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Title: <b>Lesson 1—Frontier Mission Kids: Pray</b> Obeying Jesus’ Great Commission To Make Disciples
Group: Ages 9-13

## Lesson 1

### Frontier Mission Kids: Pray

<b>Lesson Aim</b> <i>The student will</i>	explain the meaning and importance of the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18–20, and develop a sensitivity for the Holy Spirit working in their heart through prayer for the Great Commission.
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Time	Content	Activities	Equipment
5 min.	<b>Hook</b> ( <i>Introduction</i> )		
	Music while Class gathers; Opening Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music: <i>Until the Whole World Hears</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7qi2KIUffs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7qi2KIUffs</a></li> </ul>	Bibles Laptop Internet TV (optional)
	Jesus Calls YOU! To Join His Great Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FRONTIER MISSION KIDS (HOOK).pptx + Power Point Slides 1–8</li> </ul>	
<b>TRANSITION</b> So let’s listen to God’s plan in His Bible that tells us why He wants us to make disciples in all nations.			
20 min.	<b>Book</b> ( <i>Message</i> )		
	Story of Scripture from Genesis–Acts 2 Gospel Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STORY OF SCRIPTURE (BOOK).pptx + Slides 1–37 + Gospel presentation—Slides 26–37</li> <li>Matthew 28:18–20 Puzzle Game</li> </ul>	Same as above; Cardstock, Printer
<b>TRANSITION</b> Now that we’ve listened to God’s plan, let’s see what that means for us—Jesus’ disciples today.			
10 min.	<b>Look</b> ( <i>Life Application</i> )		
	First We Pray: Corporate Anglican Prayer, 2019 BCP p. 650–651	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Praying Scripture: Matthew 28:18–20</li> </ul>	2019 Book of Common Prayer <sup>1</sup> ; prayer journals
	Personal Prayer from the Heart of a Disciple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer Journal: write a personal prayer</li> <li>When We Pray, by Tauren Wells: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqicUCaa6ag">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqicUCaa6ag</a></li> </ul>	
<b>TRANSITION</b> We’ve listened to God’s plan in the Bible for us to make disciples of all nations. We’ve prayed about his Great Commission for us. Now what do we do?			
5 min.	<b>Took</b> ( <i>Commitment</i> )		
	Frontier Mission Kids and Frontier People Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Who Are Frontier People Groups:</i> <a href="https://idserve.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Indigitous-FPG-Booklet-PDF.pdf">https://idserve.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Indigitous-FPG-Booklet-PDF.pdf</a></li> </ul>	Laptop Computer
<b>TRANSITION</b> So here’s the plan so far for Frontier Mission Kids obeying God’s Great Commission:			
5 min.	<b>Summary</b>		
	We find out God’s plans in Scripture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthew 28:19-20 Personal Puzzles to take home</li> <li>Explain bookmark rewards</li> </ul>	Cardstock, Printer
	We pray about joining God in His mission.		
	We journey on to learn more about joining God in His mission to make disciples in Frontier People Groups.		
<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> We will hear a story about a lady who joined God in His mission without even realizing it.			
<b>Evaluation:</b>			

<sup>1</sup> College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America, *The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments with Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church According to the use of the Anglican Church in North America, Together with The New Coverdale Psalter* (Huntington Beach, CA: Anglican Liturgy Press, 2019) 650-651.

# Teacher Guide

## At Home Preparation

- **Suggested Adult Preparation:** Adult companion to these lessons—*Fulfilling the Great Commission Anglicanly: A Four-Week Introductory Study on Missions*; Further Study: see Bibliography
- **Music while Class gathers:** *Until the Whole World Hears* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7qi2KIUffs>
- **Hook:** “FRONTIER MISSION KIDS (HOOK).pptx”, Slides 1–8
- **Book:** “STORY OF SCRIPTURE (BOOK).pptx”, Slides 1-37
- **Book:** Matthew 28:18–20 Puzzle Game (See instructions in the “Book Activities” section below.)
- **Look** Prayer Journals (See instructions in the “Look Activities” below.)
- **Look** Music, *When We Pray*, by Tauren Wells: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqicUCaa6ag>
- **Tool:** <https://idserve.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Indigitous-FPG-Booklet-PDF.pdf>
- **Summary:** Personal Puzzle (See instructions in the “Summary—Activities” section below.)
- **Summary:** Bookmark Rewards (See instructions in the “Summary—Activities” section below.)

## Lesson Details

**Aim:** The Student will explain the meaning and importance of the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18–20, and develop a sensitivity for the Holy Spirit and the Story of Scripture working in their heart.

### Vocabulary:

1. Covenant—an agreement between God and His people that includes promises
2. Culture—language, beliefs, laws, food, values, customs that define a particular group of people
3. Disciple— A disciple is a person who believes Jesus is the Son of God, asks Jesus to forgive their sins, and follows and obeys Jesus in their daily lives—in Bible study, worship, prayer, and service—to grow to be more like Jesus. Or, as defined by Rose Publishing in their *Rose Guide to Discipleship*, “A disciple is a person who follows Jesus—to know Jesus and his teaching; to grow more like Jesus; and to go for Jesus, serving others and making new disciples.”<sup>2</sup> [see footnotes in slide notes]
4. Evangelize—(v.) to make disciples without intentionally traveling faraway to a distant land
5. Frontier—a place where no one has gone; the last place to be settled
6. Frontier Mission—a mission a disciple makes to a faraway land of people who have never heard of Jesus
7. Frontier People Group—a People Group where either nobody knows of Jesus or only a few people know of Jesus and there is no one there to tell them<sup>3</sup>
8. Great Commission—the command Jesus gives His Disciples in Matthew 28:16–20
9. Mission—(n.) a journey to make disciples far away or in another culture
10. *Nations* in Matt 28:19—The Hebrew word for “nations” is what our culture today refers to as a *people group*, not necessarily a land with political boundaries, but people with a “unique” history and culture.<sup>4</sup>
11. People Group— a group of people who have similar culture, i.e., language, beliefs, laws, food, values, customs; A People Group is helpful for a missionary to spread the Gospel in a church because the people have a similar culture.

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<sup>2</sup> Len Woods, *The Rose Guide to Discipleship* (Carson, CA: Rose Publishing, 2016), 5.

<sup>3</sup> International Mission Board, *Kids on Mission*, 2015, Session 1, “Children Take the Lead,” accessed October 22, 2020, <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/188747?episode=1>. This is actually IMB’s definition of “Unreached People Group.” I have taken the liberty to use this definition for Frontier People Group (.1% or fewer Christians, <https://joshuaproject.net/frontier>), which is a subset of Unreached People Group (2% or fewer Christians, <https://globalfrontiermissions.org/gfm-101-missions-course/the-unreached-peoples-and-their-role-in-the-great-commission/>; <https://www.imb.org/beliefs-key-terms/#Unreached>). For more information on People Groups, <https://www.joshuaproject.net>.

<sup>4</sup> Tad de Bordenave and Chris Royer, eds., *Shadows from Light Unapproachable* (Heathsville, VA: Northumberland Historical Press, 2018), 19.

## Hook (Introduction)—5 min.

**Objective:** “Hook” the students’ interest to learn more about Jesus’ Great Commission and what it means for the world and them.

**Equipment Needed:** Laptop computer, Flat Screen TV if available, Power Point File: “Frontier Mission Kids (Hook).pptx” (Power Point Notes below are included in the notes section of each PPT slide.)

### Hook Activities

**Hook Activity: Gathering Music, *Until the Whole World Hears*, by Casting Crowns**

Lord, I wanna feel with Your heart	Like voices in the wilderness, we're crying out
And see the world through Your eyes	And as the day draws near
I wanna be Your hands and feet	We'll sing until the whole world hears
I wanna live a life that leads	We'll sing until the whole world hears
Ready yourselves, ready yourselves	We'll sing until the whole world hears
Let us shine the light of Jesus in the darkest night	I wanna be Your hands and feet
Whoa, ready yourselves, ready yourselves	I wanna live a life that leads
May the powers of darkness tremble as our praises rise	To see You set the captive free
Until the whole world hears, Lord, we are calling out	Until the whole world hears
Lifting up Your name for all to hear the sound	And I pray that they will see
Like voices in the wilderness, we're crying out	More of You and less of me
And as the day draws near	Lord, I want my life to be
We'll sing until the whole world hears	The song You sing
Lord, let your sleeping giant rise	Until the whole world hears, Lord, we are calling out
Catch the demons by surprise	Lifting up Your name for all to hear the sound
Holy nation sanctified	Like voices in the wilderness, we're crying out
Let this be our battle cry	And as the day draws near
Ready yourselves, ready yourselves	We'll sing until the whole world hears
Let us shine the light of Jesus in the darkest night	We'll sing until the whole world hears
Whoa, ready yourselves, ready yourselves	We'll sing until the whole world hears
May the powers of darkness tremble as our praises rise	We'll sing until the whole world hears
Until the whole world hears, Lord, we are calling out	We'll sing until the whole world hears
Lifting up Your name for all to hear the sound	We'll sing until the whole world hears

Source: [Musixmatch](#)

Songwriters: Bernie Herms / Jason Mcarthur / John Mark Mark Hall / Roger Gildwell

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**Hook Activity: Open the class in prayer.**

**Hook Activity: Frontier Mission Kids (Hook).pptx; Show slides 1–8, that explain Jesus’ Great Commission** (The Notes below are included in the notes section of each PPT slide.)

Slide 2. **Jesus Calls YOU! — To Join His Great Commission**

- **WHAT? WHO ME? WHAT’S THE GREAT COMMISSION?**
- **Jesus calls**—what does that mean? That means Jesus has a job for you to do if you are a disciple of Jesus.
- **All His Disciples**—who are His disciples? Are you His disciple? We’re going to talk about that later.
- **To join His Great Commission**—What’s Jesus’ Great Commission?
- For the next three weeks we’re going to find out about Jesus’ Great Commission, if you are a disciple of Jesus, and if so, what is Jesus’ Great Commission, the job that He’s calling you and all His disciples to do.

Slide 3. **What is Jesus’ Great Commission?** Anybody know?

- Open your Bibles to Matthew 28: 16–20. (Student) please read this passage for us.
- These are Jesus’ last words to his disciples before He ascends to heaven.
- Before your parents leave you (like with a babysitter, etc.) they often give you some important instructions, don’t they? Like maybe what instructions? (Listen to students’ answers.)

- So Jesus is giving his disciples some important instructions to follow after He leaves them. These are very important instructions because Jesus will be leaving them and nobody knows when he will return to earth.
- Read the verses that tell what job Jesus gives his disciples to do. (Listen to students' answers.)
- I want us to memorize those verses—verses 19 and 20.
- And then for the next three weeks we're going to explore how to do this job—The Great Commission—for Jesus that He gave all His disciples to do.

Slide 4. **What shorter word is in the word *Commission*?**

- Right, "*mission*."
- Anybody know what a mission is?
- Well in this context a mission is the name we give to what Jesus tells us to do in Matthew 28:19-20. When disciples go to faraway places to make disciples, that's called a mission.
- Jesus also wants us to make disciples nearby where we already live. We usually call making disciples nearby evangelizing.
- Jesus wants us to make disciples everywhere, but we're going to talk about making disciples faraway for the next three weeks to let you know how you can make disciples in faraway lands too.

Slide 5. **So let's go a step further. What's a Frontier Mission?**

- When disciples go to faraway lands to make disciples of people who have never heard of Jesus, that's called a Frontier Mission. A frontier is an unsettled place, in this case, a place with no or very few Christians. The people have never heard of Jesus. Jesus wants everyone to know and love Him and he wants us to go to these people and tell them about Him.
- Can anybody name a place where people have never heard of Jesus?
- Later we will find out many many people in the world have never heard of Jesus.

Slide 6. **You're probably thinking, I can't go on a Frontier Mission. I'm a kid!**

- No, maybe you can't go on a Frontier Mission until you're an adult.
- BUT! Everyone can help send other disciples to a faraway land to make disciples of people who have never heard of Jesus.

Slide 7. **You can be a Frontier Mission Kid who helps send other people to faraway lands.**

- But how can you help?
- The next three weeks we're going to find out what God says about how all disciples, young and old, can help others go to faraway lands to make disciples.

Slide 8. **Why does Jesus want us to make disciples in all nations?**

- You're about to find out. In the Bible, God tells us why He wants us to make disciples for Him; why God wants us to join Jesus in His Great Commission.
- We're going to explore the greatest story ever—God's story; not every story in the Bible, but God's Big overarching story. We are all a part of God's big story.
- So why is being a disciple of Jesus a big deal?
- Because you are a part of this story.
- Because your whole life changes when you are a disciple of Jesus!
- When you follow and obey Jesus you become like Him.
- You live the life God intended for you—a life that focuses on the love Jesus taught and the peace He brings.
- And when you have trouble in your life, His Holy Spirit guides you through your trouble.
- And when you mess up and sin, Jesus forgives you when you're sorry and return to Him.
- And when you die, you will one day be resurrected, just like Jesus, and be with God forever. That's HUGE!
- Jesus promised all of this and more!
- That's why being a disciple of Jesus is a big deal!!! You glorify God when you follow Jesus.

**TRANSITION** So let's listen to God's plan revealed in His Bible that tells us why Jesus wants us to make disciples in all nations.

## Book (Message)—20 min.

**Objective:** Using the Power Point Presentation, “STORY OF SCRIPTURE (BOOK).pptx,” tell Students the basic story of Scripture about the mission of God from Creation in Genesis to the coming of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts (Slides 1–37). The New Testament Letters and the Book of Revelation will be covered in Lesson 3. The basic Bible story is important for every disciple to begin to understand why and how God wants us to join His mission, Jesus’ Great Commission to “make disciples of all nations.” Joining the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in their work is a matter of relationship and heart among God and people. True disciples of Christ want to share His love, and the gospel fuels our hearts to do this (Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 1:18, Luke 1:69, 1 Cor 4:20, 1 Cor 2:4, 1 Thes 1:5). The Holy Spirit will empower your teaching through His gospel.

The biblical story in the Power Point obviously leaves out many of the Sunday School stories that the children have heard, but highlights stories such as creation, the fall of man, covenants, Israel’s relationship with other nations, and most importantly—the gospel to understand the basic theology of God’s mission—who God is, our holy God of loyal and steadfast love, grace, mercy, truth, goodness, kindness...and the relationship He desires with us. The stories the children hear in Sunday School expand on God’s identity, mission, and our relationship with Him. When we understand God’s overarching mission and how Israel responded, then we can begin to understand why God sent Jesus to save all of us from our sins to have eternal life with Him. And we begin to understand why Jesus commissioned his disciples to make disciples of all nations. As His disciples, we have an important job to fulfill this Great Commission for Jesus—to live for what He died for.<sup>5</sup>

• **Equipment Needed:** Bibles for Teacher and each student, a laptop computer, Power Point file: “STORY OF SCRIPTURE (BOOK).pptx,” and if available, a flat screen TV.

### Book Activities

**Book Activity: Tell the Story of Scripture:** While showing Slides 1–37 in the file, “STORY OF SCRIPTURE (BOOK).pptx “ tell the story in your own words, or read the notes below each slide. (Lesson 1, Appendix A is a copy of the notes on the slides.)

Slides 26–37 are a Gospel presentation. Give the students an opportunity to accept Jesus as their Savior. Explain that this is a personal decision, and the most important decision in their lives, as it will determine how they choose to live now and in eternity.

### Book Activity: Group Puzzle Game

Divide Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV) into phrases, type each phrase on one page, and then print the sheets of phrases on cardstock. For example, if you average 12 students in your class, you may want to divide the passage into 12 phrases, one phrase to give each student, like this:

<sup>18</sup> **Then Jesus came to them and said,** / “All authority in heaven and on earth / **has been given to me.** / <sup>19</sup> **Therefore go / and make disciples of all nations,** / baptizing them in the name / **of the Father and of the Son** / and of the Holy Spirit, / <sup>20</sup> **and teaching them to obey** / everything I have commanded you. / **And surely I am with you always,** / to the very end of the age.”

Give each student a cardstock copy of a phrase and then ask the students to put together the entire Scripture as quickly as they can. Do this several times, trying to get the students to beat their time. Every time they beat it, reward them with a small token.

**TRANSITION** Now that we’ve listened to God’s plans, let’s see what that means for us—Jesus’ disciples today.

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<sup>5</sup> Alicia Britt Chole, *Until the Whole World Knows*, (Rogersville, MO: onewholeworld, 2004), 20.

## Look (Life Application)—5 minutes

**Objective:** The “Look” section encourages the heart of the student to be in prayer with God regarding the Great Commission.

Now we pray. We always pray before making any plans in life. After listening to God, He wants to hear from us—our praises, confessions, thanks, and our needs. And we need to know what to do about making disciples in Frontier People Groups.

We may pray with our church or we may pray in private. Praying with other people in church is called Corporate Prayer. Our Anglican Prayer Book is a good start. Here’s a corporate prayer “For The Mission Of The Church” in our Anglican Book of Common Prayer (p. 650, #16): “Who would like to read the prayer?”

*O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*<sup>6</sup>

This prayer asks God to put in people’s hearts the desire to seek him and find Him. This will help us in our mission to make disciples.

Praying our own prayers or with our families is personal prayer. When you pray a personal prayer, pay attention to what God has told you in Scripture. Guide the students in praying Matthew 28:18–20.

For example, read Matthew 28:18–20:

<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

See if the kids will come up with their own ideas to pray Matt 28:18–20; If nobody is willing to share say, *To pray this Scripture, pray from your heart in response to God’s words. You might pray:*

*Dear Jesus, I praise you for your authority and power over all heaven and earth. Thank you for loving all your nations and people everywhere. Teach me to love and obey you, to love all people as you do, and help your church make disciples for you. I know you will help me do this because your Holy Spirit is always with me. Amen.*

## Look Activities

### Look Activity: Prayer Journals

Purchase an inexpensive notebook for each student to record daily personal prayers. Encourage them to begin with a prayer about the Great Commission, but explain that a prayer journal is their own personal journal for however they want to pray.

**Look Activity: Music Video**, “When We Pray,” by Tauren Wells: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqicUCaa6ag>

**TRANSITION** We’ve listened to God’s plan in the Bible for us to make disciples of all nations. We’ve prayed about his Great Commission for us. Now what do we do?

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<sup>6</sup> College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America, *The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments with Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church According to the use of the Anglican Church in North America, Together with The New Coverdale Psalter* (Huntington Beach, CA: Anglican Liturgy Press, 2019) 650-651.

## Took (Commitment)—5 minutes

**Objective:** The “Took” section applies Jesus’ Great Commission to His disciples, His Frontier Mission Kids, today. The Took section will explain with whom Frontier Mission Kids will be sharing the gospel, “Frontier People Groups,” who live faraway and have a very different culture from us.

**Equipment Needed:** Bibles for Teacher and each student, a laptop computer, Internet, <https://idserve.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Indigitous-FPG-Booklet-PDF.pdf>

### Took—Activities

**Took Activity: Illustrate Frontier People Groups with internet slides,**  
<https://idserve.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Indigitous-FPG-Booklet-PDF.pdf>

Start with Page 1, “Who Are Frontier People Groups?”; continue with Page 5, “Who Are Frontier People Groups?”; On Page 7 (the slide says Page 5) show the “Geographic Legend” and list of 31 Frontier People Groups. Then show the kids some of the 31 Frontier People Groups that follow. Scan the QR code on at least one page of a Frontier People Group to view a video about the people group.

Explain that there are many groups of people in the world today who do not know Jesus, or have only a very few people around them to tell them about Jesus. These people are called “Frontier People Groups.” Jesus wants us to go to these people and tell them about Him so they will know that if they believe Jesus is the Son of God, they have a loving Savior who will forgive their sins, He will send the Holy Spirit to teach and guide them through life, and they will be with God forever. Jesus will teach them how to live so they will be blessed in this life and for eternity with God.

Some of these Frontier People Groups may be nearby in our country, and some of them may be far away. We refer to disciples sharing the gospel with those close by as “evangelizing.” We refer to disciples going on a journey to the Frontier People Groups in faraway lands as “missionaries,” and their journey is called a “mission.” We’re going to call ourselves “Frontier Mission Kids,” because we are Frontier Disciple Kids obeying Jesus’ Great Commission to make disciples for Jesus going on missions in faraway lands.

**TRANSITION** So here’s the plan so far for Frontier Mission Kids obeying God’s Great Commission:

### Summary

**Objective:** Summarize the lesson, especially the parts the students enjoyed:

Scripture tells us God’s promises and His mission for everyone to be disciples of His Son Jesus and make us holy for eternal life with them. We prepare disciples first with prayer to hear God’s plans and to make disciples everywhere for Jesus’ Great Commission in Matthew 28:18–20. See you next Sunday to make more plans for our Frontier Mission!

### Summary—Activities

**Summary Activity: Matthew 28: 19–20 Personal Puzzles**

Print a smaller version of the Matthew 28:19–20 on one piece of colorful cardstock for each student to cut the puzzle pieces and take home. Make a sample to show them. Tell students to practice memorizing the verse at home by putting together the puzzle, or reciting to parents, or however they best memorize the verse. When they return to Sunday School for the next three weeks, give a bookmark reward (instructions below) to each student who has successfully recited Matthew 28: 19–20.

## Summary Activity: Bookmark Rewards

Tell students to practice at home memorizing Matthew 28:19-20. When a student has successfully recited the two verses by memory, reward them with praise and the Great Commission bookmark (Appendix B) printed on cardstock. Students may decorate their bookmarks also. (or you may purchase Great Commission bookmarks:

[https://www.amazon.com/Bible-Cards-Mission-Make-Disciples/dp/B075Q2GNPF/ref=asc\\_df\\_B075Q2GNPF/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=242007198703&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=9988075660122853986&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvgmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9008738&hvtargid=pla-438915954876&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/Bible-Cards-Mission-Make-Disciples/dp/B075Q2GNPF/ref=asc_df_B075Q2GNPF/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=242007198703&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=9988075660122853986&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvgmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9008738&hvtargid=pla-438915954876&psc=1)

## Appendix A “STORY OF SCRIPTURE (BOOK).pptx ” Notes

### Slide 2

I’m going to tell you a very short version of the Big story of the Bible to help you understand God’s plan for His world and what His Son Jesus wants us to do for Him.

(You might need to explain that Frontier Mission Kids is an expression we’re using for this lesson, but not a biblical term. The theological concept of Frontier Mission Kids, however is definitely biblical).

*Suggested visual object: Bible; for the remaining slides, print color pictures of the slides that the teacher can use throughout Lessons 1-4 when refreshing students’ memories of the story of Scripture whenever applicable to the lesson.*

### Slide 3

God created the whole world perfectly. *Suggested visual object: Planets model*

### Slide 4

God created the heavens and the earth.

### Slide 5

God’s whole world was a work of perfect peace and beauty—shalom— in everything God created. And God saw that it was good.

### Slide 6

God said His creation of the first man and woman, Adam and Eve was “very good.” From the very beginning God has loved people and made us for loving relationship with Him and one another. But Adam and Eve soon disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit that God told them not to eat. Adam and Eve chose to listen to the serpent and disobey God.

### Slide 7

Adam and Eve’s disobedience to God— their original sin—infected all the world with sin, along with pain, struggles, and death. Adam and Eve had created a huge problem—their sin had broken them as God’s holy people and their sin broke their perfect relationship with their Holy God. Adam and Eve had no way to solve this problem. Only God could solve the problem of sin in the world and repair our relationship with Him.

### Slide 8

God was disappointed that Adam and Eve disobeyed Him, but God still loved them. In God’s grace and mercy, He made Adam and Eve clothing to cover their bodies and shame, but that still did not solve the problem of sin in the world.

### Slide 9

As time passed, our loving God made a covenant, a promise, with a man named Abram to begin to take care of the problem of sin in the world.



#### Slide 10

Because Abram was faithful, God promised Abram huge blessings: land, descendants, and world-wide blessings. God promised that all the families on earth would be blessed through Abram. And then God renamed Abram, Abraham, the “father of many.” God began restoring His relationship with people through Abraham.

#### Slide 11

God repeated the Abrahamic Covenant to Abraham’s son Isaac, and to Isaac’s son Jacob. God was faithful to His relationship with Abraham’s family. Abraham’s family became known as the Israelites from the nation of Israel.

#### Slide 12

Abraham’s family, the Israelites, positively knew God protected and loved them when He saved them from the Egyptian army that was attacking the Israelites. God parted the Red Sea and let the Israelites pass through the sea on dry land, but allowed the Egyptian army to drown and save the Israelites from the Egyptians. All the surrounding nations heard about God’s love and protection for the Israelites.

#### Slide 13

Then later, God made another covenant with the Israelites through their leader, Moses. God gave Moses the 10 Commandments and other laws for Israel to be His holy people and for Him to be their holy God. God told Israel to obey the laws to be holy. To be holy meant to be without sin, like God.

#### Slide 14

But like all people with the original sin of Adam and Eve, the Israelites still sometimes disobeyed God. To cover their sins, God told the Israelites to make animal sacrifices as a symbol and reminder of their sin and its awful consequences of pain and death. These sacrifices substituted the pain and death of the animal for the pain and death of the people’s sins, and repaired their broken relationship with God.

#### Slide 15

Even though God had made a system of sacrifices for the Israelites to repair their relationship with Him, there were consequences for their sins. We all have consequences for our sins, our wrongdoings. God promised that when we obey Him, we are blessed. When we disobey God, we have troubles.

#### Slide 16

The Israelites sometimes obeyed God’s covenants, and sometimes they disobeyed Him. “Everyone did as they saw fit” (Judges 21:25), not as God taught them. God was very upset about the Israelites’ disobedience. [The story of Ruth, in Lesson 2 takes place during this time of disobedience]

#### Slide 17

Soon after the time of the Judges, God chose a King for Israel who was a faithful man of God, not perfect, but faithful. His name was King David.

#### Slide 18

God made a covenant with King David for the nation of Israel. God promised David that one of his descendants would rule on his throne forever and ever. Remember Abraham’s Covenant? God said all the families of the earth would be blessed by Abraham’s faith forever. Now God promised King David, a descendant of Abraham, a King forever on his throne. Who will this King be? And how do all these Covenants God made with Israel fit together in His great plan? Remember, God keeps His promises.

#### Slide 19

So far, we’ve talked about three covenants God made with the Israelites: The Covenant with Abraham, the Covenant with Moses, and the Covenant with David.

- The Abrahamic Covenant promised blessings for the whole world through Abraham’s faith.
- The Mosaic Covenant promised Israel blessings if they obeyed His Law.
- The Davidic Covenant promised that a descendant of David would establish His Kingdom forever.

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In those days people called Prophets gave Israel special messages called prophecies, or predictions, from God. Prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel kept warning Israel that their constant disobedience would bring terrible consequences if they did not repent and obey. The Prophets warned the Israelites that they were not taking care of foreigners as God had told them to do. The Israelites were not showing God's love to people of other nations by loving and caring for foreigners, feeding and helping the hungry and needy, and including foreigners in their celebrations and festivals. Israel was not showing the other nations that God is a holy God of love, grace, and mercy.

#### Slide 21

But even though Israel was not obeying God, God still loved Israel and gave them wonderful messages of hope from the Prophets. God gave Israel the great message of hope that He would save them and the whole world from their sins for eternity by sending a Messiah, a Savior who would teach them, and come live among them. This Savior would come not just for Israel, but be a "light" for the whole world.

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The Prophet Jeremiah, in the Words of God, said "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,"not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers [Mosaic Covenant], in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke...(Jeremiah 31:31-32)."

The Old Covenant was the Mosaic Law that the Israelites kept breaking and having to make animal sacrifices to restore their relationship with God.

#### Slide 23

And the Prophet Jeremiah spoke God's words: "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time." declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." Jeremiah 31:33-34

Jeremiah predicted that God would make a New Covenant to forgive the sins of the people forever, and there will be no more need for animal sacrifices. But the Israelites had to wait for this New Covenant.

#### Slide 24

And the Prophet Isaiah predicted, "He was pierced [wounded] for our transgressions [wrongdoings]. He was crushed for our iniquities [sins]. The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him and by His wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

Isaiah said this Savior God sends will be a servant who suffers for our sins, but brings peace and healing to people. He will save us from our sins and restore our broken relationship with God.

The Prophets foretold Israel over 100 prophecies about the Messiah who would make this New Covenant with the world. Like all God's Word, we will see in the New Testament that the prophecies came true. The Messiah did come to save Israel and all the world from their sins.

#### Slide 25

And then for the next 400 years, the Israelites did not hear any more from God or His Prophets. For 400 years, world empires and rulers rose and fell, God scattered the Israelites (now called Jews) from their land of Israel, Jewish synagogues of worship sprung up, and Jewish Pharisees taught the Mosaic Law. But no more messages came from the Prophets.

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**About 430 YEARS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.**

- So how will God make the New Covenant that the Prophet Jeremiah predicted?
- What will become of God's Old Covenants with His people, the Abrahamic, Mosaic, and Davidic covenants?
- And who will be the Messiah (anointed one) and Savior that the Prophet Isaiah said would repair our broken relationship with God?

And the world waited...

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And Jesus, the Son of God, the Son of Man, the Messiah and Savior of the world, was born about 4 B.C. Jesus was fully God and fully man.

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Jesus Christ is the New Covenant that the Old Testament Prophets promised. Jesus was all the Prophets said He would be and did all the Prophets said He would do. Jesus is the only person who obeyed all God's law perfectly without sin. Jesus is our perfect Savior from sin to repair our broken relationship with God.

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Jesus fulfilled at least 100 Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. By God's grace, Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension became God's New Covenant, God's New Promise of forgiveness of sins and life with God forever to all people who are sorry for their sins and have faith in His Son Jesus to forgive all sins. The New Covenant is also called the New Testament in the Bible.

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With God's New Covenant, Jesus fulfilled all the Covenants of the Old Testament, God's promises to Abraham, Moses, David and the nation of Israel, the people called the Jews.

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How do we know Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies? We know because Jesus' Apostles and Disciples witnessed, they saw, they heard, and they were with Jesus during His life on earth, death on the cross, and Resurrection or coming back from the dead, and His Ascension or rising up into heaven. Four Gospel books in the Bible tell us this story of Jesus, called the Gospel.

**Matthew**—tells us Jesus was Christ the King

**Mark**—tells us Jesus was Christ the Suffering Servant

**Luke**—tells us Jesus was Christ the Perfect Man

**John**—tells us Jesus was Christ the Son of God

These four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, tell us stories about Jesus performing miracles, healing blind people, lame people, sick people, teaching us how to love one another and to love and obey God. Jesus teaches us how God loves us and how God wants us to live our best lives for Him. Jesus proved He was the Son of God by His miracles and by His Resurrection, His coming back from the dead.

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- Jesus is Christ the King because he is the King in the Davidic Covenant who will rule on God's throne forever, and He fulfilled over 100 Old Testament prophecies.
- Jesus is the Suffering Servant because of the life He lived and the death He endured on a cross as a sacrifice for our sins, all prophesied by the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah.
- Jesus is the Perfect Man because he obeyed the Mosaic Covenant, the laws of God, perfectly as no man had ever been able to do.
- Jesus is the Son of God because he performed miracles and healings that only God could do.

No longer would Israel need to make animal sacrifices for every sin they committed. Jesus' death on the cross was the perfect substitution for every person's sins since Adam and Eve.

Jesus came to save the whole world from their sins, for your sins, for my sins—for all who believe He is the Son of God and repent of their sins (say they're sorry for their sins and follow Jesus). All the families on earth are blessed through this descendent of Abraham.

Sadly, the nation of Israel, now called the Jews, did not believe Jesus was their Messiah and Savior. They believed Jesus' claims to be God were blasphemous claims, false claims, against God.

So the Jewish Pharisees had Jesus crucified by hanging Him on a cross, and buried Him.

But three days later, Jesus was resurrected—He came back from the dead. Only the Son of God could ever do that. Jesus' resurrection was the ultimate proof He is the Son of God. Many eyewitnesses were with the resurrected Jesus for 40 days.

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Before Jesus ascended to heaven He told His followers, His Disciples, they had one job to do for Him—to make disciples for Him in all the nations. This job is called "The Great Commission." All disciples are to make disciples who make disciples who make disciples...Turn in your Bibles to Matthew 28:18-20, and let's read again what Jesus said.

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After Jesus gave His Great Commission to His disciples, He ascended into heaven. He promised to send His disciples His Holy Spirit (John 14:15-31) to live within all believers and teach and guide them. And Jesus promised to return to earth again one day.

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So what?

So why is being a disciple of Jesus a big deal?

Because your whole life changes when you are a disciple of Jesus!

You are a part of God's New Covenant with Jesus and all of Father Abraham's people who believe in Jesus.

When you follow and obey Jesus you become like Him and glorify God.

You live the life God intended for you—a life that focuses on the love Jesus taught and the peace He brings.

And when you have trouble in your life, His Holy Spirit guides you through your trouble.

And when you mess up and sin, Jesus forgives you when you're sorry and return to Him.

AND WHEN YOU DIE, JESUS SAVES YOU FROM YOUR SINS SO THAT YOU WILL BE RESURRECTED, JUST LIKE JESUS, AND BE WITH GOD FOREVER. THAT'S HUGE!

That's why being a disciple of Jesus is a big deal!!!

And that's why Jesus wants you to make disciples of all of Father Abraham's people in all nations.

So all believers will receive God's blessings promised to Abraham's descendants and be holy with our holy God FOREVER.

**1 Timothy 2:3-4** <sup>3</sup> *This is good, and pleases God our Savior,* <sup>4</sup> *who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

Slide 36

In Acts 1:8 we know that just as Jesus promised, God did send His Holy Spirit to every believer and gave His power to make disciples in all nations. God promises to give His Holy Spirit to every believer, not just then, but today and always.

Our Frontier Mission Kids journey starts here. If you believe Jesus is the Son of God, and you are sorry for your sins, and you obey Jesus' teachings, you are a Disciple of Jesus and His Holy Spirit is in you by the grace of God.

A believer's job now? To obey Jesus' Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

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The church is born! The coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples was the birth of the church. We celebrate the birth of the church every year at Pentecost, 50 days after Easter Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples, as Jesus had promised.

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Appendix B: Bookmark

**"A**ll authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

**The GREAT COMMISSION**

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