

Fourth week of February
Let's Share the Gospel Together

- **Text:** Mark 16:15~18 (February 23)
- **Bottom line:** Jesus tells those who hear the gospel and believe it to go out into the world and preach the gospel.

≡ **1. Praise**

(Hymn 171) God Sent His Son

≡ **2. Prayer**

Thank you, God, for allowing our family to gather and worship. Please accept our praise and prayers and let joy overflow in us.

≡ **3. Word**

Read Mark 16:15~18 together (read the verse 3 times).

* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

<ESV>

15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

<NASB>

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<Word Explanation>

- * Signs: Miracles
- * Dialects: The languages spoken by people of each country

☰ Understanding the Text

Jesus told His disciples to go out into the world and preach the gospel to all people. When they preach the gospel, those who believe in Jesus will be saved, and those who do not believe will be condemned. Jesus told those who believed in Him that amazing signs appeared, such as casting out demons, speaking in tongues, and healing.

☒ Understanding the text for leaders

The disciples heard that Mary met the resurrected Jesus (16:11) and that the other disciples met Jesus on the road (16:12~13), but they still don't believe that Jesus is alive. Jesus visits His disciples, rebukes them, and commissions them to go out into the world and preach the gospel to all people. When you preach the gospel, tell them in Jesus' name that there will be signs that demons will go away, heal the sick, pick up a serpent with your hand and not be hurt no matter what poison you drink. The resurrected Jesus taught His disciples how powerful the gospel is. The disciples, who received the Holy Spirit as Jesus promised, boldly preach the gospel wherever they go. Their preaching and the signs they showed when they preached the gospel are vividly recorded in the book of Acts (Acts 3:6~8; 5:15~16; 28:3~5).

☰ 4. Sharing

1) What are the amazing signs that will be manifested through those who hear the gospel and believe in Jesus? (Verses 17~18)

■ Lower grades

What did Jesus say would happen if we heard the gospel and believed it? (Verses 17~18) What is the most surprising thing about this?

■ Infant, infant

What will happen to those who believe in Jesus? (verses 16~18)

☒ Question Guide

Help the children understand what signs mean so that they can understand that our faith is not built on mystical experiences, but on God's Word.

☒ Comments for Leaders

Signs may appear through those who hear the gospel and believe in it. Signs may seem special because they don't come through every believer, but they are manifested through someone according to God's good will, not because He loves that person more or uses them more. It is important to understand that signs are one way to guarantee salvation for those who believe in Jesus, but they are not absolute means of confirming salvation. We need to remember that signs are not manifested through everyone. Not everyone experiences them.

2) Share with those who do not believe in Jesus that you should preach the gospel to.

■ **Upper Grades**

Who are your friends or family who don't know Jesus yet? Tell them that Jesus loves us.

■ **Lower Grades**

"Believe in Jesus!" Who are your family member or friend that you would like to say this to?

☒ **Question Guide**

Preaching the gospel is God's mission to His children, and it is God's job to get someone to believe in Jesus. Those who believe in Jesus first must take on the task of preaching the gospel to those who do not believe in Jesus.

☒ **Comments for Leaders**

Jesus told His disciples to be convinced of the gospel and to preach it to the world. It is man's job to preach the gospel, but it is God's job for one person to hear the gospel and believe in Jesus. Therefore, we just need to concentrate on preaching the gospel. Find out if there are people around you who need to hear the gospel and believe in Jesus, and find practical ways to share the gospel with them.

≡ **5. Thanksgiving**

Who shared the gospel with me? I am grateful for God's grace in allowing me to know Jesus and live by faith.

≡ **6. Prayer**

Lord! I repent that I have forgotten how great and precious the grace of salvation is, and that I have taken lightly the Lord's command to preach the gospel. Please give me the boldness to preach Jesus to those who have not yet heard the Gospel, and make it my mission to preach the Gospel.

- End the family worship service with the "Lord's Prayer"

≡ **7. Family Mission**

<Make a Jesus Storybook> *What to bring: Verse 8 drawing paper, writing materials, coloring tools, stickers

1. Fold the paper in half horizontally, then fold it two more times to the shorter side.
2. After unfolding the folded paper, cut the middle two squares with scissors or a knife when viewed from the long side.
3. The sheathed space can be folded incorrectly and folded once more to flip it like a bookcase.
4. Discuss what story about Jesus to write on each page (8 pages in total).
5. After writing down the story of Jesus, draw pictures or decorate it with stickers.