

**LIFE OF CHRIST**  
from the gospel of  
**Mark**

**LESSON 47**

**JESUS GIVES  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**MARK 16:15-20**

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### Younger Verse

And you will be my witnesses from one end of the earth to the other.

Acts 1:8

### Older Verse

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. . . . And you will be my witnesses from one end of the earth to the other.

Acts 1:8

### Lesson Goals

**Learn the importance of Jesus' last words to His disciples**  
**Learn that Jesus returned to Heaven to sit at God's right hand**  
**Recognize that it is our job to share the Good News of Christ**

### Opener

*If you knew you wouldn't see someone for a long time, would you want to say words that they would remember? Before Jesus left His disciples and returned to Heaven, He said some words He wanted them to remember and follow.*

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jesus appeared to His disciples after He rose from the dead. They had a hard time believing He was really alive again! Jesus stayed with them for 40 days. They probably loved having Jesus with them again. But then, it was time for Jesus to return to Heaven to be with His Father. He had completed the work He had come for—to die on the cross for the sins of all people, and to rise again.

But before Jesus left the disciples, He had one last set of instructions for them to follow. What do you think it was? He said, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all people. Everyone who believes in me and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe in me will not be saved. Those who believe in me will be able to do great things in my name.”

So Jesus reminded His disciples what was necessary for a person to receive eternal life. He also stressed the importance of baptism. After a person receives Christ in their life, it is important for them to be baptized. This is a way to show the world that the person has become a Christian. It is a chance for them to obey God by telling the world what they believe!

After Jesus finished speaking, He was taken up into Heaven and sat next to God on His right side. Then the disciples went out and shared the Good

News with everyone around them. God used them to do many of the amazing things He told them they would be able to do.

**God wants everyone to hear and experience how much He loves them.** Jesus came to show us that. Jesus prepared His disciples to be able to do all the things He did. The disciples carried out Jesus' instructions. They taught others to do the same. Now the message has been brought to you. **What are you going to do with the message you have heard today about Jesus?**

God wants everyone to know about Him. And He has chosen us to spread the Good News! Are we ready? How do we get ready?

First, we must be right with God. We need to make sure we have received Christ into our hearts. Romans 10:9 says that if you say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. That same chapter reminds us that if we don't tell people about Jesus, how will they hear about Him?

**Review Questions**

1. What did Jesus say to His disciples before He went back to Heaven?  
(He told them to go and tell others the good news.)
2. What does a person need to do after they receive Christ?  
(Get baptized.)
3. Where did Jesus sit when He returned to Heaven? (at God's right hand)

**Prayer Time**

Pray that we will be good witnesses of the Good News of Jesus.

**Life Application**

Did you know there are people all around us who do not know Jesus loves them? It seems hard to imagine, but it is true. That is why Jesus gave us the command to go and tell others about Him. It takes all of us to reach this world for Christ. We are all in different places and see different people every day. So wherever we go, we need to remember to take the love of Jesus with us—and share it!

Think of someone that needs to know about Jesus' love and forgiveness. Pray for the boldness to share and that the Holy Spirit will give you the right words to share. John 3:16 is always a good place to start!

Planning for Lesson 48  
Jesus' Power Displayed  
Selected passages in Mark

## Preschool Lesson For Jesus Gives Instructions

*Bring a map or globe.*

Okay children, what is this I have with me? (Hold up the globe or map.) Jesus gave some pretty important instructions to us and the disciples about the earth we live in. Many people live on earth. God wants everyone to know how much He loves them.

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Then Jesus told them one more thing that had to do with this globe I have. He told them to go and tell as many people as they could about the Good News that He was alive. (Point to the different countries.) That way, more and more people can know how much God loves them.

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(Sing to the tune “He’s got the whole world in His hands.”)

Tell the whole world...about God’s love.

Tell the whole world...about God’s love.

Tell the whole wide world...about God’s love.

Tell the whole world about God’s love.

Tell the Mama’s and the Papa’s

“ “ little bitty babies

“ “ people all around you

## **Hands-on Activities for Jesus Gives Instructions**

Get a helium balloon. Assemble the group outside and let the balloon go into the sky. As the kids watch, let them talk about what Jesus' friends must have felt when Jesus did the same thing.

Bring bubbles. Let the children blow bubbles into the sky and think about how Jesus is in Heaven now.

Play the game "Telephone." Start with today's memory verse, then let the kids think of other Scriptures to pass around the circle. Talk about how we can share God's Word with others.

Bring a globe or map of the world. Have the children point out places that they have heard of. Talk about missionaries and how they go to places and tell people about Jesus. Pray for the missionaries throughout the world.

Bring a copy of a world map or globe for each student. Have them decorate and write the Bible verse on it. Tell them to hang the maps on their wall at home to remind them to pray for missionaries—and to *be* a missionary!

Bring a small tub of water and several small stones. After the lesson, take the kids outside and let them drop a stone in the water and watch the rippling of the water. Talk about how our lives can make ripples in the world around us when we share Christ with someone, then they share it with someone else, etc.

The Holy Spirit is our power source for sharing Christ with others. Bring a flashlight. Try to use it without batteries. Then put the batteries in it and let a student turn it on. Talk about how our lives need the "Power Source" of the Holy Spirit to make a difference and reach people for Christ.

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Acts 1:8



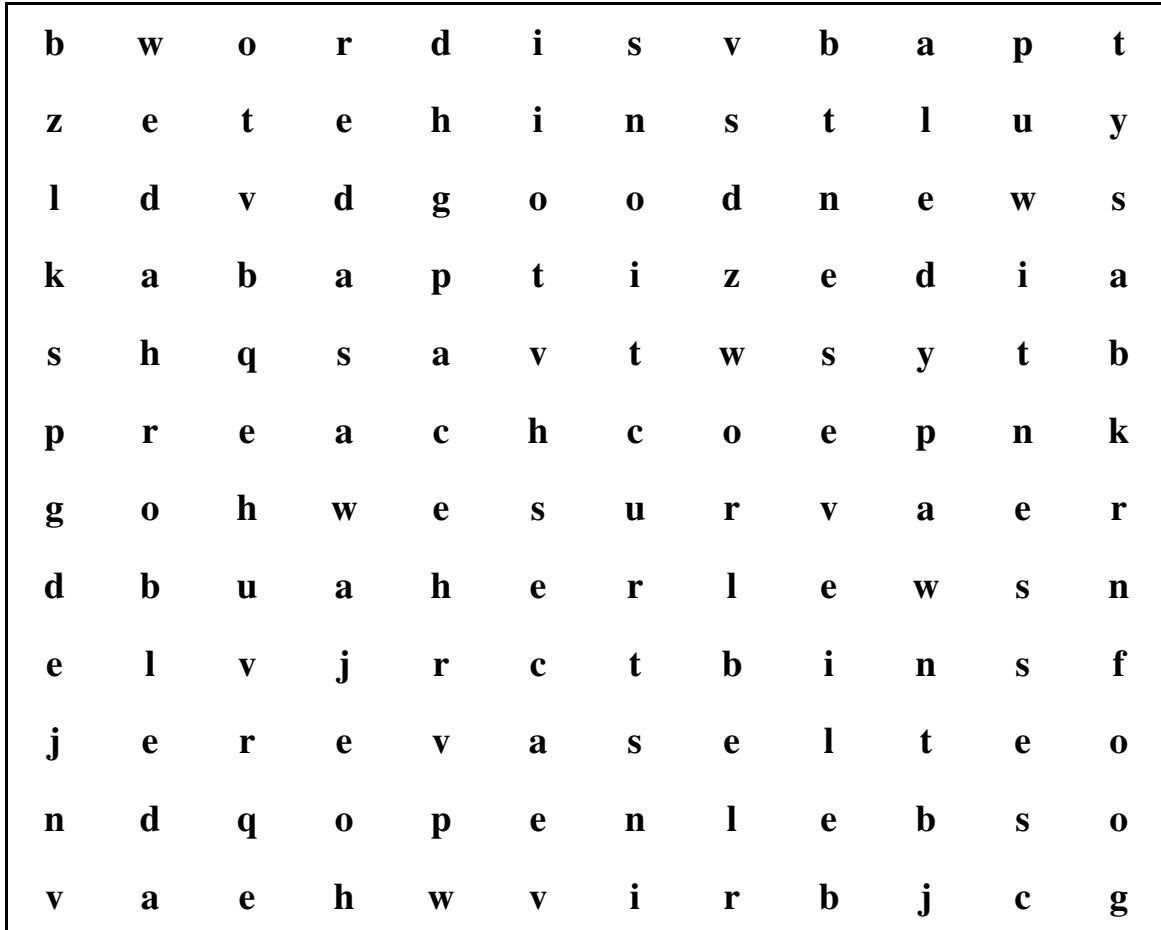
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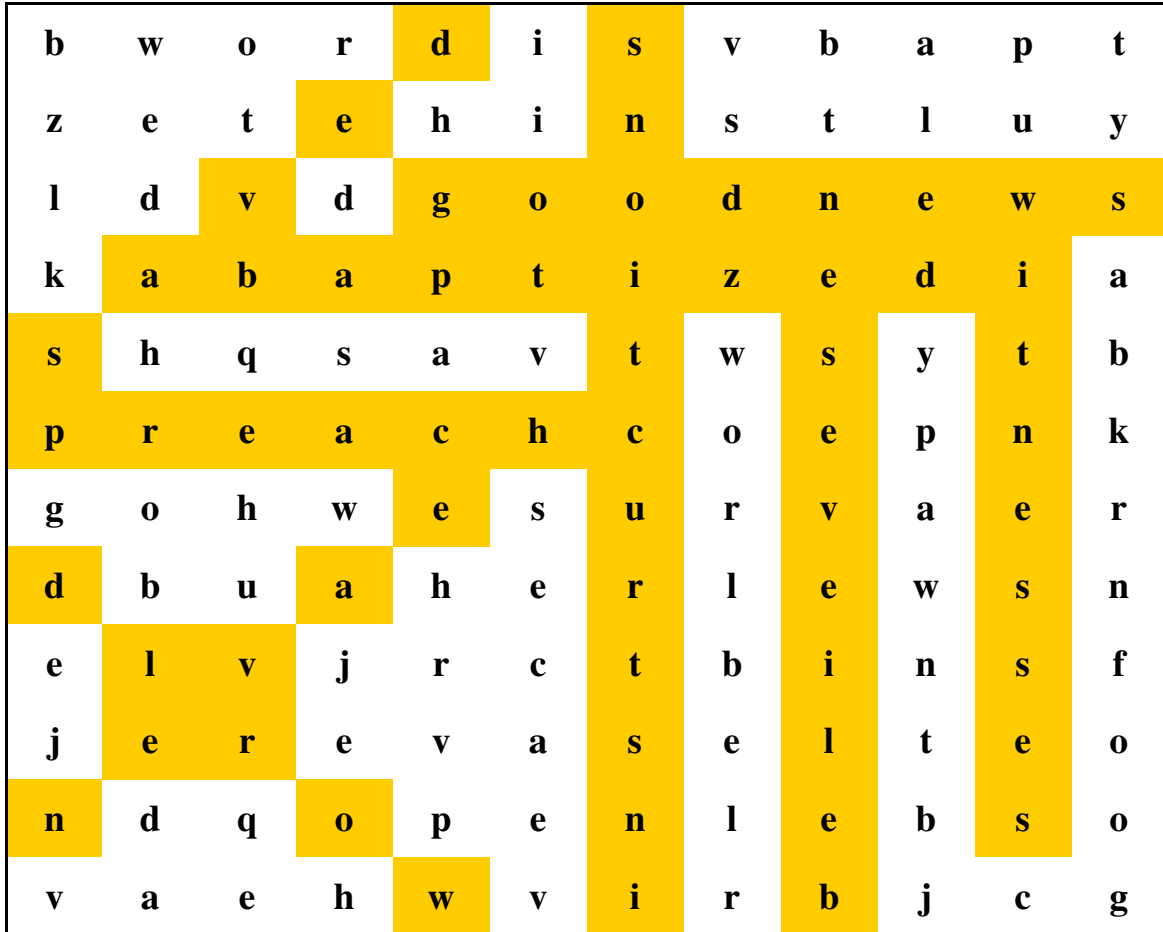
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<b>instructions</b>	<b>world</b>	<b>preach</b>
<b>believes</b>	<b>baptized</b>	<b>saved</b>
<b>heaven</b>	<b>witnesses</b>	<b>Good News</b>

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