



# WEEK 1

## PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



### **BIG IDEA**

God gave us a mission.

### **THE BIBLE**

The Great Commission: Matthew 28:16-20

## WELCOME TIME

### ACTIVITY | Suitcase Play

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Put a variety of suitcases and/or backpacks on the floor for the kids to play pretend with. Add some clothes for the kids to put in and out of the suitcases.
- These suitcases help you take all your stuff with you when you go far away. Our Bible story is about what Jesus wants you to do when you go.

### ACTIVITY | Travel Match

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, print out two copies of the Travel Match printable. Put one set face up on the table and the other set face down on the table for the kids to find the matches. For older kids, put all the cards face down and have them find the matching pairs.
  - **TODDLER HACK:** If matching is challenging for the littlest ones in your group, show them each card and have them identify the vehicle on the card. Have them imitate the noises that vehicle makes.
- These cards all show different ways for us to go on a trip. God wants us to do something important when we go. God wants us to tell people about Jesus.

## TEACHING TIME

### MUSIC | Go! Worship!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to sing along (and dance!) to:
  - "Go" by Yancy ([this video](#))
  - "Who's Your One?" by Summit Kids ([motion video](#))



- "Tell the World" by Hillsong Kids ([lyric video](#))

### THE BIG IDEA | God gave us a mission.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Hide pairs of inexpensive sunglasses (one for each kid) in your meeting space. If your group is too large, just hide one that you can wear, or a few that kids can take turns trying on.*
- Hey everyone! Today, we are all secret agents on a super special mission—wait a minute! We're missing something. If we're gonna be secret agents, we need super secret sunglasses! When I say, "Go!" can you help me find them? **Okay, Go!**
- *(Once all the sunglasses are found)* Now we're ready to hear the Big Idea. Everyone put on your glasses and repeat after me: **God gave us a mission!**

### VIDEO | Go, Episode 1

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#).*

### SCRIPTURE | Matthew 28:16-20

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Spread a big map on the floor and call the kids over to sit around the map. Take turns pointing to a place on the map that would be fun to visit.*
  - **TODDLER HACK:** *Make a chain with your toddlers by holding hands, and have them follow you around the room while you tell them the Bible story.*
- The Bible tells us Jesus told people to go all over the world. Jesus was talking with the disciples and told them what to do when they were going.
- Jesus told us to go to all nations. That means we can go all around the world and meet different people wherever they live. *(Ask everyone to pat the map.)*
- Jesus told us to baptize people in the name of God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *(Move your hands as if dipping someone down into the water to baptize them.)*
- Jesus told us to obey. *(Put up both thumbs.)*
- Then, Jesus told us we would always have help because Jesus is always with us. *(Ask everyone to give themselves a hug.)*

### ACTIVITY | Follow the Footprints

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print the Footprints printable on different colored papers and cut them out. Put the footprints in a fun, winding path all over the classroom. Get the kids to step on each footprint and follow the path. For added fun, give each kid a toy magnifying glass and have them pretend they are detectives looking for clues as they follow the footprints!*
- You can follow each of these footprints and go all over our room. Jesus told us to go all over the world, too. God wants us to tell everyone about Jesus. **God gave us a mission.**

### PRAYER

- Jesus, we want to tell everyone in the world about You. Help us to obey you and GO!



## DISCUSSION TIME

### MEMORY VERSE | Matthew 5:16

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce kids to this month's memory verse, teaching them the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) we've provided.*

## PLAY TIME

*While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .*

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a coloring page along with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. Remind them of today's story, memory verse, and Big Idea as they color!*

### ACTIVITY | Airplane Play

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Get a toy airplane or draw a basic airplane on the side of an empty box for the kids to put the toy people in.*
- The people are all going on a trip. We can carry our airplane around the room to pretend it is flying far away. God gave us a mission to go all over the world to tell people about Jesus.

### ACTIVITY | Color on Maps

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print out the Maps printable and give the kids crayons to color on them with. Older kids can draw some people on the map.*
- You are coloring on a map that shows far away places and places nearby. God wants us to tell people about Jesus in far away places and in places nearby. **God gave us a mission!**

*Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.*