

Church at Home Pack – 17th January 2021

Join us online for our 10:30am service on Sunday

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

If you like, join in with the discussion on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family or life group than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.

Our verse for the year is the same as last year's verse as we think about the difference being with Jesus makes to our lives

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

GATHER TOGETHER

A prayer to start –

All power and authority has been given to you.

Son of God, Loving Lord.

You call us all; you welcome us all.

Son of God, Loving Lord.

Teach us all and go with us all.

Son of God, Loving Lord.

Amen

Action reminder –

From the top of my head

(Touch head)

to the tips of my toes;

(Touch toes)

from the lobes of my ears

(Touch ear lobes)

to the end of my nose;

(Touch nose)

from my back, to my front

(Turn round)

to my wiggly fingers,

(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)

God loves me!

(jump up and down)

READ TOGETHER

Matthew 28: 16-20



International Children's Bible (ICB)

Jesus talks to his followers

¹⁶The 11 followers went to Galilee. They went to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. ¹⁷On the mountain they saw Jesus and worshiped him. But some of them did not believe that it was really Jesus. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All power in heaven and on earth is given to me. ¹⁹So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach them to obey everything that I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of the world."

New International Version (NIV)

The Great Commission

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

An Action Story

The disciples climbed the mountain to wait for Jesus.

(Mime climbing)

When they saw him,

(Point to eyes)

they worshipped him.

(Bow)

Jesus said, 'Go and tell people about me.

Baptise them in the name of the Father,

(Hold up one finger)

and of the Son,

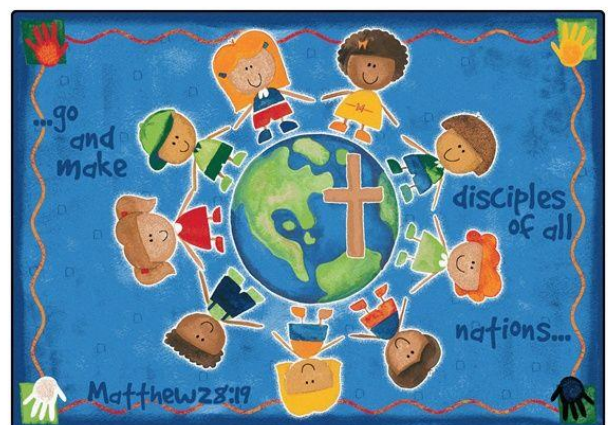
(Hold up second finger)

and of the Holy Spirit.

(Hold up third finger)

I will always be with you.'

(Hug self)



WATCH TOGETHER



What is the Great Commission?

Life Kids - https://youtu.be/1VdL_F6KKXQ



The Great Commission, go and make disciples. Spread the Gospel.

Jesus Ready - https://youtu.be/GNQ-I_N07oc

TALK TOGETHER

We heard about the four **ALLs** in these last words from Jesus:

- Jesus has **ALL** authority and power. What does that mean for you?
- How can we make followers of **ALL** people in the world? What can you do?
- How can we follow and obey everything (**ALL** things) that Jesus has taught us? What helps you?
- How does it feel to know that Jesus has promised to be with you for **ALL** of the days?

STUDY TOGETHER

Matthew 28: 16-20 tells us of the last time that the disciples saw Jesus and of Jesus' last words to them. These words bring together the whole Gospel message.

Verses 16-17

The disciples had seen Jesus arrested and crucified. Then he came back to life and appeared to them on several different occasions. It's no wonder they were experiencing a mix of emotions (**v.17**) when they saw him again on the mountain in Galilee. How would you feel?

Verses 18 – 20 show us the four ALLs that Ian spoke about in his sermon:

v.18 ALL power and authority

Jesus has been given all the power/all the authority in heaven and on the earth and commands his disciples to make more disciples.

Read: John 3: 35; 13: 3; 17: 2 Under the same power and authority he is speaking to us today.

v.19 ALL people in the world/ ALL nations

Although the gospel was first offered to the Jews, God's mission has always been to reach all the world (**Read Is.60:1-3; Mt.2:1-2; Lk.7:1-10**) and Jesus makes that clear as he commissions his followers to 'make disciples of all nations'

We have a job to do! We are to go – it might be next door or to another country and make disciples. Have you told anyone about Jesus? How do you share your faith with others? How can we do this during lockdown?

v.20 ALL things (everything)

These words follow Jesus' earlier teaching: **Read Matthew 5:16 and 7: 24-27**

Here he shows us that we need to not only speak about our faith but we need to live it.

How can we teach others to do ALL things/everything that Jesus taught us?

v.20 ALL the days (to the end of the world/age)

Matthew's Gospel ends with this comforting promise that just as his arrival was announced as Emmanuel, God with us (**Matthew 1:23**) he would stay with us always. Jesus, in his life on earth, lived with people to show us what God is like, to show us how we should live. Although he is not physically with us now, he is with us through the Holy Spirit.

Read John 14:26

How will you GO with Jesus and make disciples this week?

PLAY TOGETHER

Go and make disciples - Domino Run!

We might think that one person can't make much of a difference in sharing Jesus with **ALL** the people in the world! But all it takes is for one to tell another....



If you have a set of dominoes you can set them up to make a domino run. Stand them up on their shortest sides as if they were in a queue, one behind the other. When you push the first domino, it knocks over the next and the next and the next – a bit like when we tell one person and they tell another and they tell another....

See how big or long a run you can make!

If you don't have dominoes, you could try with books or get inventive with other toys!

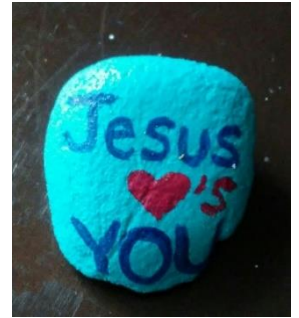


MAKE TOGETHER

Verse 19 of our Bible reading tells us to **go and make disciples**. During lockdown, it's a bit difficult to go anywhere and tell other people about Jesus. So, why not have a go at painting or decorating a pebble with the simple message 'Jesus loves you' and leaving it somewhere along the way when you are out for a walk. Someone will see it and it might just be the start of something big for them! Adults, you could even add the church website address on the back of the pebble in case they want to find out more!

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Here are a few ideas: Choose a pebble from your garden or one you find on a walk and decorate it however you like; you can use paint or pens.



SING TOGETHER

GO (Matthew 28:19) - Seeds Family Worship <https://youtu.be/ZuVMm3EKSSs>

Go and make disciples - (Awesome Cutlery): <https://media.awesomecutlery.com/lyric-videos/Go-and-make-disciples.m4v>

Go and make disciples – Lifetree Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0JeVbd5KHM>

(This is a great video showing how people at opposite ends of the age spectrum can worship God together!)

REFLECT TOGETHER

Mmmaking a difference where you are

In his book *'Fruitfulness on the Frontline'*, Mark Greene says we all have a 'frontline' where we meet and interact with people who don't yet know Jesus. He gives some suggestions of things we can do as we "Go" to our frontlines – and they all begin with



Here's a few to reflect on and think how you can do this on your "frontline". That might be at work. It might be in Zoom meetings. It might be how you do your school work. It might be in your family.

Model godly character

This means living the way Jesus wants us to. Doing all the things he's commanded us.

- *Can you think of someone who has modelled a godly character to you? Encourage them by telling them.*
- *Can you think of ways in which you have modelled godly character on your frontline?*
- *Is there a part of godly character which you need the Holy Spirit to help you with?*

Make good work

Our work (and school work) matters to God. Whatever we do, we should do it as if we're serving Jesus.

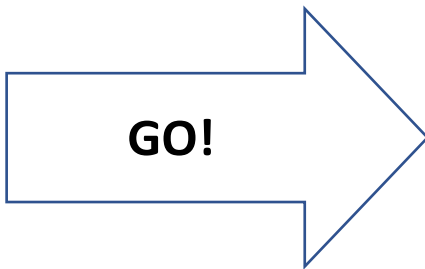
- *Which parts of your work do you usually pray about?*
- *How have you seen God work through your work?*

Be a **Messenger** of the gospel

Ian said we are to tell out God's message of good news as well as live it.

- *When was the last time you spoke to someone about your faith in Jesus?*
- *If someone asked you why you're a Christian, what would you say?*
- *Think of someone who you'd like to talk to and ask God for a chance to share with them what Jesus means to you.*

PRAY TOGETHER



Draw and cut out several block arrows. Write the word 'Go!' on them.

Ask Jesus, "Who are the people you are sending me to?"

Each time you think of someone, write their name on the back of an arrow. Put the arrow somewhere to remind you to pray for that person and to encourage you to share the good news of Jesus with them.

DO TOGETHER

ALL for Jesus and Jesus for ALL!

Say this chant on your own or as a family to remind you of ALL the ALLS in this week's Bible passage.

Jesus is **ALL** powerful

ALL for Jesus and Jesus for **ALL**

Go to **ALL** nations

ALL for Jesus and Jesus for **ALL**

Obey **ALL** things

ALL for Jesus and Jesus for **ALL**

Jesus is with us **ALL** days

ALL for Jesus and Jesus for **ALL!**



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