

The Great Commmission



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Introduction

Jesus gave His followers many instructions during His time on earth. One of the most famous instructions is found in Matthew 28:16-20. Jesus told his disciple to share His good news around the world.

Key Points:

- Christ has sent us to the world.
- We should share the Gospel.
- God will enable us.

Lesson Guide

Think of as many countries as you can. If the child knows their alphabet, you may choose to come up with a country that starts with each letter. (If some are too difficult, you may choose a country that has the letter in it.) Talk about how big the world is and how many different kinds of people there are. You may use a globe or large map. Point out where you live. Jesus wanted His disciples to carry the Gospel to every country.

The word Gospel means “Good News.” What is some good news you would share if it happened? How many people would you tell? Jesus’s words have the power to save people from their sins. His Good News is the best news anyone can hear.

Many Christians go to share the Gospel in other countries. They are called missionaries. If possible, use an example of a missionary from your church or whom you have met. Talk about how they are preaching the Gospel to people in different countries. Point out where they are on the map. They have to learn different languages and ways of living. If possible, choose a verse in another language. Learn it in your language and another.

Not every Christian is called to go to a foreign mission field, but we are all called to be missionaries. We need to share the Gospel with those near and far. If we share Jesus with a neighbour, we are being a missionary.

Read Acts 1:8. Use four clear jars of graduating sizes. The last one should be the biggest. Fill them with water. Add one small drop of food colouring to the biggest. Talk about how it doesn’t seem to colour the water very dark. Empty it out. Then put three or four drops in the smallest jar. With less water, it colours it better. Those drops represent the first people to hear the Gospel. Then pour the water into the next jar. Add more drops. They represent the circle of hearing the Gospel growing. Continue to pour the water and add more drops. This time when the water in the biggest is coloured, it will be dark. The Gospel has spread through people sharing it with their neighbours.

If you have a map of the world, you may point out the locations mentioned in Acts 1:8 and show how what started in one city spread to the world.

Talk about ways you can fulfil the Great Commission. Maybe you can pray for missionaries or support them. Maybe you can invite your neighbour to church or give them a tract. Perhaps you can raise money to buy Bibles to give to others. Think of a way that you can share the Gospel as Jesus commanded.

Pray and thank God for the great honour He has given us to share the Gospel. Ask Him to help you find a way to spread His Good News further.

The Great Commission



As the disciples were listening, Jesus was lifted up into the sky.

A cloud came and hid Jesus from their sight.

Two angels appeared to the disciples and asked, "Why are you standing here looking into the sky?"

They reminded the disciples that Jesus would return again.



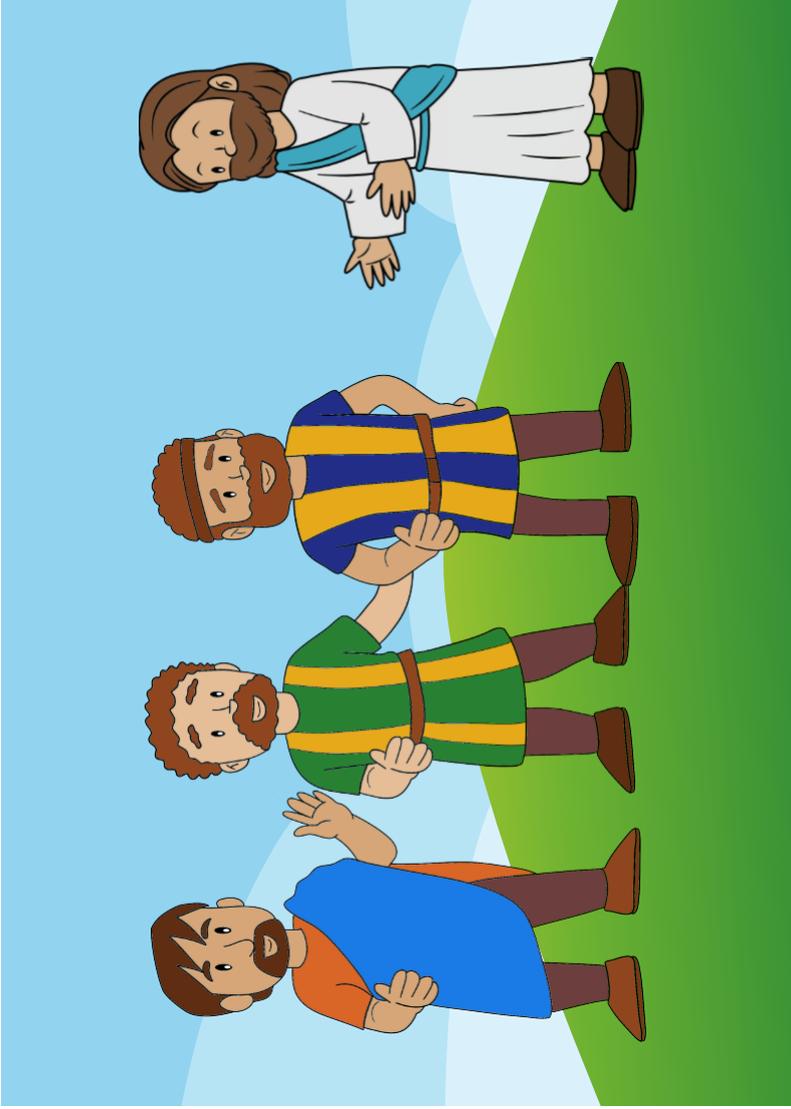
After Jesus' death and resurrection, He appeared to many people.

He met them in different places.

He ate with them and sat with them.

Jesus taught them lots of things about the kingdom of God.

Jesus helped them understand the Bible.



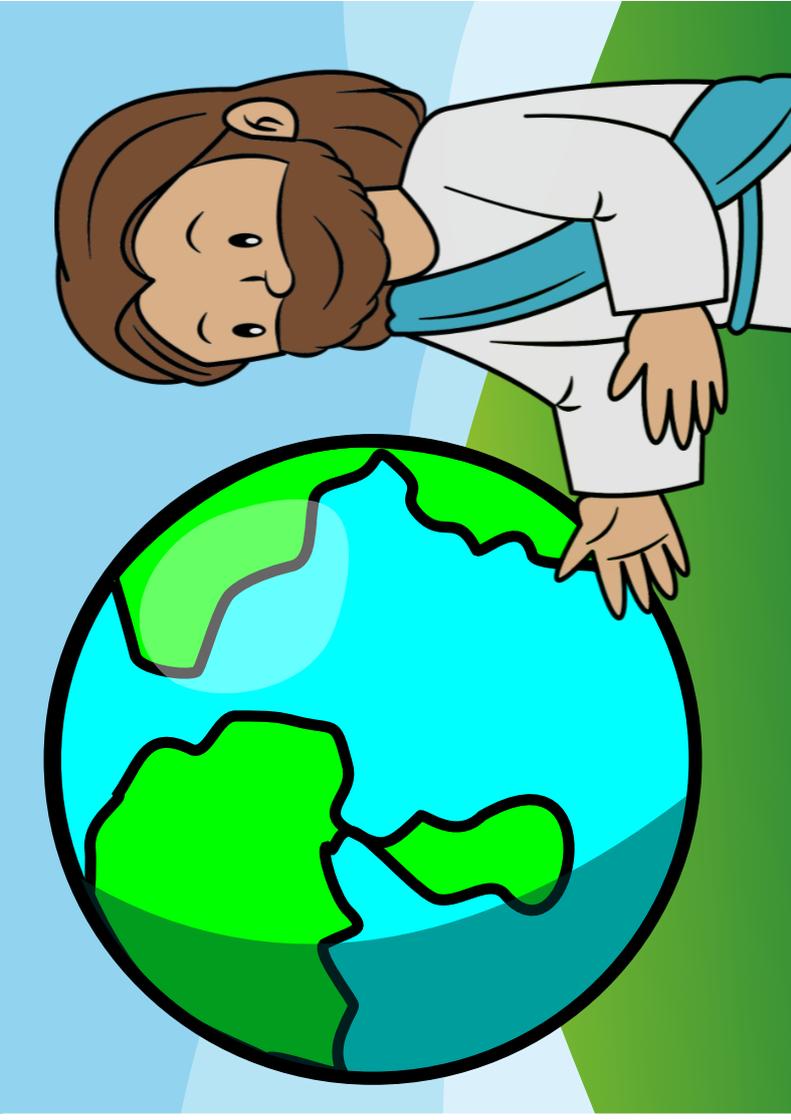
After 40 days, Jesus met His disciples on a mountain.

The disciples worshipped Jesus.

Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

Jesus told His disciples that He had a very important job for them.

But they had to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come.



Jesus said “The Holy Spirit will come to you.

Then you will receive power.

You will be my witnesses, in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world.”

Jesus told his disciples to make disciples, and to baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Games and Activities

Go and ... game

Give your child simple instructions to complete as quickly as possible. Some examples could be, "Go and find your shoes.", "Go and get three toys.", "Go and get something blue."

If you have more than one child, you can turn it into a race.

Remind your child of the great commission and how Jesus told us to "Go and make disciples."



Traffic lights

Explain to your children that red lights mean STOP and when you shout red light (or show the red traffic light) then the child must stop. Orange means go slow or walk and Green run or walk quickly.

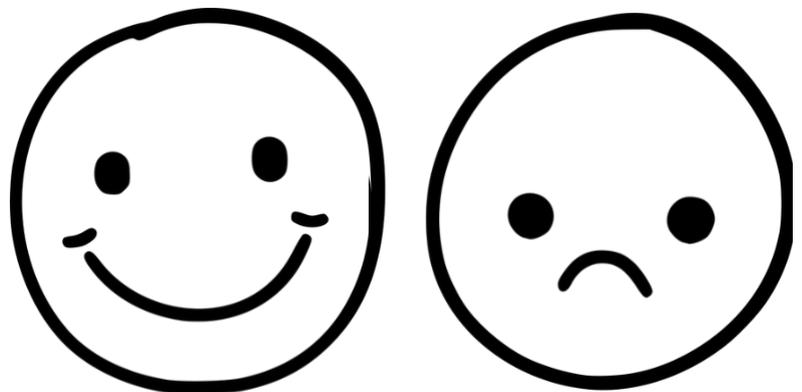
This is great for helping young children learn colour recognition, meanings and follow instructions.

Good or Bad news

Draw a smiley face on one piece of paper and a sad face on another piece. Place on opposite sides of a room.

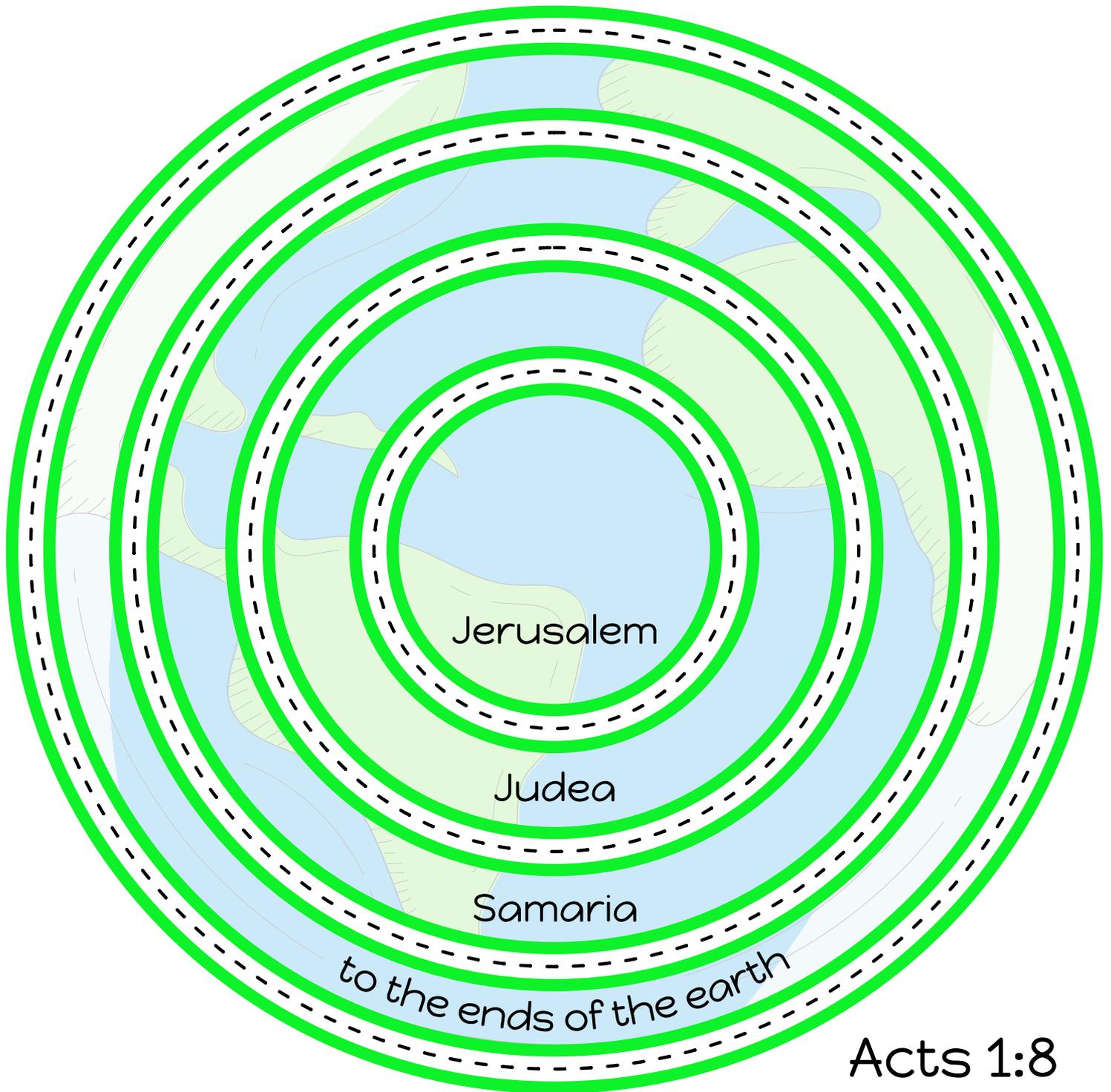
Explain that you are going to give different types of news to your child and they must decide if it's good news or bad news. For example, "I have a new toy for you." or "we can't go to the park because it's raining too much."

Your child should then walk to the correct piece of paper. Remind them that Jesus gave us GOOD NEWS to share with others.



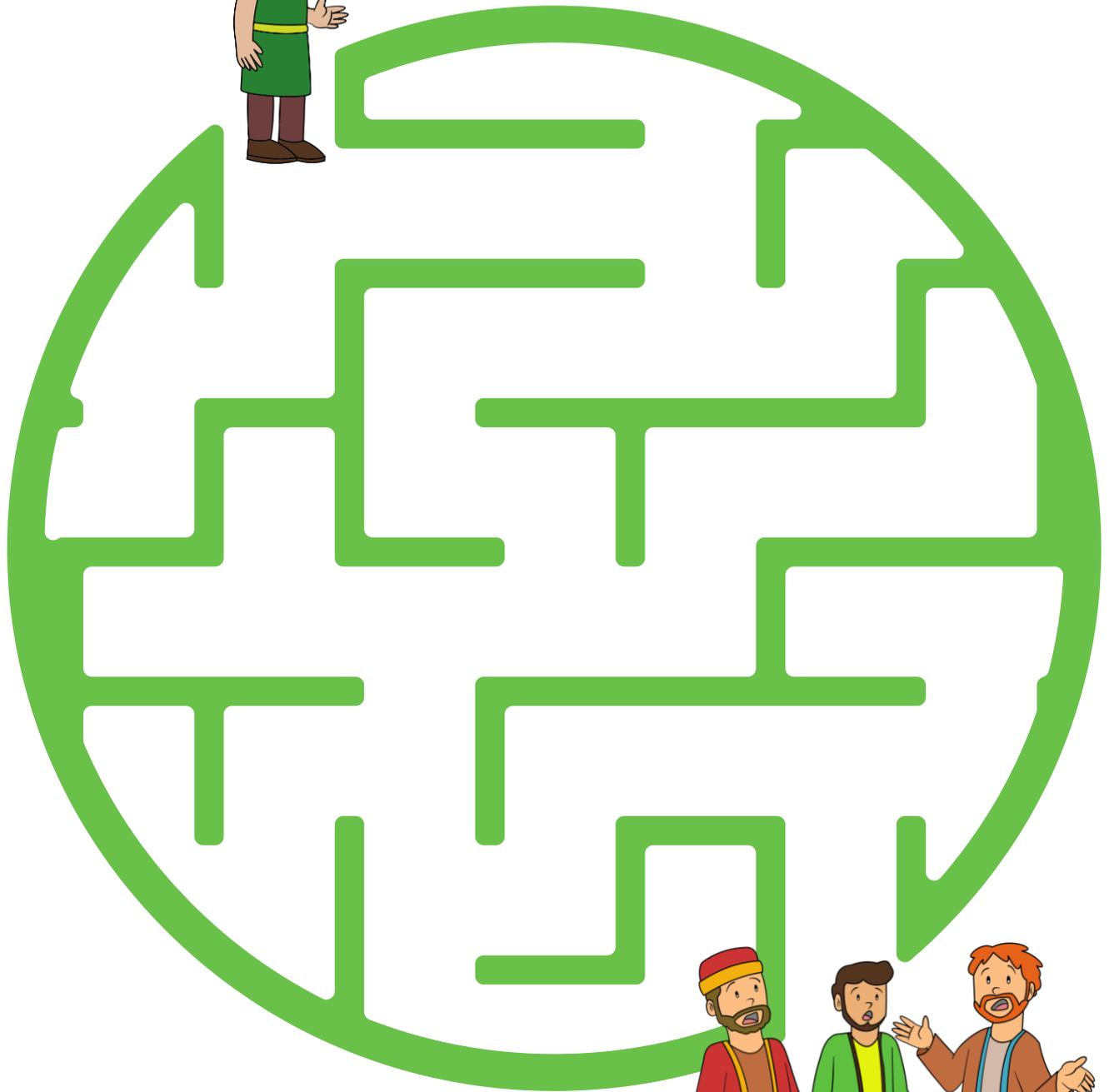
Trace around the circles

You will be my witnesses in

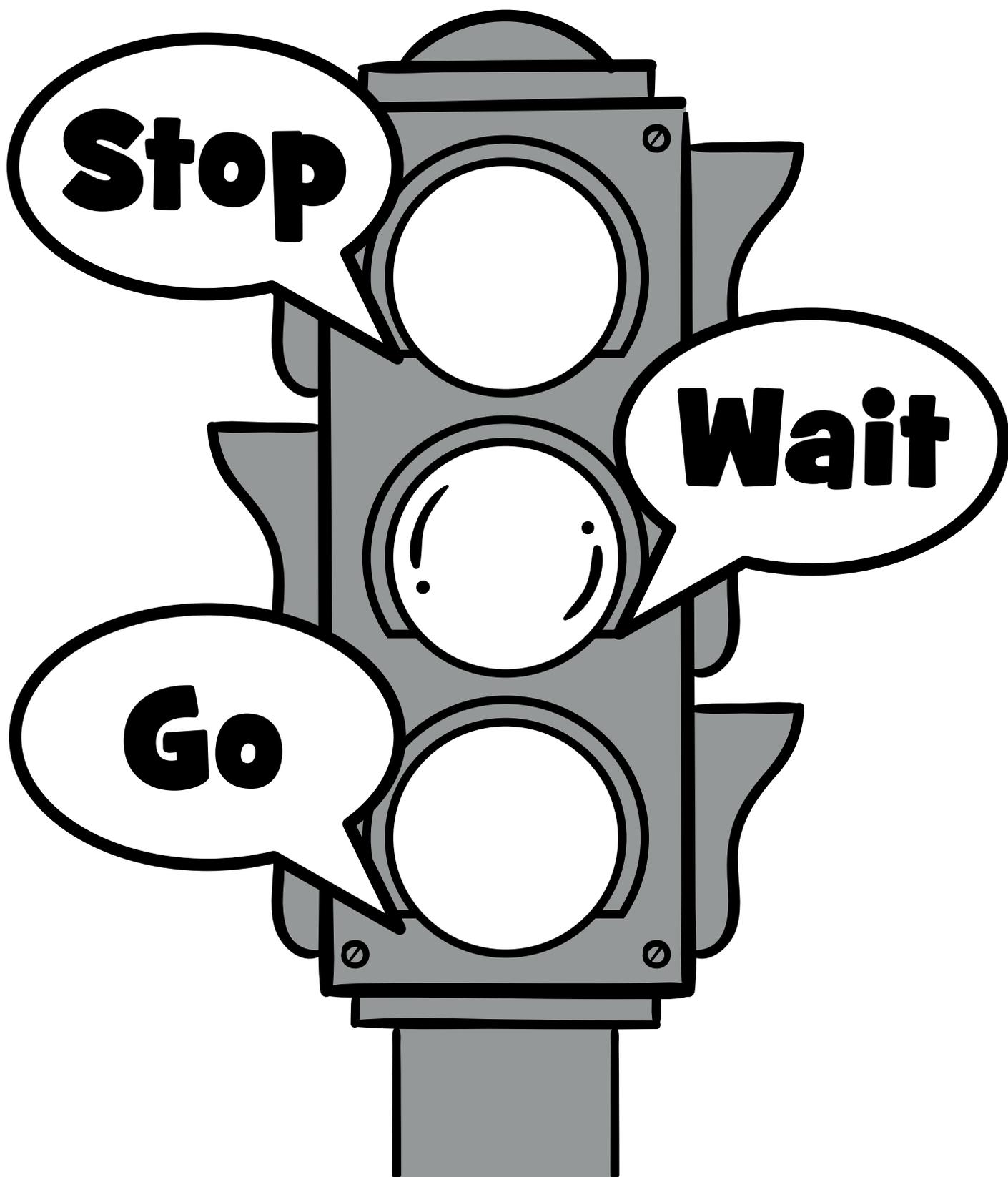


Which circle is the biggest?
Which circle is the smallest?

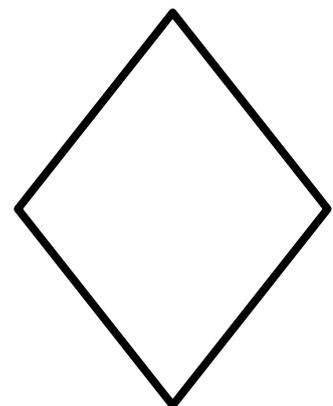
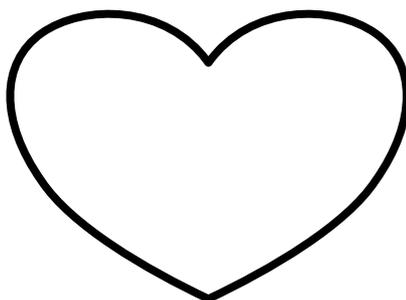
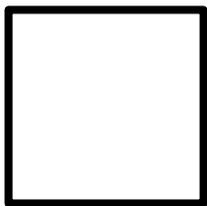
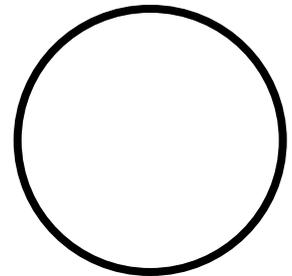
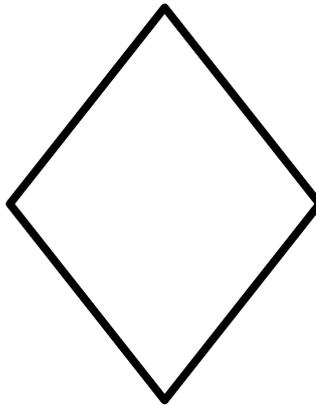
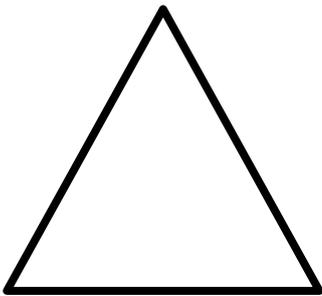
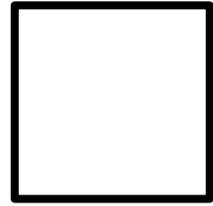
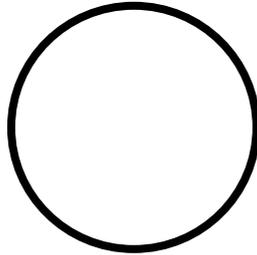
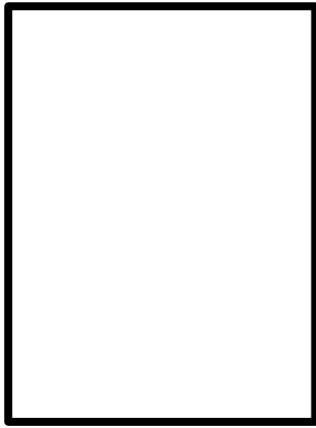
Deliver the good news to the people



Colour the traffic lights



Colour the shapes with
four corners



Craft - Paper Mache globe



What you need

Newspaper,
Green and Blue paper,
Equal parts PVA glue and Water mix.

What to do



Scrunch up newspaper
into a ball.

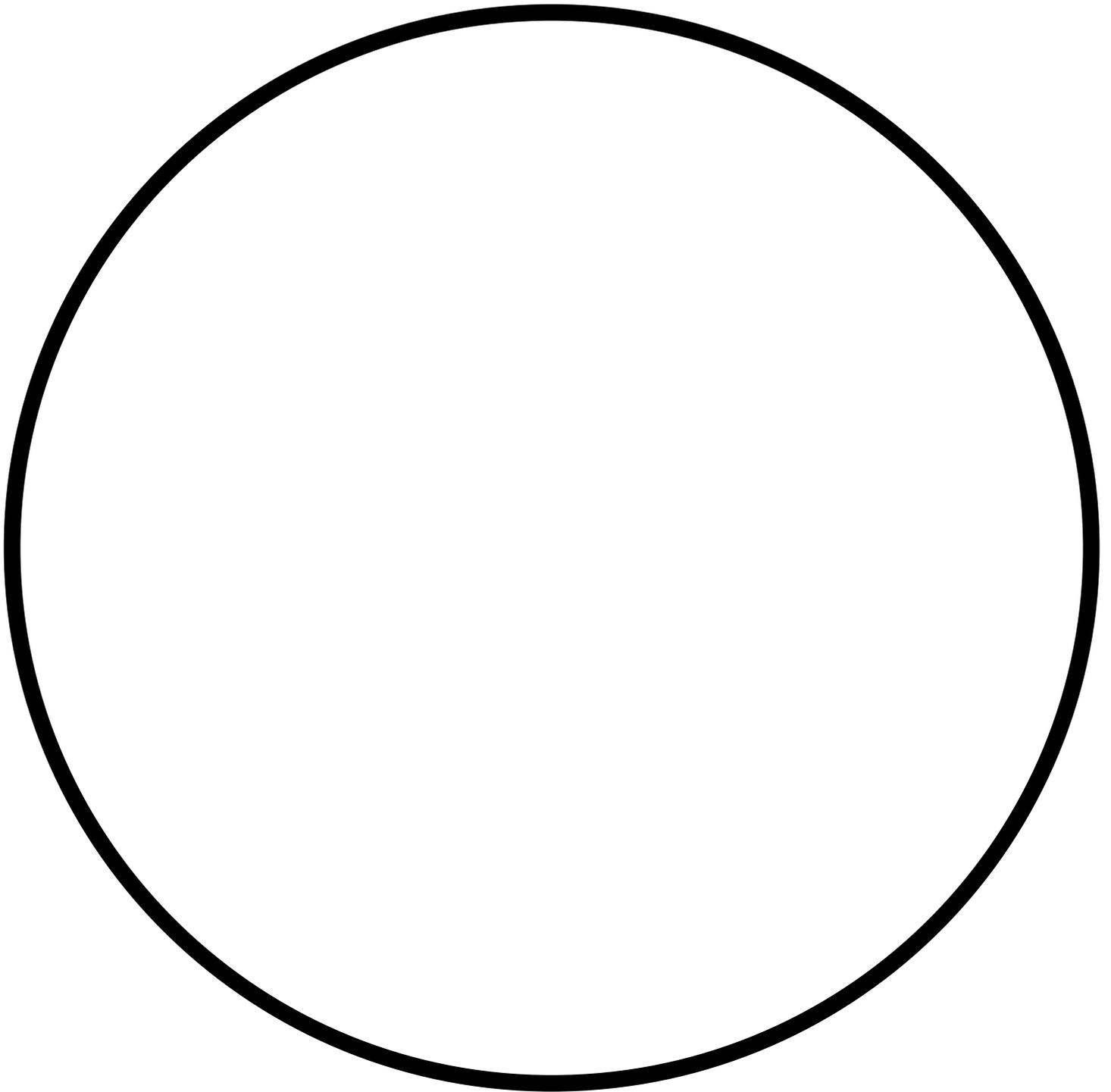


Rip pieces of newspaper
and glue over ball until
smooth.

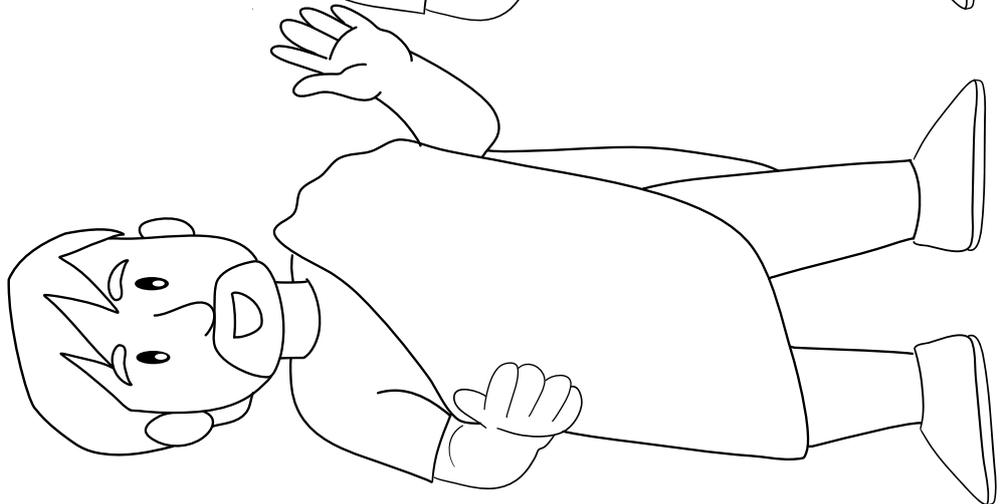
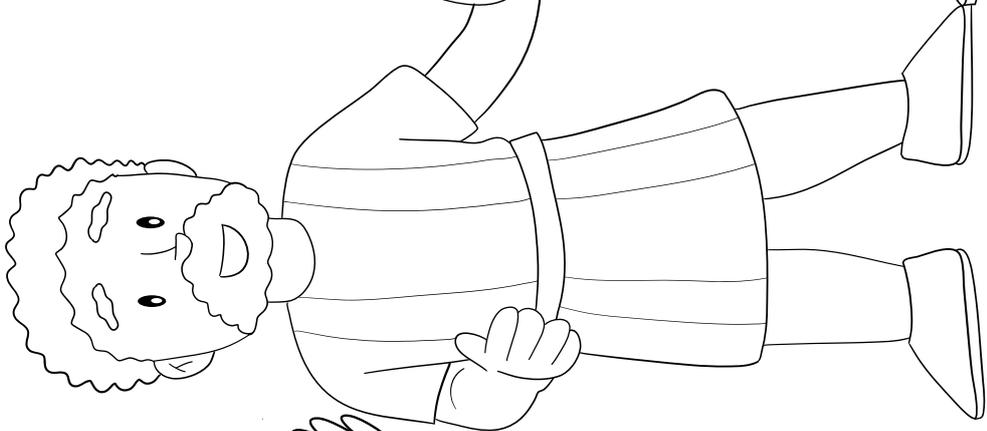
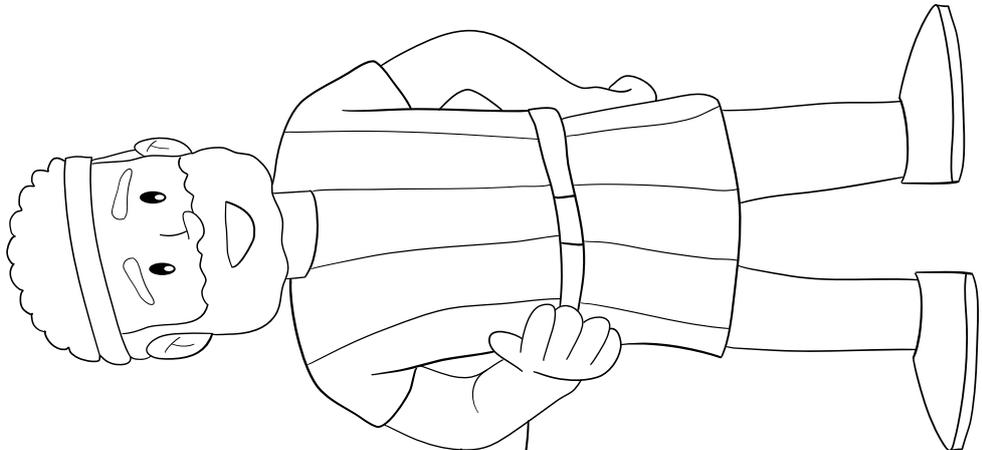
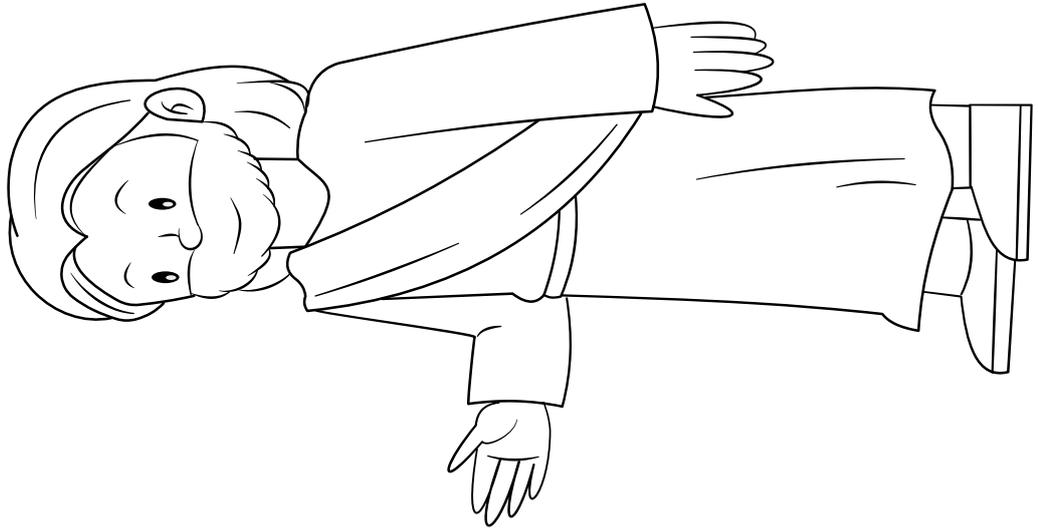


Rip bits of colour paper
and glue on to look like a
globe.

Go and make followers
of all people in the world
Matthew 28:19



Glue on paper to make a World collage







Worship Time

Recommend worship songs. Not produced by Trueway Kids. YouTube Videos to be used for personal use only.

STOP AND GO

<https://youtu.be/UlceNwpzgl8>

Tell The World

<https://youtu.be/Y2wSqufGull>

GO (Matthew 28:19)

<https://youtu.be/ZuVMm3EKSss>



Prayer

Thank God that He has given us good news to share with others. Ask Him to help us take the Gospel to all nations.

Next Week

Pentecost

Acts 2

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