

WELCOME TO VLCC!

Thank you for joining us today!

Here at Valley Life, you're part of a family. We've made it easy for you to get connected with the Valley Life family through Connecting Events, Community Groups, Adult Classes, K.R.E.W., and Youth Group. These opportunities and many others are awesome ways to build great relationships and grow in faith. So, join us. We invite you to discover the adventure and celebrate your life in Jesus!

FOR OUR ONLINE SERVICE TODAY:

- The **PRAYER ZONE** is located at info@vlccidaho.org. Please email any praise or prayer concerns. This site is secure and confidential.
- Our **COMMUNICATION CARD** is a way for us to welcome our visitors, hear from our regular attenders with any change of address, phone, email, etc. Please visit our **Welcome Table** in the Lobby.

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Plugging in at Valley Life Community Church

Our walk with God is a lifelong journey and we don't get there overnight. Our mission at VLCC is to make this journey together. Though each person's steps are going to be different, the basics remain the same:

- ▶ **CONNECTING with God.** It all starts with a relationship with God. We strive to keep connecting with God and other believers through our weekly worship celebration and other opportunities for godly fellowship.
- ▶ **GROWING in Christ.** Once we connect with Him, we will want to grow to be like Him. Community Groups are the best way to grow at VLCC. We also offer classes on Sunday mornings and evening.
- ▶ **SERVING Others.** With Christ as our role model, serving flows as the next natural step. Serving displays our gratitude for what God has done for us. Joining a ministry team is a great way to serve here at VLCC.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
SUN 5/31	WORSHIP CELEBRATION DRIVE UP SERVICE/88.5FM	Worship Center Parking Lot	10:00 AM 10:00 AM
MON 6/01			
TUES 6/02	"THE CHOSEN" EPISODE 7 DISCUSSION TIME	Online	7:00 PM
WED 6/03	PRAYER TIME	Online	7:00 PM
THUR 6/04	PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL	Worship Center	6:30 PM
FRI 6/05	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	Online	6:00 AM
SAT 6/06			
SUN 6/07	WORSHIP/COMMUNION GRADUATE RECOGNITION DRIVE UP SERVICE /88.5FM	Worship Center Parking Lot	10:00 AM 10:00 AM



**Welcome to our
Worship Celebration!**

Welcome & Announcements

Songs of Praise

Message: Jim Evenhouse

Parting Blessing



May 31, 2020– 10:00 AM

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Go Tell!

Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:6-11

Focus

Jesus commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all people.

Faith Nurture Goals

- Describe different ways Jesus' followers obey his command to tell others about Jesus.
- Want to show others by our words and actions that we love Jesus.
- Pray for the people our church sends out to make disciples for Jesus.

Memory Challenge

Matthew 28:19-20

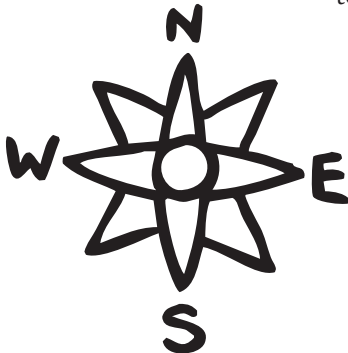
Reflection: Getting into the Story

You have spent these last few months telling the children about the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and then about how the gospel of Jesus exploded into the world. Today's passage is a great conclusion for the year.

It's interesting that in all the gospels, part of the message to the disciples is that they go to Galilee where the risen Lord will meet them, but it seems that for the most part they stick around Jerusalem. I wonder whether Galilee represents something like home or going back to regular life. Jesus meets his disciples, and us, in our regular life, at our day job, in family life.

The disciples gather on a mountain in Galilee. Remember that Matthew is the gospel with the "Sermon on the Mount." Was this the same mountain, and would Jesus now complete the message he began there? Matthew is honest enough to report that the disciples

"worshiped him; but some doubted." He may be referring to the story of Thomas told in John's gospel, but it's still startling to hear that some doubted. There's no condemnation of these doubting disciples, whoever they were. Disciples don't only believe, they also sometimes doubt.



Perhaps we lose the impact of Jesus' words here because we are so used to them. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." What an amazing statement! This little band of disciples who would soon be scattered and persecuted, but who would also grow, worship the one who has "all authority." We, too, in our sometimes struggling churches, worship the one who has "all authority." He is the risen and soon to be ascended Lord who sits at the right hand of the Father.

"Therefore," because he has universal authority, because he has the key to unlock the kingdom of heaven, "go." The one who has all authority is sending his disciples, and us. We go into the world not as beggars, hopeful that someone might listen. Instead, we go as ambassadors on assignment from the one with all authority. He goes ahead of us, opening people's hearts.

Go and do what? "Make disciples of all nations." Our job is not to make church members (or even Christians) or plant churches (not that these things aren't important). What Jesus is after are disciples, followers who do what he tells them to do. The first thing is to baptize them, which the early church seemed to do almost immediately, and then to teach them "to obey everything I have commanded you." Again the focus is not on what these people believe, but what they do—everything the Lord commands.

Here’s a simple game plan for the church: take orders from the one who has all authority, go to all nations (not just the people near and dear), and help people become genuine, obedient followers of Jesus.

Jesus closes his commission on the mount with words of comforting presence. “I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” The one with all authority is with us, and will be until this present age passes away and the new age dawns when Jesus Christ will be openly and visibly the Lord of all.

Wondering

- Why Galilee, and what is your Galilee?
- Are you a disciple?

Teaching

- Consider having your own “commissioning” for the class. Send them out in the name of the King to tell others the good news and to do what he commands.

General Materials

Each session of *Dwell* includes specific materials you’ll need for teaching it, such as printable pages or props to use for telling the story. In addition, you’ll want to keep a stash of the usual church school teaching supplies: Bibles, scissors, glue, markers, pens or pencils, newsprint/board, and the like, including a CD player or MP3 player and *DwellSongs*.

Session at a Glance

Steps	Time	Activities	Session-Specific Materials	Multiple Intelligences
Gathering for God’s Story	10	Opening Praise and prayer	<input type="checkbox"/> Song: “Go!” <input type="checkbox"/> GPS or compass, optional <input type="checkbox"/> World map or globe, optional <input type="checkbox"/> Story symbol, session 6 (printable page 56)	Aa
Entering the Story	8	Story	<input type="checkbox"/> Show and Share papers, session 6, one per child <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of a church-supported missionary, optional <input type="checkbox"/> Story symbol, session 6	Aa
Living into the Story	12	Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper pages (printable pages 68-71), print pages back to back, one set per child <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler	Aa
Living Out of the Story	15	“Go and Tell!” game Prayer	<input type="checkbox"/> Show and Share papers, session 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Coins, one per every 2-3 people <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of buttons or other game tokens, one per child	Aa

Step 1 Gathering for God’s Story

Note: If you’re not able to bring a compass or GPS to your classroom, find out which side of your room is the east side.

Welcome kids with a warm hello and invite them to see if they can figure out where the east side of the classroom is. If you have a window, remind them that the sun comes up in the east.

Show the kids the compass or a hand-held GPS if you brought one. Show them how to find out where north is. From that, they can figure out which way is east. Marvel at the gadgets we have to help us find our way. Help kids identify cities that are north, south, east, and west of your church.

Sit down and recall with your kids that before he went into heaven, Jesus told the disciples to go and tell the whole world—people everywhere—about him. That means that the disciples were to go to the north, south, east, and west to tell others about Jesus. Jesus wants us to do that too.

Tip

If possible, bring a compass to class. Likely few kids have seen or used one. Explain that it always points north, so no matter where you are in the world, you can orient yourself.

If you brought a world map or globe, show kids where Israel is. Point out that Jerusalem is in Israel. Help them identify whether you are closer by going east or west of Israel. Name and point out some of the other major countries. Note how large the world is—and how many people Jesus wants us to tell about him. That’s why we need so many missionaries who are willing to move away from home to go and tell about Jesus.

Open with prayer. Thank God for each one in the class and for all the people in the world. Ask Jesus to help us to go and tell people we know right here.

Break out in song, singing the Scripture song “Go!” Now would be a great time to do Easy Extra #1 with your kids if you have time.

Show today’s story symbol and ask kids to describe what they see, especially if you did not have a compass earlier. Tell them to be thinking about why it is a good symbol for this week’s story.

Step 2 Entering the Story

Open your Bible and show the kids the book of Matthew and also the book of Acts. Tell them that Matthew was one of Jesus’ disciples. Acts is a book about what happened after Jesus ascended into heaven. It was written by a doctor named Luke, who traveled with Paul, who was a great missionary. In fact, Paul took several missionary trips, led by the Holy Spirit. He was sent north and south and east and west to tell the good news of Jesus! Explain that the stories you will be reading together come from the Bible books of Matthew and Acts.

Hand out the papers and turn to the back page. Before beginning, greet the story together:

Storyteller: Your word is a lamp to my feet

Listeners: and a light for my path.

Tell kids that these portions of the Bible are parts of God’s big story. Have kids read the text, perhaps by asking volunteers to read various verses.

- Before reading the Matthew portion, point out that this was written by Matthew.
- Before reading the Acts portion, point out that this is Luke’s account of the discussion Jesus had with his disciples when they met for the last time. Note that each writer has some of the same information as well as a few different details. Point out that that is no different than if you asked two different people to tell what happened in class today—they would remember or highlight different things too.

After the reading, have someone reread Matthew 28:17 (second and third sentences on the page). Ask why some disciples still weren’t absolutely sure Jesus was God’s Son. (*Pause for responses.*) After a time of discussion, point out how amazing and miraculous were the things Jesus said and did. Wonder if perhaps after he was gone, they shook their heads, wondering if it all really happened.

Re★formed

Note that evangelism is not a sales job in which we persuade people to listen to our message. It is a message from the King with all authority, and what he asks is obedience, doing what he commanded. It will surprise you how many people’s hearts the Lord has already prepared to hear those orders.

Then show the story symbol for this session. Ask kids to recall Jesus’ command, and then tell why it is a great symbol to help us remember the story.

Ask someone to reread Acts 1:6 (first line). Remind kids that Jesus’ disciples had all hoped that Jesus would be an earthly king. When he died, they gave up that hope. But now that he was alive, it sounds as if they think he still might become the king of Israel and sit on an earthly throne. Ask them to tell how Jesus answered that question. (*Pause for responses.*)

Tell kids that Jesus calls us to tell others too. Ask them if they want to tell others about Jesus. Ask volunteers to share a time when they told someone about Jesus or invited someone to church. If your church supports some missionaries, share their names and, if you have them, photos. Tell a bit about where they work if you are able.

Close with a leaning prayer. Have kids sit back-to-back in pairs, leaning against each other. Your prayer might go something like this:

Dear Jesus, thank you that we are your children. We lean on each other because we are part of your family. Help us to pray for each other. Help us want to tell others about you. Thank you for loving us! We close by asking you to bless [*name of missionary your church supports*]. **Amen.**

Step 3 Living into the Story

Before the session begins, staple each set of double-sided newspaper pages together.

Hand out the newspapers. Read the paper front to back. After each of the articles, pause to talk about it. Ask questions such as the following:

- **What is this person(s) doing to tell others about Jesus?**
- **Why or how is this a good way to share the good news of Jesus?**
- **Does this sound like something you could do? If not now, some-day?**
- **Does this story make it sound like sharing the good news of Jesus can be fun?**

At the end, talk about how these people shared the good news in different ways. Each person did it in his or her own way. That's what Jesus wants us to do—think about ways that we can do it.

If there's time, have kids color the pictures in the newspaper.

Faith Modeling

Share with your group a time you have felt led by the Holy Spirit to invite someone to church or to share the gospel in some way—a great way to help kids understand that you too want to share the good news of Jesus.

Step 4 Living Out the Story

Divide the class into groups of two or three. Give each group a Show and Share paper and a coin, and give each child a small button or other game token.

Invite kids to open their papers to the “Go and Tell!” game. (Though much of the content is about this session, there are also questions from previous sessions.) Before kids begin, read through the directions together so everyone knows how to play.

Close the session with the following prayer. Invite kids to respond with **We thank you, Lord!** after each line:

For the Holy Spirit you sent to be with us,
We thank you, Lord!

For the Holy Spirit who helps us believe in Jesus,
We thank you, Lord!

For the Holy Spirit who helps us tell others about Jesus,
We thank you, Lord!

For the Holy Spirit who guides our lives,
We thank you, Lord!
Amen.

Tip

Allow visiting kids or those who have missed several sessions to have a “phone a friend” option while playing the game—if they are stuck for an answer they can ask one other person for hints to help them answer correctly.

Tip

Add your phone number or email address to the front page of each paper and encourage kids (with parental permission) to call, email, or text you when they get home to let you know how the people in their cars did: Good, Great, or The Greatest!

Before kids leave, look at the front page of the Show and Share paper. Read the instructions for how to do the page with the people in their cars. Challenge them to play it on the way home. Remember to give each one a copy of the newspaper and encourage them to read it with their families.

Easy Extras

1. Arrival Activity: Memory Texting

Time: 5-7 minutes

Materials: text message cards (printable page 59 or 60), cut apart; timer, optional

Tell kids that these cards are written as text messages—which is appropriate because the Memory Challenge is a message to the disciples and us from Jesus.

Shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the table. Have each person pick up a card, read it, and then show it to the others. Ask the person with the first card to set it down on a ledge or table. Kids will come and add their cards in sequence until the text is complete. Have kids read the message together when it is complete.

Then divide the group into two teams and repeat the activity, timing each group. Take two or three cards out of the pile as you shuffle them. Repeat the activity and see if the group can fill in the missing words.

2. Placemats

This activity can be substituted for Step 3: Living into the Story.

Time: 10-12 minutes

Materials: white or light-colored construction paper, one sheet per person; clear contact paper; markers; scissors

Before the session begins, cut two pieces of contact paper for each placemat that are about 1" (2.5 cm) larger on all sides than the paper.

Distribute construction paper and markers. Invite kids to draw a picture of Jesus telling his disciples to go and tell others about him. Encourage them to write a caption for their pictures—"Go and Tell!" When they have finished the drawing, help kids cover both sides of the pictures with contact paper and trim as necessary, leaving a small border of contact paper around the edges. Round the corners to eliminate sharp edges.

Tip

If this is your last session together, consider writing each child a personal note to express your appreciation for the time you have spent together this year. Write at least one thing that is special about each child and promise to pray for each one.

3. Global Celebration

Time: 10 minutes

Materials: child-safe knives or spreaders, plates, juice boxes or cups and water, plain round cookies, blue and green icing

Talk about how we're called by Jesus to spread the good news of the Bible around the earth—and then share an earth shaped snack! Invite kids to spread their cookie with green and blue icing to create an edible globe. (If possible, allow them to make an extra one to share with a family member or someone else with whom they'd like to share today's story.)

4. Church Missionaries

Time: 10 minutes

Materials: pictures of missionaries supported by your church or denomination

Gather pictures (and other items that may be available from your church office) to share with your group, or invite someone from your church who is connected with the missionaries to visit your group and share photos, letters, or videos about the missionaries' work.

Be sure to close by praying for each missionary your church supports. If possible, send kids home with a picture of one of them, encouraging them to pray for that person(s) every day this week.

<p>Therefore go + make</p>	<p>+ of the Holy Spirit,</p>
<p>disciples of all nations,</p>	<p>+ teaching them 2 obey</p>
<p>baptizing them N the</p>	<p>everything I have commanded U.</p>
<p>name of the Father</p>	<p>+ surely I M with U always</p>
<p>+ of the Son</p>	<p>2 the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20, NIV)</p>

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<p>disciples of all nations,</p>	<p>everything that I have</p>
<p>baptizing them N the</p>	<p>commanded U. And remember,</p>
<p>name of the Father + of</p>	<p>I M with U always,</p>
<p>the Son + of the Holy Spirit,</p>	<p>2 the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20, NRSV)</p>

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Jesus' Name Goes Worldwide

Something to Talk About

Meet DeMar. DeMar is a missionary on his own street. When he and his friend Jacob hang out together after school, they sometimes talk about God.

Sometimes Jacob says things about God that aren't true. One time he told DeMar, "God is dumb." DeMar feels sad that Jacob thinks and talks like that.

DeMar has invited Jacob to come to church with him. And DeMar has also given Jacob one of his own Bible storybooks. He wants Jacob to learn more about what God is really like.

One day DeMar asked his dad how to help Jacob learn to know Jesus. DeMar's dad told him to keep on being a good friend to Jacob, no matter what. He encouraged DeMar to introduce Jacob to some of DeMar's Christian friends so he could get to know other people who follow Jesus. And he told DeMar to keep inviting Jacob to church.

DeMar prays for Jacob too. He asks the Holy Spirit to work in Jacob's heart. And DeMar asks Jesus to help him be a good friend to Jacob.



Whoops! We incorrectly reported the following in yesterday's paper: "A missionary in Uganda reported that the church service attacked 438 people."

It should have read: . . . the church service attracted 438 people." We regret the error.

Weather Forecast for Today:
Warmer than yesterday!



Barrel of Clothes Shipped to Liberia!

What does shipping a barrel of clothes to Liberia have to do with spreading the good news about Jesus? “Everything!” says Marlene, a member of The Journey Christian Church. Marlene, her family, and some others from her church spend time each week with people who are new to their city. Many of these new people have come from faraway countries. Places where there was war or where there was no work and not enough food for their families. Some of the people are Muslim. Some of the people know Jesus. Some do not believe in God at all.

The people from The Journey make the newcomers feel welcome. They eat a meal together, play games, and help them learn to speak English. They teach them how to use the city bus—and ride it with them the first time! They also tell them that Jesus loves them very much.

One of the women Marlene has met has a brother in Liberia. His wife died and he is raising their five children on his own and does not have enough money to provide for them. When Marlene heard that her new friend was planning to send him a barrel of supplies, she offered to

help. Marlene told families at her church about the barrel. Kids from The Journey looked in their closets and found clothes they could give to help fill the barrel. They also began to pray for the family in Liberia and the sister who lives in Canada.

Filling a barrel with clothes was an unusual way to show Jesus’s love, but Marlene and her friends from church were happy to help! Marlene says it’s important to always be on the look-out for ways to show and tell others how much Jesus loves them!



Good News from the Basketball Court

Most people aren't surprised to hear that Dan loves basketball and has travelled all over the world to play the game. After all—he's 6 feet, 5 inches tall! What does surprise people though is that as much as Dan loves to play basketball, his favorite thing to do is tell people about Jesus.

To say thank you to God, Dan tries to be obedient—to do what God wants us to do. And that includes obeying the job Jesus gave us in Matthew 28 when he told the disciples to tell the good news about him to people everywhere. Dan says we must tell others that Jesus died for their sins too.

"How will the people of the world find out about Jesus if we don't tell them?" he asks.

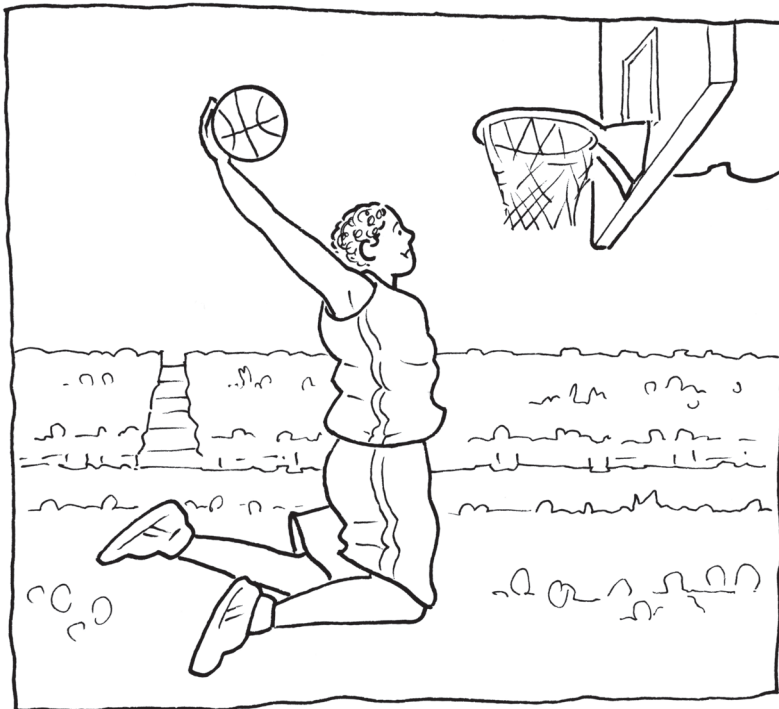
Dan points out that Jesus tells us where to go (to the entire world) and what to do (tell the good news about Jesus), but he does not tell us how to do it. That's because there are many ways to tell people about Jesus.

So Dan uses his basketball ability to spread the news. He plays on a Christian team that travels around the world. During halftime at their games, Dan does basketball tricks to get people's attention. Then he tells them that he loves Jesus. He tells them how they

can learn more about Jesus. Dan says it makes him happy when people sign up to study the Bible and learn more about Jesus.

"I love Jesus more than anything else," says Dan. "I am a Christian; I believe in Jesus. When Jesus died on the cross long ago, he died for my sins, for all the things I've done wrong. Jesus is my Savior."

Places where Dan has played basketball and shared God's love:
Philippine Islands, El Salvador, Argentina, Chile, Zimbabwe, the United States.



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