

Be, Make, Send

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19a *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations”*

Teachers: We will have all of the kids (1st-5th grade) remain in the Summit Room for our main lesson today. We are going to mix it up this weekend and do something a little different. We will introduce our lesson teaching about our church’s mission statement, **“Be, Make, Send”** and how that is derived from the Great Commission. We will also have a video or two, but what will make this lesson unique is we are going to invite a panel of leaders up front who will be ready to answer some questions about their experiences Being, Making, and Sending disciples of Jesus Christ. Below are some of the questions that will be asked:

- 1) Who was it that first reached out to you and told you about Jesus and how did they do it?
- 2) How has becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ changed your life?
- 3) How do you think others see a difference in your life now?
- 4) Who is someone that you have told about Jesus Christ recently?
- 5) Why is it important to tell others about Jesus Christ?
- 6) Have you ever sent a missionary or gone to visit any of our church missionaries?

Introduction:

We will start off with a quick video about the Great Commission:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbzIEYALSpY>

Q: What does it mean to be on a mission? A: You are charged with a good and special assignment. A fireman is on mission to rescue people from a burning home. A doctor is on mission to cure someone of a disease.

Guess what? Everyone who is a follower of Jesus Christ is part of the Great Co-Mission to win people into the family of God. In fact, our church, has a mission statement: **Be, Make, Send!**

Let’s look at what Jesus said here and see where our church mission statement comes from.

Classroom Time Afterwards: Below are some ideas to go deeper with your kids after the lesson:

- 1) There is a megaphone craft for 1st/2nd grade classes
- 2) Ask your kids what was the most interesting thing they heard from one of the speakers.
- 3) Share an interesting story of your own experience “Being, Making, or Sending”.
- 4) See the quiz on the last page of the lesson. Consider splitting the class up into two teams and have kids from each team taking turns facing off. We have some bells and buzzers to make it fun so ask us if you’d like to use those, but be sure they don’t just become toys. :D

Bible Study:

Matthew 28:18: After Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again, He had one final word to His followers before He ascended to heaven. He starts by saying He has ALL authority.

Q: What does Jesus mean when He says He has ALL authority? A: It means He is the boss, the King! He answers to NO ONE!

As we have read through the Psalms, we have learned amazing things about God. Back in **Psalm 95:3**, it described God as '*the great God and King*'. Jesus is saying here that He is that same great God and King that we learned about all throughout the Psalms! He, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit, is our great Creator and Savior!

Matthew 28:19-20a: Since He is the King, now we learn what He wants His followers to do: Make more disciples!

Q: What is a disciple? A: Someone who wants to think, feel, and live like their teacher/leader. Christian disciples love Jesus so much that they want to think, feel, and live like just like Him, the great God and King of the whole world. We live our lives in such a way that others will know that we are disciples of Jesus Christ!

Notice that disciples are to get baptized and to be taught ALL of what Jesus said.

Q: Where do we learn about what Jesus said and taught? A: The Bible! Disciples are those who are hungry to read and learn about Jesus from the Bible.

This is what it means to **BE** a disciple.

Q: How do you think we make disciples? A: As we live more and more like Jesus, we tell others about Him! **It starts by making friends with people.** Then we might invite them to church, ask them if they know who Jesus is, pray for them and ask them how you can pray for them.

This is what it looks like to **MAKE** disciples.

Jesus said to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. Jesus is for everyone! That means that Jesus **SENDS** us out. Sometimes it is across the street to our neighbor, sometimes it is across an ocean to a different country.

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Matthew 28:20b: Finally, Jesus says that He will be with them and us. That is why this is called the Great Co-Mission. We are ALL on this mission together and Jesus will help us! *

So since we are all in this together, I would like to call up a few of our leaders and ask them a few questions about their experiences as BE-ing, MAKE-ing, and SEND-ing disciples.

True/False Quiz:

- Jesus has given every believer a mission. (T)
- The name of this mission is called “The Great *Addition*” (F)
- Our church’s mission statement, taken from the Great Commission, is “**Be, Make, Blend**”. (F)
- Our Bible memory verse is taken from the gospel of Matthew. (T)
- All believers should be baptized. (T)
- Jesus died for some of our sins, but not the really bad one’s. (F)
- A follower of Jesus is called a disciple. (T)
- A disciple of Jesus Christ has to be really good to make it into heaven. (F)
- Disciples learn all that Jesus taught from the Bible. (T)
- It is not important to tell others about Jesus. (F)
- One of the best ways to start making disciples is to make friends with other people. (T)
- Making disciples is only for pastors and important people in the church. (F)
- The last several weeks we have studied the book of Psalms. (T)
- Telling others about Jesus is important because He is the only way to have our sins forgiven. (T)
- Jesus wants you to talk to your friends about Him this week. (T)

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Lesson Theme: “Be, Make, Send”

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

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Teachers/Parents: The mission statement of our church is “**Be, Make, Send**” and we unpacked what this means for the kids this weekend. This mission statement is derived from the Great Commission and we challenged your kids to accept this as their personal mission from Jesus. After we taught through our Scripture we had a panel of speakers share some of their experiences Being, Making, and Sending disciples. Ask your kids about one thing they heard that was interesting to them.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Read **Matthew 28:18**. What did Jesus say he had over heaven and earth? How do you think that truth should effect how we live our lives?
- 2) In class we talked about how a disciple is someone who loves their teacher/leader so much that they want to think, feel, and live just like them. Is that how you view Jesus Christ?
- 3) Our church’s mission statement is “BE, MAKE, SEND.” First BE a disciple, then MAKE disciples, and SEND them. What do you think it looks like to BE a disciple of Jesus Christ?
- 4) Read **Matthew 28:19**. What are some ways that you can go and MAKE disciples? Who can you talk to about Jesus this week?
- 5) Why do you think it is important to MAKE disciples and not ignore this command of Jesus?
- 6) **Matthew 28:20** describes a very important part of being a disciple. What is it? Where can we learn and observe all of the things that Jesus commands us?
- 7) In the second half of **Matthew 28:20** Jesus reminds us of a very important fact that we are to keep in mind as we consider going and making disciples. What is that? Read **John 15:5** for a hint.
- 8) Do you know any missionaries that have been SENT? Pray for them right now as a family. If not, consider picking up one of our missionary cards and “adopt” a missionary that you can pray for and support.