

Year A, Week 19 (April 6, 2008)

Matthew 28: 16-20

Jesus's Great Commission to the Disciples

Hymn suggestion: *This Little Light of Mine*

Items Needed:

- Jesus (man with arms held out at sides)
- Variety of disciples (don't need as many as 11)
- Piano bench to serve as mountaintop

(Directions: Set disciples on piano bench.)

When the women who went to the tomb saw that Jesus was risen, they fell at his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go and tell my brothers the disciples to go to Galilee, where they will see me."

So the disciples did go to Galilee, to the top of a mountain. There they saw Jesus. *(Place Jesus figure on mountain.)*

Some of the disciples worshiped Jesus *(point to some disciples)*, and some of them doubted that it was really him *(point to some disciples)*.

Jesus said to them, "Go therefore and make disciples from every nation on earth. Baptize the disciples in the name of the Father and the son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I've taught you."

He told them, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of time."

If you feel comfortable, you might help the children memorize this famous Great Commission, a popular memory verse:

Go therefore
and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And remember, I am with you always.

Questions without Response:

- I wonder ... what the disciples thought when the women told them that Jesus was risen?
- I wonder ... how they felt as they went to Galilee?
- I wonder ... if they really expected to see Jesus?
- I wonder ... if I would be a disciple who believed, or a disciple who doubted?
- I wonder ... how we make disciples of Jesus.
- I wonder ... if you feel that Jesus is with you always.