
Group Games and Lesson Introduction

In the Great Commission, we are sent out to share our faith with one another and encourage others to know and love Christ. Spark the interest and honor the theme of that Great Commandment, as you prepare students to study it (note: most of these elements could be used at home or in a larger group setting). Here are some potential activities to enjoy.

How big is the world? Ask students to think of as many countries and languages as they can. How many are there? Which is the largest? Provide some facts for things they may not know, and explain that Jesus sent the disciples to spread Christianity to ALL the world!

- Look at a globe, and discuss features of our great planet. What might it mean to go into ALL the world? What do you know about the work of a missionary?
- Play “red light/green light” in honor of GOING into the world.
- Sending...the Commission has to do with a sending into the world. Celebrate this by sending some letters or cards of your own! Discuss types of mail and why the postal service is important. We get to be “mail men” of a sort, too!
- Commissioning...a sending! Brainstorm some other people or jobs that get “sent.” People like pastors, nurses, military officers, and many others are officially designated and sent into the world to do their jobs. We get to do that as Christians!
- What does a secret agent do? We get to be agents of God’s will! Think of what a special forces team or secret agents do...when we go out as Christians, our lives can be just as exciting. What are some “sneaky” methods of serving others not for our own credit, but for letting someone else feel loved?
- Does your church support a missionary? Learn about them, and find special ways to pray for and support them.

Remind children that Jesus has given us all an important job to spread the good news of Jesus to everyone. We are going to discuss the importance of this God-given commandment. Jesus Didn’t just ask the disciples to tell the world of Him if they felt like it...He wants everyone to be part of the Great Commission!

Ask: Who can you think of that needs to hear some good news? If you had good news, who might be the first person you’d share it with?

