

WEEK 3: The Great Commission

Big Idea: Jesus gives us a job: go and make disciples.

HANGOUT

1. Choose one person and ask them to wait outside of your group's space. Gather the rest of the kids to sit in a large circle on the floor. Choose a leader to begin the game. Explain that everyone will watch for, then copy this person's actions (e.g., tapping knees, clapping, waving a hand, etc.). The person who left the room will try to guess the identity of the leader, so everyone must be subtle about watching for new actions. Allow them to practise briefly before bringing the guesser to stand in the middle of the circle. Depending on the size of your group, give them up to three guesses. If they identify the leader, that person becomes the new guesser. Continue playing until everyone who wants to lead gets a chance to do so.
2. Introduce this week's Big Idea: **Jesus gives us a job: go and make disciples**. Explain that a disciple is someone who wants to learn about Jesus and imitate, or copy, Jesus' way of living. Work together to come up with some ideas for ways we could copy Jesus.

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

HEAR

3. Look up and read about the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20. If you have confident readers in your group, encourage some of the kids to read.
4. Discuss:
 - Who left for Galilee? (the eleven disciples)
 - Where did they go? (to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go)
 - What did they do when they saw him? (worshipped Jesus—but some of them doubted!)
 - What does it mean to doubt? (being unsure if something is true)
 - What do you think the disciples doubted? (Jesus' resurrection, or coming alive again)
 - What did Jesus say to his disciples in verse 18?
 - What does it mean that Jesus has "all authority"? (Jesus is in charge of everything on heaven and earth)
 - What special job did Jesus give to his disciples that day? (to go and make more disciples!)
5. Let the kids know that Jesus was talking to us, too! We are to go and make disciples by telling other people what we know about Jesus. Discuss:
 - Who has shared about Jesus with you?
 - Who have you told about Jesus?

HUDDLE

6. Take turns practising sharing about Jesus in partners or as a group. Use the following questions as a guide:
 - Who is Jesus?
 - What are some of the cool things that Jesus did or taught?
 - If you could say just one thing to someone about Jesus, what would it be?
7. Pray, "Thank you, Jesus, for teaching us about what it means to be your disciples. Thank you for giving us the job of helping other people learn about you. We love you! Amen."

