

Aim: Jesus called His disciples to preach to all the world; He calls us to do the same and gives us spiritual gifts to help. Fundamental 25 – the second coming

Resources: What We Believe for Kids by Jerry D Thomas; What We Believe for Teens by Seth J Pierce; God Loves Me 28 ways – Bible Adventures for Young Readers. All published by Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Before Jesus left, He gave His disciples what we call 'The Great Commission'.

Do you know what a commission is?

In English the word commission is used a number of ways.

According to the dictionary: (<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/commission>)

- To commission someone is to formally choose someone to do a special work
- Or to give someone the official authority to do something
- A Commission can be a group of people who have been formally chosen to do something
- Or a request to do a special piece of work
- Or a payment given to a salesperson for each item they sell

In this case we are talking about a being specially chosen to do a special work.

Read the Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20

Discuss each part of the Commission

- Go to all nations – none are excluded
- Make disciples – a disciple is a follower
- Baptize them – the symbol that we have chosen a new life with God
- Teach them to obey – obedience helps to keep us safe and to grow our relationship with God

Our church is called the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Why 'Seventh-day' ? (Because we worship on the seventh day)

Do you know where the word 'Adventist' came from?

Adventus is the Latin word for 'coming' or 'arrival' – so Adventists are a group of people who look forward to the soon coming, or soon arrival of Jesus.

Discuss – what do you know about the Second Coming of Jesus?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17

Read Matthew 24:27, 30, 31

Revelation 1:7