



# LIFE & MINISTRY OF JESUS

Unit 10 • Jesus Commissions

## UNIT DESCRIPTION

Unit Ten is the culmination of Christ's ministry on earth and the beginning of the church age. Jesus commissioned, i.e., charged with authority, His disciples to continue His work until His return and promised that they would be empowered by the Holy Spirit. He assured the disciples, "Lo I am with you always." After instructing His disciples, He ascended through the clouds to Heaven. The work He began on earth continues as His followers believe, "Lo I am with you always" and heed the imperative to "be His witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Christ will return when His followers accomplish the task of reaching all peoples.



# THE MASTER PLAN

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## Concept

Jesus commissioned the church to go and make disciples.

## Goal

Students will learn what it means to be disciples of Jesus.

## Passage

Matthew 28:18-20

Key Verse: "Go... and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you... And surely I am with you always, to the very end..." Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

## Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies	Craft Supplies
<p><b>Activity Stations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Dominos</i></li></ul> <p><b>Learning Activity #1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Briefcase* (teachers please bring)</i></li><li>• Sucker</li><li>• <i>CD player</i></li><li>• <i>9" x 12" manila envelope</i></li><li>• <i>Mission Possible CD</i></li><li>• <i>"011 Mission Possible" instructions</i></li><li>• <i>Bible</i></li></ul> <p><b>Learning Activity #2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two suitcases* (teachers please bring)</li><li>• Pictures of a Bible for half the class</li><li>• Globe scrolls made in Activity Station</li></ul>	<p><b>Activity Stations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper clips, 1/student</li><li>• Printed sheet with globes and key verse, 1 globe/student</li><li>• Scissors</li><li>• Markers</li></ul>

### \*TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE

For clarity, the italicized areas in the Planning Ahead section indicate supplies that are in—and should be returned to—your classroom SHARED SUPPLY bag.

# Background Information/Teacher Helps

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Jesus commanded his disciples to go, make disciples, baptize, and teach in Matthew 28:18-20. He made these commands as He prepared to leave them with the ongoing work of bringing the message of salvation to all people. It is only with the belief in the promise of the Holy Spirit to empower, help and guide us that His work will be continued.

The basis of missionary appeals is the authority of Jesus Christ, not the needs of the heathen. We are apt to look upon Our Lord as One Who assists us in our enterprises for God. Our Lord puts Himself as the absolute sovereign supreme Lord over His disciples. He does not say the heathen will be lost if we do not go; He simply says—'Go ye therefore and teach all nations.' Go on the revelation of My sovereignty; teach and preach out of a living experience of Me."<sup>[1]</sup>

"Jesus Christ did not say—Go and save souls (the salvation of souls is the supernatural work of God), but "Go and teach," i.e., disciple, "all nations," and you cannot make disciples unless you are a disciple yourself...

"The one great challenge is—Do I know my Risen Lord? Do I know the power of His indwelling Spirit? Am I wise enough in God's sight, and foolish enough according to the world, to bank on what Jesus Christ has said, or am I abandoning the great supernatural position, which is the only call for a missionary, viz., boundless confidence in Christ Jesus? If I take up any other method I depart altogether from the methods laid down by Our Lord—'All power is given unto Me..., therefore go ye.'"<sup>[2]</sup>

This work continues today and will continue until the day of Christ. In Oasis each week you have the privilege of participation in the great work of introducing children to Christ and imparting His life and truth to them. As you depend on Christ's indicative "lo, I am with you always," you can trust in His authority and power to obey His imperatives.

[1] Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest, 1963, Oswald Chambers Publications Assoc., Ltd., October 14th.

[2] Ibid, October 27th.

## Set Up

Before class: Put the key verse, "011 Mission Possible" instructions and the CD in the 9" x 12" manila envelope. Put the envelope, Bible, and sucker in the briefcase. Hide the briefcase in the room next to the CD player and plug in the player.

## Incorporation Lg. Group

### Activity Stations:

- **Craft – Globe Scroll**

- **Instructions:** Give each student a paper clip and a printed globe with the key verse. Cut out the globe, roll it up as a scroll and secure it with the paper clip. Have interested students make several so that there will be some for late-comers. Each student needs one for the "Suitcase Grab" game. Collect all scrolls before the lesson begins.

- **Game – Domino Multiplication**

- **Instructions:** Help the students create a domino design to illustrate the idea of multiplication. Round 1, begin with one domino. Round 2, add 2 dominos to the first domino. Round 3, add 2 dominos to each of the last 2. Continue in the same way for 2 more rounds. Count and remember the number of dominos. (There will be 31.) Start over with another design. Round 1, begin with one domino. Round 2, add 2 dominos to the first domino. Round 3, add 2 dominos to the first domino, Round 4, add 2 dominos to the first domino. Round 5, add 2 dominos to the first domino. Yes, it will be a challenge to get 8 dominos around one domino! After five rounds, count the number of dominos. (There will be 9.) Discuss with the students that this is an illustration of the difference between just telling people about Jesus and making disciples. Recreate the designs as you explain the concept. In the first design, pretend this one domino is one person. The one person becomes a disciple, tells two others about Jesus and teaches them to be disciples of Jesus. Each of those two people tells two others about Jesus and teaches them to be disciples of Jesus and on and on. We began with one domino again in the second design. Pretend that one domino is one person. The one will tell two others about Jesus. Then the same person will tell two more people about Jesus. And again the same person will tell two more people about Jesus and the fifth time the same person will tell two more people about Jesus. In this illustration the one person worked very hard but was only able to tell 8 others about Jesus. But 31 people became disciples in the first illustration because each disciple taught 2 to others to be disciples. So if we make disciples, the disciples will go out and teach others to also be disciples. Thus, the good news of Jesus' love will be spread much faster across the world.

## Learning Activity#1 Lg. Group

**Drama** -- "agent 011," (pronounced "oh - eleven") presented by teachers

**Instructions:** Have a teacher present this and ham it up for fun for the students.

Before He went back to heaven, Jesus gave the disciples instructions about what He wants us to do until He returns. He not only left instructions but the power to carry them out as well. Wait, who's this? Let's watch—he seems to be doing something important. Maybe we can learn something.

**Props:** Briefcase, which contains a Bible, a sucker and a large envelope with key verse, instructions and a CD; CD player.

*Agent 011 enters holding some notes, crosses the room, goes directly to the briefcase and the CD player hidden in the room and pulls out the envelope.*

*He draws the CD from the envelope and pops it in the player while chomping on the sucker. He plays the CD so everyone can hear.*

**Tape/CD:** Well-done, Agent 011, you have located the instructions for your next mission. Listen carefully. Agent 011, our leader J.C. has an important mission for you. Are you willing?

**Agent 011:** I sure am, boss. I'll do anything he asks.

**Tape:** Good, I knew we could count on you! The instructions J.C. left for you and the other agents are this: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you... And surely I am with you always, to the very end"

**Agent 011:** Right, chief! I'm ready for the details.

**Tape:** We're all counting on you, 011; good luck. For security reasons, this tape will self-erase in 15 seconds. Details are in the accompanying folder; good luck. See you in heaven, Agent 011!

**Agent 011:** *(Excited)* Wait! Go therefore, where? What's a disciple? What are J.C.'s commands?

**Agent 011:** *(Discouraged)* Oh, I hate it when he cuts me off like that. I never know how to go about these missions. I never get enough instructions. But, I do know how to start. I'm going to pray and God will help me figure this out. God, this is 011, but you know my real identity – just (teacher's real name). I can't do this mission alone, you know. I need your help. Please give me a clue how to start making disciples. How do I teach them to observe what you commanded? I'm not too good at that myself, you know. Please help me, God.

# Learning Activity#1 Continued

*silence waiting for answer*

Oh, look in the envelope. Right! Thanks!

*notice the class*

**Agent 011:** Oh, hi there, did you come to help? Boy, God works fast! Well, let's see what is in this envelope.

*pull out the key verse and hang it on the whiteboard*

**Agent 011:** The enclosed Bible will help you understand the instructions.

*Pull out the Bible*

## Transition

Let's look up the verse and read the instructions here in this envelope to figure out what it means.

## Lesson Lg. Group

**Instructions:** Use the "011 Mission Possible" instruction sheet from the manila envelope for the LESSON. Content is shown below so you can prepare.

### "011 Mission Possible" Instructions

#### "Go"

Where? Look up Acts 1:8. Oh good that narrows it down a lot.... Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the remotest parts of the earth? That is everywhere in the world! He must be kidding! I'm going to need help. I can't do this myself. This is going to take a lot of people and a lot of time. I'll read on, maybe there are some specifics in here.

#### "Make disciples"

What's a disciple? (A disciple is someone who is eager to learn and willing to follow a leader.) So I guess this is talking about becoming a disciple of Jesus.

#### Good News

So, first you have to know and admit that you are a sinner who needs forgiveness from God. Because Jesus' death on the cross was payment for all sin, you can ask His death to pay for your sin. When you do that you receive God's forgiveness and can decide to become a disciple of Jesus. Once you become a disciple you can help others become disciples. How do you do this? Someone look up Matthew 5:1,2; Luke 6:40; 2 Timothy 2:2, 1 Thessalonians 2:8. (Read the verses.) You teach God's truth from the Bible, show others the love of Jesus, and sacrifice in whatever ways you need to.

## Lesson Continued

### **“of all nations”**

That's different cultures all over the world – right?

### **“Baptizing them...”**

Baptism is a way for a disciple to publicly tell others that he has asked Jesus into his life and wants to live for Him.

### **“and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”**

We teach others to obey all Jesus commanded by studying God's Word with them and showing them by example how to live like Christ. As we grow in dependence and faith we will be better able to encourage and motivate others to follow Christ.

### **“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”**

We are not alone! God is not leaving it all up to us! This mission is only possible if God's behind it! The more we learn to depend on Him, the better we will be at telling others about Christ and making disciples.

To put it all together... “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20). The bottom line is that we live our lives showing and telling others about the love of Jesus.

## Transition

Sometimes we go next door or across the street or across town. Some people even pack their suitcases and move across the world to tell others about the love of Jesus and teach them to do the same. Let's play a relay game that will remind us to go and make disciples of all nations.

### **Game-- Suitcase Grab**

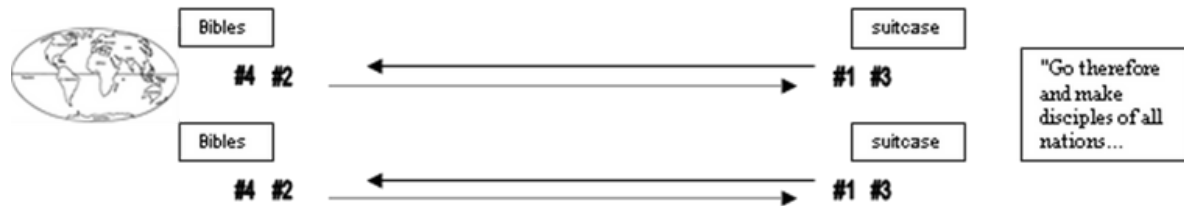
**Instructions:** Divide the class into two teams. Each team will station half their members under the key verse and the other half across the room under the globe. The “key verse” agents start with a suitcase full of the scrolls made in the Activity Station – 1 for each team member. The “globe” part of the team has a stack of Bibles – 1 for each player on that side. When the teacher says “start,” agent #1 from each “key verse” group takes a scroll out of the suitcase, runs across the room with the suitcase, hands it to the agent #2 and joins the back of the line on the “globe” side. Agent #2 must open the case, remove a scroll, put a Bible in the suitcase, run it back to Agent #3, and sit down at the back of the line. Agent #3 must remove a scroll, close the suitcase, run to the other side, hand it to Agent #4 and sit down at the back of the line. Repeat until all members of the team have a scroll to take home and the Bibles are packed in the suitcase.

## Learning Activity# 2 Lg. Group

## Learning Activity#2 Continued

The whole team sits down and together reads the message inside the scroll. The team that finishes first is the winner. Everyone will keep his/her scroll.

**Note: if there are not enough Bibles, printed pictures of a Bible will be provided and can be used instead.**



## Transition

Remember our key verse. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you... And surely I am with you always, to the very end" (Matthew 28:19-20). How do we become disciples and how do we make disciples? Let's get into small groups to talk about it.

### Discussion Questions:

- What is a disciple? (A disciple is a student, eager to learn and willing to follow a leader.)
- How do we become disciples of Jesus?
- Do you want to be a disciple of Jesus? Why?
- To be able to be disciples like Jesus, we need to know what He is like. Who can tell me some things you know about Jesus? (Suggestions: loved God, a good friend, always thought of the needs of others before His own needs, took time to talk to others about God and God's love.)
- So then, what are some ways you show that you are a disciple of Jesus? (Suggestions: talk to a new person in Oasis class; give up some time with friends to help mom, dad or a neighbor with a job; play with a younger brother or sister so mom or dad can have some time to read or take a nap; choose to let your friend go first in a game; choose to be generous rather than selfish.)

**Mission Prayer:** Talk about and pray for Oasis Giving campaign.

Let's pray and thank God that He has given us such important work to do and that through His Holy Spirit He will be with us and give us everything we need to be His disciples and to make disciples of all the nations.

## Learning Activity#3 Sm. Groups