they have ever been chosen to do something. (Take responses.) Explain that Jesus told his disciples that he chose them and appointed them to go and bear fruit. Ask the students if they know what "appointed" means. Explain that appointed means selected, assigned or commissioned to do something. Remind them of the activity they did during the Preclass Activity in which Jesus gave the Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations.

4. Hold up the basket of fruit that you prepared.
 - *Do you think that Jesus wanted the disciples to bear fruit like this?* (Take responses.) Explain that the fruit Jesus was talking about was the fruit of new disciples.
 - *What do you think Jesus meant when he said "fruit that will last"?* Explain that Jesus did not want people to just follow him for a short time and leave, but rather to stay and to help many more people become disciples.
5. Have the students form a line, side by side. Face the students and say the verse, pointing to a student as you say the words, "I chose you," and then hand him the piece of fruit as you say the words, "to go and bear fruit." When you have finished the verse, invite this student to step out of line and join you. Say the verse together to the remaining students, this time having this student choose another student in the line and on the words, "I chose you," and passing the piece of fruit on the words, "to go and bear fruit." Have the newly chosen student step out of the line and join you and the other student and continue in this way until each student in the line has been chosen and invited to join you in saying the verse.
6. When there are no students left in the line, have the entire group say the verse together from memory.
7. Ask for volunteers to say the verse from memory.

Conclusion

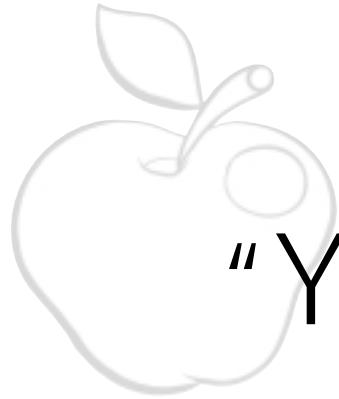
Ask the students how they would have felt to be one of the disciples to whom Jesus spoke these words. Excited? Unsure? Happy? Eager? Encourage the students that the disciples in the Bible obeyed Jesus' commands. Point out that unless disciples today continue to obey Jesus' commands, the people in years to come will not have a chance to know about God and become disciples. Close with a prayer for God's church to continue to grow and bear fruit that will last.

Teacher Tips

- If your budget permits and you have parental permission, offer some fruit to the students after this activity.



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Preclass Activity: Into All the World

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Life Application: Take the Light

Game: Around the World

Bible Skills: Here We Grow!

NOTE: Allow time for a snack.

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Into All the World

The students will review this week's Bible Story as they get a hands-on look at how the church is growing around the world.

Materials

For the teacher:

- 1 world map, wall size
- 60 star stickers

Reproducible Pages:

- Page E, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Find an open space where you can display the world map. (If the map has been rolled up, roll it in the reverse direction or lay it flat with weights until it can lie flat.)
2. Familiarize yourself with the list of churches on your copy of Reproducible Page E and their locations on the map.

Instructions

1. Greet the students as they arrive. Remind them that they are learning about how God's church is growing and bearing fruit around the world just like it did in the Bible. Tell the students that they will work together to try and identify as many places as possible where there is a church of disciples.
2. Show the students the world map you prepared and the star stickers. Tell them that they will work together to place a star on each city where there is a church. Show them the list of cities and countries from your copy of Reproducible Page E. Tell them to cross off a location after they have placed a sticker for it on the map.

3. Circulate among the students to offer help and encouragement.
4. When the students have finished, display the map in a place where they can see it throughout today's class.

Teacher Tips

- For large groups, have two world maps and two copies of Reproducible Page E.



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Take the Light

The students will review this week's Bible Story as they consider what it means to be a true missionary for Jesus.

Materials

For each student:

- small candle

For the teacher:

- small light or hand held lamp

Special Advanced Teacher Preparation

In this activity, you will use a light in a dark room to demonstrate the spiritual influence of one disciple who takes the good news of Jesus into a place where there is no church. Talk to your Children's Ministry Leader about finding a location where the room can be dark for part of the class time. In whatever setting you choose, make sure that two adults are present for this activity.

Preparation

1. Practice presenting this activity with enthusiasm.
2. Pray that you will inspire the students by your presentation.
3. Read Matthew 28:18-20.

Reviewing the Bible Story

Open your Bible to Matthew 28:18-20 and read it to the students. Remind the students that this week's Bible Story comes from the New Testament book of Matthew in chapter 28. *This week you have been learning about the amazing ways that God's church is growing and bearing fruit around the world—just like it did in the Bible! You learned about God's modern movement in which the World Sector Leaders of the church pledged to God and to the church that they would send a church into every city of over 100,000 people in their world sectors. God has blessed their efforts and today the church has spread all over the world—just as they had dreamed.*

Life Application

Tell the students that you want to give them a demonstration of how God uses disciples when they go to a place where there is no church. Turn off the lights or take the students to a place that is dark. Explain that without God's church, the world is full of darkness. Ask the

students how it makes them feel to sit in darkness. Explain that the Bible says that God and his word are like a bright light. Without God and his word the world is full of spiritual darkness—which means that people do bad things that hurt God, each other and themselves. Tell the students that around the world today there are millions of people who live in spiritual darkness because they do not know God and do not have his light in their lives. Many of these people think that they cannot change or have a happy life.

Hold up the small light that you prepared. Ask the students what happens in a dark place when you hold out this light. (Take responses.) Explain that the Bible says that God's word is like a lamp that lights up the darkness. When a disciple takes the good news of Jesus into a place with no church, it is just like taking a light into the darkness. Ask the students how a light could help the people. (Take responses.) Explain that disciples who take the message of Jesus—or the light—can help people see God and change and have a happy, hope-filled life.

Tell the students that Jesus wants every disciple to take their spiritual light and help people who do not know God—whether it is to an entire country or just a neighbor next door. Share from your own life how someone brought God's light into your life to help you see the truth about your life and become a disciple of Jesus.

Conclusion

Turn the lights back on. Ask the students what they thought of this demonstration. Distribute the candles and ask the students how it makes them feel to know that God wants to use them to take the light to people who are in spiritual darkness. Share from your own life. Close with a prayer thanking God for letting us see the light and letting us help others to see it too.

Teacher Tips

- For safety reasons, we do not recommend using a candle and matches. Use your own judgment about what would be the most appropriate "light" for this demonstration.
- If your budget permits, let the students keep the candles as souvenirs of this activity.



3rd and 4th Grades



Around the World

The students will review this week's lesson as they play this variation of "around the world."

Materials

For the teacher:

- 1 medium size soft ball, e.g. sponge, felt, foam, soft rubber
- 6 pieces of different colored construction paper
- heavy black marker
- 6 chairs
- 1 trash barrel or storage bucket (clean and empty)

Preparation

1. Neatly print the continents and countries on each piece of paper as they appear on the back of this Lesson Card.
2. Tape each piece of paper to one of the chairs and arrange them in a semi-circle around the trash barrel as shown on the back of this Lesson Card. The trash barrel will be the "basket" or "hoop" for this game.
3. Carefully read and be familiar with the instructions. Practice leading this activity.

Instructions

1. Introduce today's activity: *In your Bible Story this week you have been learning that God's church is growing and going into all nations today just as it did in the Bible. All over the world, disciples of Jesus are making disciples who are also making disciples and the church is growing and bearing fruit just like Jesus said it would. In your game, you will learn about the continents of the world where God's church is growing and bearing fruit.*
2. Show the students the six chairs you prepared. Read the names of the continents and countries on each one. Explain that in each of these countries there is a growing church.
3. Tell the students that in today's game they will try to be the first team to have every player go around the world as they toss a ball into the "basket" you have prepared. Explain that in order to toss the ball, they must start their turn by saying, "God's church is growing and bearing fruit in _____ in _____" and choosing one of the countries and the continent on the paper. Once they have said this, they can toss the ball. If they make the

toss, they can move on to the next chair and continue in the same way. Once they miss a toss, they must stand behind the chair where they are and wait for their turn again.

NOTE: If a student tries to toss the ball before saying where God's church is growing, he loses his chance to move around the world and must wait for his next turn.

4. Model a turn for the students by saying for example, "God's church is growing and bearing fruit in France in Europe." Then toss the ball into the basket. If you get the ball in, move to the next chair and continue until you miss or until you make it around the world.
5. Divide the students into two teams. Line them up at opposite sides of the semi-circle. Choose a team player to start. Have the student step up to the first chair on his side and begin by saying "God's church is growing and bearing fruit in _____ in _____." Then he may toss the ball and try to get it into the basket. If he succeeds, he may move to the next chair. His turn is over as soon as he misses a shot. Then he will stay at the chair until his next turn.
6. Choose a student from the second team to go. Beginning with the first chair on his side of the semi-circle, have the student stand and say where God's church is growing and bearing fruit and then toss the ball. His turn continues until he misses a toss.
7. Play continues as the teams take turns sending a new student around the world. When every student from both teams has gone, then the players who did not make it around the world can resume their turns. The first team to have all its players get around the world wins.

Conclusion

Ask the students how it makes them feel to know that God's church is growing around the world just as it did in the Bible. Close with a prayer thanking God for how the church is growing and bearing fruit today.

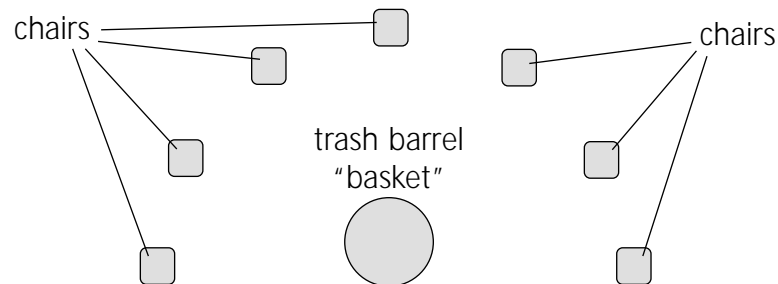


Teacher Tips

- If you do not have chairs, place the construction paper in a semi-circle on the floor and secure with tape. Do not have the students step on the papers.
- Adjust the distance of the "basket" to the chairs based on the average student ability. You don't want it to be too easy or too hard. Place some chairs farther from the basket than others to provide varying degrees of challenge.

- You or an assistant will want to stand beside the basket and retrieve the ball after each toss.
- The emphasis of this activity is on how God's church is growing, not on the students' athletic ability. Encourage the students who participate with a great attitude.
- This game is played in a similar way to the popular basketball game, "Around the World." If you are unfamiliar with this game, ask someone who knows it to explain it to you.

<p>North America</p> <hr/> <p>United States (Name a different state)</p> <p>Canada Mexico</p>	<p>South America</p> <hr/> <p>Argentina Columbia</p> <p>Brazil Chile Bolivia</p>	<p>Europe</p> <hr/> <p>England France Germany Italy</p> <p>Ireland Switzerland Sweden Russia</p>
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S**Here We Grow!**

The students will practice looking up scriptures that describe how the church grows.

Materials

For the teacher:

- 20 paper cups
- 20 small pieces of paper
- 2 envelopes
- scissors
- tape

Reproducible Pages:

- Page F, 2 copies for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the scripture reference strips from both of your copies of Reproducible Page F. Place each set in an envelope.
2. Number two sets of small pieces of paper from one to ten.
3. Practice leading this activity.

Instructions

1. Introduce today's activity: *In your Bible Story this week you have been learning that God's church is growing and going into all nations today just as it did in the Bible. All over the world, disciples of Jesus are making disciples who are making disciples and the church is growing and bearing fruit just like Jesus said it would. In your activity today, you will practice looking up verses in the Bible that describe ways that the church grows.*
2. Divide the students into two groups. Tell them that they will try to be the first team to find all the scriptures about how the church grows and then build a "church" tower.

3. Show the students the cups, small pieces of paper and the envelopes you prepared. Show them one of the scripture strips and point out that each one has a picture indicating where it belongs in the tower. Show the students what the final tower will look like by stacking the cups. (See the back of this Lesson Card.) Tell the students to show you when they have found the scriptures and then have them mark their Bibles with the small numbered pieces of paper. Then they can tape the strips to the cups and build the tower. Encourage the students to work together to try and be the first group to build the tower.
4. Give each group ten cups, an envelope with strips, a set of numbered pieces of paper and tape. Make sure that each group has at least one Bible that they will be marking during this activity. However, each group may use and place markers in more than one Bible.
5. After both groups have marked their Bibles and built their towers, have them go back and look up the verses in their numbered order. Have the students take turns reading the verses. Check their answers with your Answer Key on the back of this Lesson Card.

Conclusion

Ask the students how it makes them feel to know that God's church is growing today just like it did in the Bible. Close with a prayer for God's church to continue to grow and bear fruit in all nations.

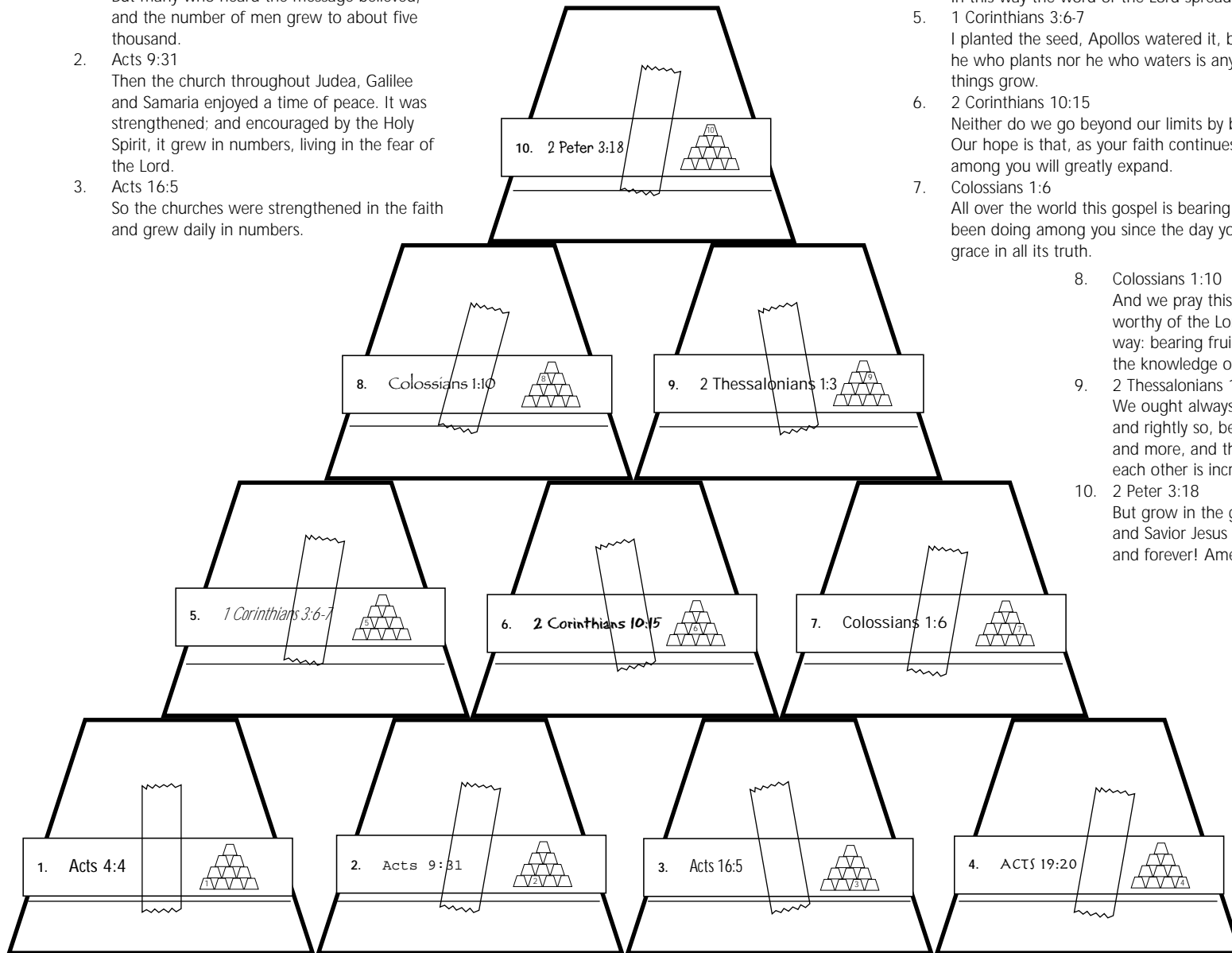
Teacher Tips

- If you have fewer than five students in your group, do this activity all together instead of dividing into two groups.

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1. Acts 4:4
But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.
2. Acts 9:31
Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.
3. Acts 16:5
So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

4. Acts 19:20
In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.
5. 1 Corinthians 3:6-7
I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.
6. 2 Corinthians 10:15
Neither do we go beyond our limits by boasting of work done by others. Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our area of activity among you will greatly expand.
7. Colossians 1:6
All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.
8. Colossians 1:10
And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...
9. 2 Thessalonians 1:3
We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.
10. 2 Peter 3:18
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.



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The Great "Go" Mission

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Instructions: Open your Bible to Matthew 28:18-20 and read it. Use the words in the box below to fill in the blanks.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in _____ and on _____ has been given to me. Therefore _____ and make _____ of all _____ baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the _____ and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to _____ everything I have commanded you. And surely I am _____ you _____ to the very end of the age."

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Did You Get It?

Use the words in the box above to fill in the blanks below.

1. Jesus has all authority in _____ and _____.
2. Jesus told the disciples to _____ and make _____ of all _____.
3. Jesus told them to baptize in the name of the Father and of the _____ and of the Holy Spirit.
4. Jesus told them to teach these disciples to _____ everything he had commanded.
5. Jesus told the disciples that he would be _____ them _____.

Matthew 28:18-20 is called the Great Commission.

A commission is when a person with authority sends someone to go and do a very important job. Jesus has all the authority in the world and he is sending disciples to go make disciples. So, you could say that Jesus' Great Commission is really a great "GO" mission!



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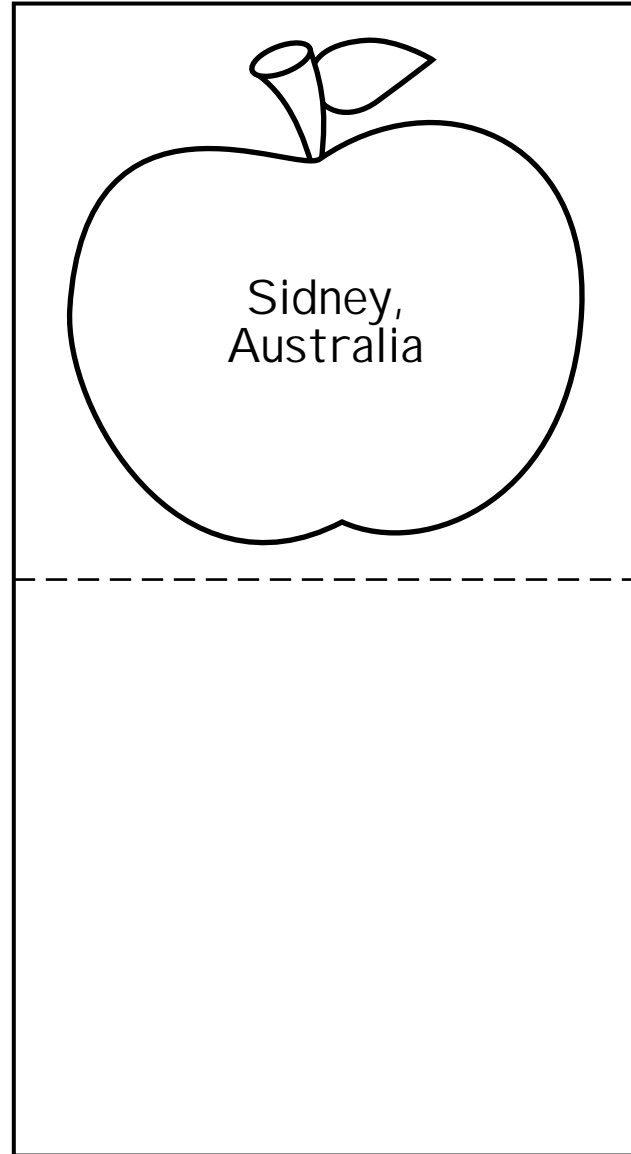
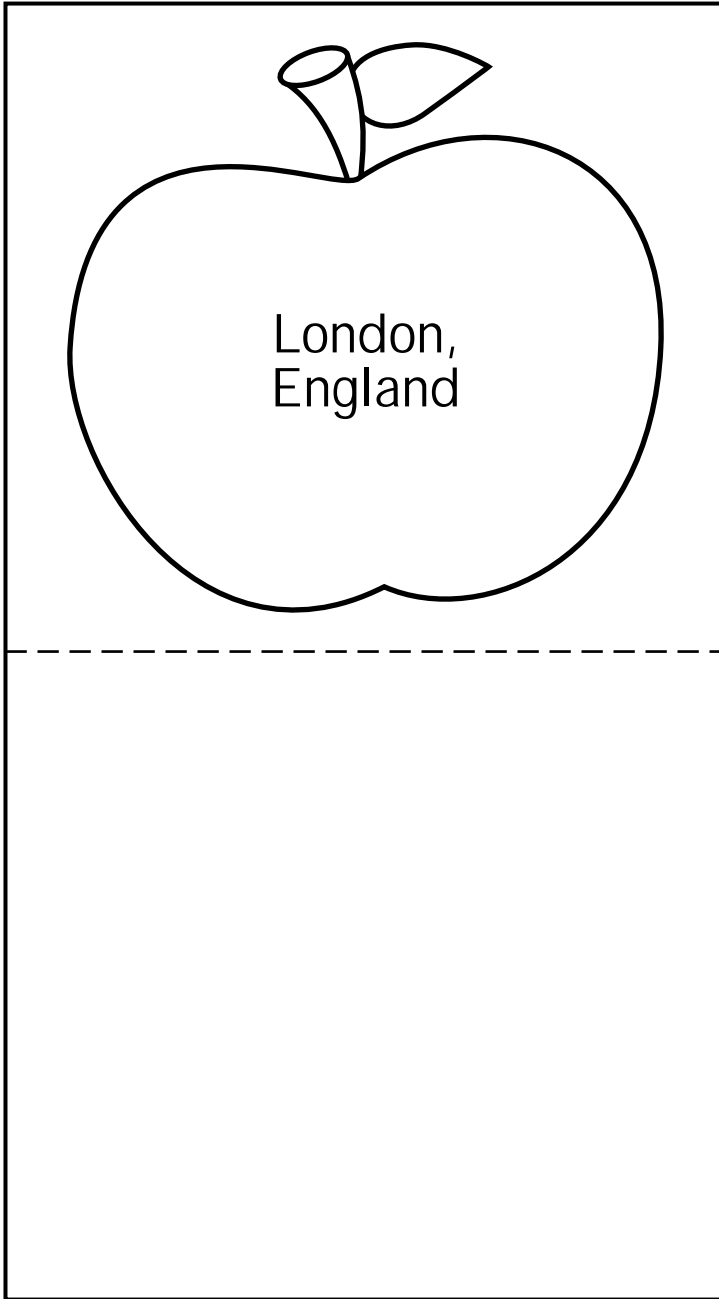
"You did not choose me,
but I chose you
and appointed you
to go and bear fruit—
fruit that will last."
John 15:16

Auckland,
New Zealand

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Into All the World

Instructions: Use the map of the world to locate as many of the cities with churches of disciples as you can and place a star on the map for each one.

AUSTRALIA

Country	City
Australia	Sydney
New Zealand	Auckland
Fiji Islands	Suva

ASIA

Country	City
Cambodia	Phnom Penh
China	Hong Kong
India	New Delhi
Indonesia	Jakarta
Japan	Tokyo
Kazakhstan	Alma-Ata
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur
Mongolia	Ulan Bator
Myanmar	Yangon
Nepal	Kathmandu
Philippines	Manila
Singapore	Singapore
Sri Lanka	Colombo
South Korea	Seoul
Tadzhikistan	Dushanbe
Taiwan	Taipei
Thailand	Bangkok

SOUTH AMERICA

Country	City
Argentina	Buenos Aires
Bolivia	La Paz
Brazil	Sao Paolo
Chile	Santiago
Colombia	Bogota
Ecuador	Quito
Paraguay	Asuncion
Peru	Lima
Uruguay	Montevideo
Venezuela	Caracas

AFRICA

Country	City
Angola	Luanda
Benin	Cotonou
Botswana	Gaborone
Burkina Faso	Ouagadougou
Cameroon	Douala
Cape Verde	Praia
Congo	Brazzaville
Eritrea	Asmera
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa
Gabon	Liberville
Ghana	Accra
Guinea	Conakry
Ivory Coast	Abidjan
Kenya	Nairobi
Lesotho	Maseru
Liberia	Monrovia
Madagascar	Antananarivo
Malawi	Blantyre
Mauritius	Port Louis
Nigeria	Lagos
Rwanda	Kigali
Senegal	Dakar
Sierra Leone	Freetown
South Africa	Johannesburg
Swaziland	Manzini
Tanzania	Arusha
Togo	Lome
Uganda	Kampala
Zaire	Kinshasa
Zambia	Lusaka
Zimbabwe	Harare

EUROPE

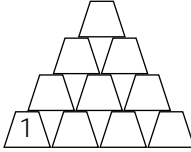
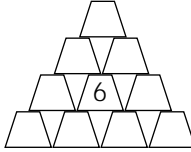
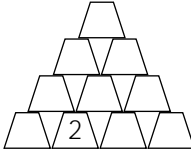
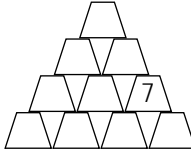
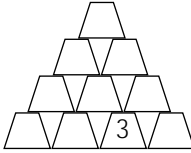
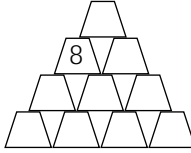
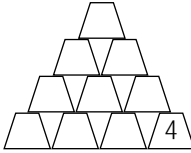
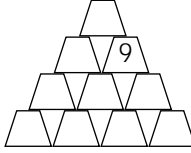
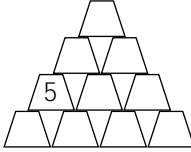
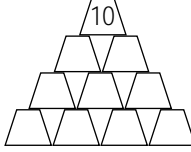
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Belgium	Brussels
Czech Republic	Prague
Denmark	Copenhagen
England	London

Finland	Helsinki
France	Paris
Germany	Berlin
Greece	Athens
Hungary	Budapest
Iceland	Reykjavik
Ireland	Dublin
Italy	Milan
Netherlands	Amsterdam
Norway	Oslo
Poland	Warsaw
Portugal	Lisbon
Romania	Bucharest
Russia	Moscow
Sweden	Stockholm
Switzerland	Geneva
Spain	Madrid

NORTH AMERICA

Country	City
Bahamas	Nassau, NP
Canada	Ottawa
Costa Rica	San Jose
El Salvador	San Salvador
Guatemala	Guatemala City
Haiti	Cap-Haitien
Honduras	San Pedro Sula
Mexico	Mexico City
Nicaragua	Managua
Panama	Panama City
USA	(every state)

Here We Grow!

1. Acts 4:4		6. 2 Corinthians 10:15	
2. Acts 9:31		7. Colossians 1:6	
3. Acts 16:5		8. Colossians 1:10	
4. ACTS 19:20		9. 2 Thessalonians 1:3	
5. 1 Corinthians 3:6-7		10. 2 Peter 3:18	

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Evangelization Proclamation

On this fourth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four, we the World Sector Leaders issue this proclamation.

We place before each true disciple the unanswered and most ancient of Christian challenges: the completion of the Great Commission. We affirm and assert that Jesus' last command to the eleven faithful disciples was to evangelize the world in their generation. Obeyed by the apostles, this guiding command extends to each succeeding generation, yet has not been accomplished again for almost two millennia. As God's modern-day movement, the time is now for each true disciple to go far beyond any feat of faith or deeds of daring witnessed to this hour. In this proclamation we issue such a challenge.

"Miracle" is the defining word of the decade and a half since our attack against the darkness was launched. In Boston scarcely more than fourteen years ago, 30 would-be disciples gathered in the living room of Bob and Pat Gempel. They came together bonded by the blood of Jesus, the Spirit of our God, the Bible as the only inspired and inerrant Scriptures and a conviction that only the totally committed could be members of the Lexington Church of Christ (later renamed Boston). In the next few months the Bible doctrine from Acts 11:26 of Saved = Christian = Disciple was crystallized. The Spirit then gave us a deep conviction that only these baptized disciples comprise God's kingdom on earth. This was and still is the true church of Jesus.

Thirteen years ago, prompted by the Holy Spirit, the elders and evangelists of the Boston Church of Christ made the radical decision that young men and women who desired to be leaders in the church should be trained in a local congregation, not in a seminary. We also believed that because of doctrinal and lifestyle differences we could not in good conscience send our young, newly trained leaders into existing mainline churches.

Twelve years ago, we embarked on an historic revolutionary path to send mission teams of disciples from Boston into the world's largest and most influential cities. We called the churches planted in these cities "pillar churches" because they would become the principal supports for an international brotherhood and in turn would evangelize the capital cities of the nations in their regions of influence. The cap-

ital city churches would then evangelize all the cities and villages of their nations. With this dream and our prayers, God moved with the twin church plantings of Chicago and London.

Eleven years ago, God's hand touched New York City. Though this city of darkness had a population of 18 million in the metropolitan area, only 18 disciples were sent from Boston. We believed only one church of disciples, no matter how small, would be sufficient for God to use them to saturate the city with his Word if they remained faithful to the command to make disciples who also made disciples. This radical doctrine was confirmed in Scripture by example: Jerusalem, Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, and the great metropolis of Rome had only one church.

Ten years ago, a remnant of disciples from various Churches of Christ, Christian Churches and other denominational movements left everything and moved to Boston for our plantings. We were widely labeled the "Boston Movement."

Nine years ago, Toronto became our second foreign planting. At that time the Boston church first exceeded 1,000 in attendance. Now 21 churches have over 1,000 on Sundays. Eight of these churches are on foreign soil. God's grace was further evidenced as London and Toronto were the first to break this barrier.

Eight years ago a miracle happened in Johannesburg, where in the church blacks and whites did not merely coexist, but for the first time hugged one another in the midst of apartheid and under the threat of extremists. Paris and Stockholm were also miracle churches, which proved language an inconsequential barrier to the preaching of the cross.

Seven years ago, came the first reconstructions. At the request of leaders in mainline churches, the elders and evangelists of the Boston church sent trained preachers into these congregations to call out more of the remnant. Revolutionary, Nehemiah-like sermons were delivered to these existing mainline churches, and those individuals who responded by renewing their initial disciple's commitment or were baptized as disciples formed new congregations that were now no



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different from the other Boston Movement churches. Each was composed solely of baptized disciples. Kingston and Sydney were the first of some twenty reconstructed churches. Also at this time was the miracle of Bombay where God began to annihilate the demons of poverty, disease and apathy. Now, seven churches minister to the almost one billion people of India. HOPE *Worldwide* was formed to become the benevolent arm of our brotherhood.

Six years ago, came the plantings of Mexico City, Hong Kong, and Cairo. After many months of study, counsel, and a final all night of prayer, the World Sector Leaders were selected. The nations of the world were divided into sectors, and each World Sector Leader couple was given a charge to evangelize their sector in this generation.

Five years ago, Manila, Tokyo, and Los Angeles began. Literally thousands, as in the book of Acts, were baptized in these three cities giving us the vision of super-churches in each of the metropolitan cities of the world. The Los Angeles Church now has an attendance of 6,000 on Sundays.

Four years ago, an attack was launched on Satan's throne in Bangkok where one in six women is engaged in prostitution, and AIDS is clearly becoming the Black Death of the Nineties.

Three short years ago, God melted the Iron Curtain. The Moscow Church of Christ was planted and already has over 2,000 in attendance, and five daughter churches in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Two years ago, came the first fifth-generation church: Boston planted London, London planted Sydney, Sydney planted Auckland and Auckland planted God's church in the Cook Islands.

Less than one year ago, at the World Missions Leadership Conference, all the evangelists, women's ministry leaders, and elders in all of our churches gathered in the Los Angeles Sports Arena along with 10,000 other disciples as we formally adopted the name "International Churches of Christ." God in his grace and mercy has blessed his modern-day movement of true Christians as our churches now number 146 with an attendance of over 75,000! True churches are now established in 53 of the 216 nations of the world.

Today compelled by the Spirit and five billion lost souls, we lay before the brotherhood a simple but comprehensive strategy for the completion of world evangelism. Presently, there exist 160 countries

with a city of at least 100,000 people. Disciples are in only 49. Therefore, in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom—we give you this charge: Give to God your dreams, energies, health, finances, intellects, families, and yes, even your life, to plant churches in the remaining 111 nations by the year 2000. Let us reach the remaining small, unevangelized nations early in the next millennium.

To make possible the evangelization of all nations, an historic financial plan has been instituted. No longer will it be the sole responsibility of American churches to finance missions, but all first-world churches will join together to take up a yearly missions collection that will be used to finance new and existing third-world churches. This allows the kingdom to make more rapid progress with the difficult third-world plantings. The second-world churches will likewise give a missions contribution which will allow them to become self-supporting and evangelize their respective nations. Since the first-world finances will only manage to initiate third-world plantings, the third-world churches must also sacrifice in unprecedented ways to contribute toward their own mission works even to the point of some of these churches being led by unpaid disciples. For these dreams to become reality, nationals must ready themselves now to return to their homelands. Of ultimate necessity for all of us is fervent prayer unseen in our day. Only zealous prayer will allow God to empower, embolden, and employ each of us to fulfill our individual destiny, and thus this global proclamation.

Though unprecedented, our past efforts are but a flickering flame in a universe of demonic darkness. If we are to change the course of human events, we must remember that like all flesh our time on earth is but a mist. The tombs of Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, Lincoln, Lenin and Gandhi are but dust and darkness. Like the faithful eleven our overriding inspiration lies in the empty, light-filled tomb of Jesus. This is our one and only sure hope—eternal life. To complete the commission, all of the eleven but John died a martyr's death—this was and still is the ultimate price for world evangelism. Therefore, let us go forth together with a resolve that even the gates of hell will not prevail. Only heaven awaits.

And to God be the Glory!

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