Lesson 34 Go and Preach

Picture 40



Aim

To teach that Jesus commanded Christians to preach the gospel everywhere.

Teacher Preparation: Thank God that you have the opportunity in your Sunday School class to teach your students about Jesus. Ask God to help you to be a good Gospel witness. Then read and study Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 16:16-34 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Matt 28:19

Go then to all people everywhere and make them my disciples.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Ask the class:

Question: If you have had some good news what do you do?

Answer: You go and tell everyone near you.

Talk about the good news people have had, for example, a new baby born, or a visitor arriving who hasn't come for many years.

Main Points of Lesson

1. Christians have some good news to talk about. What is it? God loves us and has forgiven our sins because Jesus Christ died for our sins. *Sing a song about this.*

2. *Show picture 40.* The last command Jesus gave his friends before he returned to heaven, was to go and tell everyone about the Gospel. Here is a Christian in the picture obeying the command.

3. Another man who obeyed this command was Paul. He traveled a long way from his home all his life to tell people he met about Jesus Christ. Sometimes he was even put in prison for this. Tell the story of Acts 16:25-31. Paul and his companion Silas were put in prison for preaching the gospel. The jailer in the town of Philippi and his family became Christians.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that Christians are called to share the Good News about Jesus with others and to make them His disciples.

Teach Memory Verse

Our Response to the Lesson

This command is given to Christians today. Ask the class how the command is obeyed in their church today. Are there open air meetings or witness teams visiting homes? Are the children inviting their friends to Sunday School? Give examples of how this command is being obeyed today. Finish the lesson with everyone repeating the memory verse.