FOLLOWING JESUS VBS · DAY 5 · GRADES 1-3

My Bible Lesson

Jesus Sends Me: Go and Tell! | The Great Commission, the Ascension, and the Day of Pentecost
(Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:3-11; Acts 2:22-41)

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The Great Commission, the Ascension, and the Day of Pentecost

After Jesus rose from the dead, He was seen by His disciples for forty days (Acts 1:3). He taught them about the kingdom of God.

Jesus gave them a big job. He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:15-16). The gospel is the good news that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again.

Then, while they watched, Jesus was taken up into heaven, and a cloud hid Him from their eyes (Acts 1:9). Two men in white clothes said that Jesus will come back the same way they saw Him go (Acts 1:11).

A few days later, on the Day of Pentecost, Peter stood up in Jerusalem and preached to a huge crowd. He told them that Jesus was crucified, but God raised Him from the dead (Acts 2:23-24, 32). The people heard this and believed it, and their hearts hurt. They asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37).

Peter said, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Repent means to turn away from sin. Remission means forgiveness.

That day about three thousand people gladly received the word and were baptized (Acts 2:41). They heard, believed, repented, and were baptized, and the Lord added them to His church (Acts 2:47). Today Jesus still sends His followers to go and tell!

> And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."
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> **Mark 16:15-16 (NKJV)**

Big Idea

Jesus sends His followers to tell the good news, and everyone who hears can obey it the way people did in Acts 2.

Think about it

1. What job did Jesus give His followers?
2. Where did Jesus go when the cloud hid Him?
3. What did the people ask Peter? What did Peter tell them?
4. Who is someone you can tell about Jesus?

What did the people in Acts 2 do?

- Hear: Listen to and learn God's word about Jesus (Romans 10:17; Matthew 7:24)
- Believe: Trust that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (John 8:24; Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6)
- Repent: Turn away from sin and turn to God (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3)
- Confess: Say with your mouth that Jesus is Lord (Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32)
- Be baptized: Be buried with Christ in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-4; Acts 22:16)

This week I will tell someone about Jesus by: