

WEEK 4

BIBLE STORY LESSON



Need to Know: *Put on the Good News Boots*

Bible Story: *The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)*

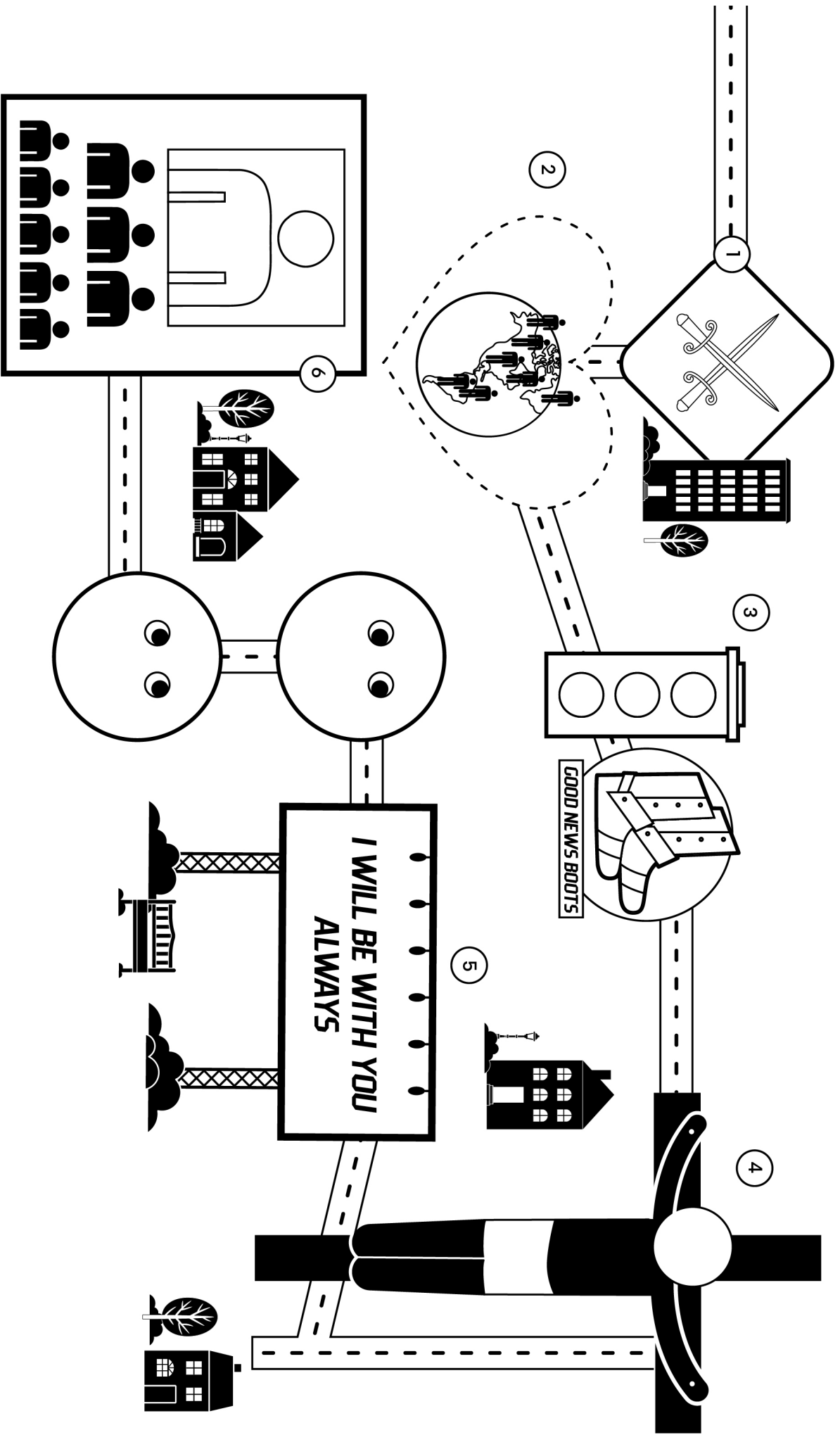
Supplies:

- Bible Story Sheet (choose age appropriate story from pages below)
 - Bible Story Map (choose age appropriate map from pages below to print) & coloring utensils
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1. **SAY:** *Before Jesus went back to Heaven, there's something He told us to do. While I tell you what He said, you get to make a map of this Bible story.*
2. **GIVE** each child a **Bible Story Map** and a **coloring utensil**.
3. **READ** the **Bible Story Sheet** to the children, allowing them to fill in their **Map** as you read. When finished, **ASK:**
 - ***What did Jesus tell all of His disciples and all of us to do?*** (Go into the world and tell people that God loves them so that they will follow Jesus)
 - ***Yes! Everyone needs to hear that God loves them, and we get to tell them! What piece of armor has God given us to help us tell others this good news?*** (The Good News Boots) ***That's right! Jesus will always be with us, giving us the courage to share God's love with the world.***

READ the Bible story below, and ASSIST kids in drawing and coloring on their map as prompted.

- *In the first box on your map, I want you to color in the swords. As kids color, SAY:*
 - *You would think that sharing the good news about God's love would be really easy. But there's a spiritual battle taking place between God and the devil over the hearts of each person on Earth.*
- *At the next stop on your map is a heart for you to trace! As kids trace, SAY:*
 - *This heart is there to help us remember that God is fighting for every person in the world to know who He is and how much He loves them.*
- *Now follow the road on your map to the stoplight. Which circle on this stoplight is supposed to be green? (The bottom one) You all share the green coloring utensils and color in the green on your stop light as I keep reading. As kids color, SAY:*
 - *God wants us to help him in this battle by sharing the good news of His love with everyone, and He gave us a piece of his armor to help us out. It's the good news boots. These boots give us the courage to GO and tell the good news just like Jesus taught His disciples to do.*
- *Now follow the road to stop number four on your map.*
 - (POINT to Jesus on the cross on a child's Map) *When Jesus lived on Earth, He died on a cross to take the punishment for all the wrong things we do. How do you think Jesus felt on the cross? (ALLOW responses) It really hurt, and I'm sure He was sad, so draw a sad face on Jesus in the top picture. (GIVE kids a few seconds to draw a frown on Jesus)*
 - *Even though it hurt Jesus to die on the cross, He did for us, because He loves us. Three days later, God brought Jesus back to life! Afterwards, Jesus appeared to His disciples on a mountainside. When Jesus' friends saw Him, they worshipped Him and thanked God for His love.*
- *Let's travel on to stop five on our map, and listen to the important message Jesus had for His disciples. Jesus said, "Go and make followers of all people in the world. Teach them to obey everything I have told you to do. And you can be sure that I will be with you always."*
- *Keep following the road, and you will see two faces. These are two of Jesus' disciples.*
 - *How do you think Jesus' friends felt when He told them to go and tell people about God's love? (ALLOW responses) Draw on their faces how you think they felt—some may have been excited, but some may have been nervous or scared. (GIVE kids a few seconds to draw faces on disciples)*
 - *We may be scared to tell others about God's love, because sometimes we think, "It's too hard," or "I don't know what to say." But with the good news boots, God gives us the right words to say and helps us to not be afraid. Jesus even made a promise to all His disciples, and it's a promise for us, too!*
- *The sign we passed a minute ago says, "I will be with you always." Go back to it, and let me see you underline the word, "ALWAYS." (POINT to the word on a child's Map) Jesus is ALWAYS with us, even when we're telling other people about God's love for them!*
- *Now travel to the end of the road, to stop number six. The top person in this box is you, so color it to look like you. (GIVE kids a minute or less to color themselves) When you tell others about God's love, they may want to follow Jesus and tell others about Him, too. Then, more and more people will hear the good news! You can be like Jesus' disciples and change the world by telling others about how much God loves them!*



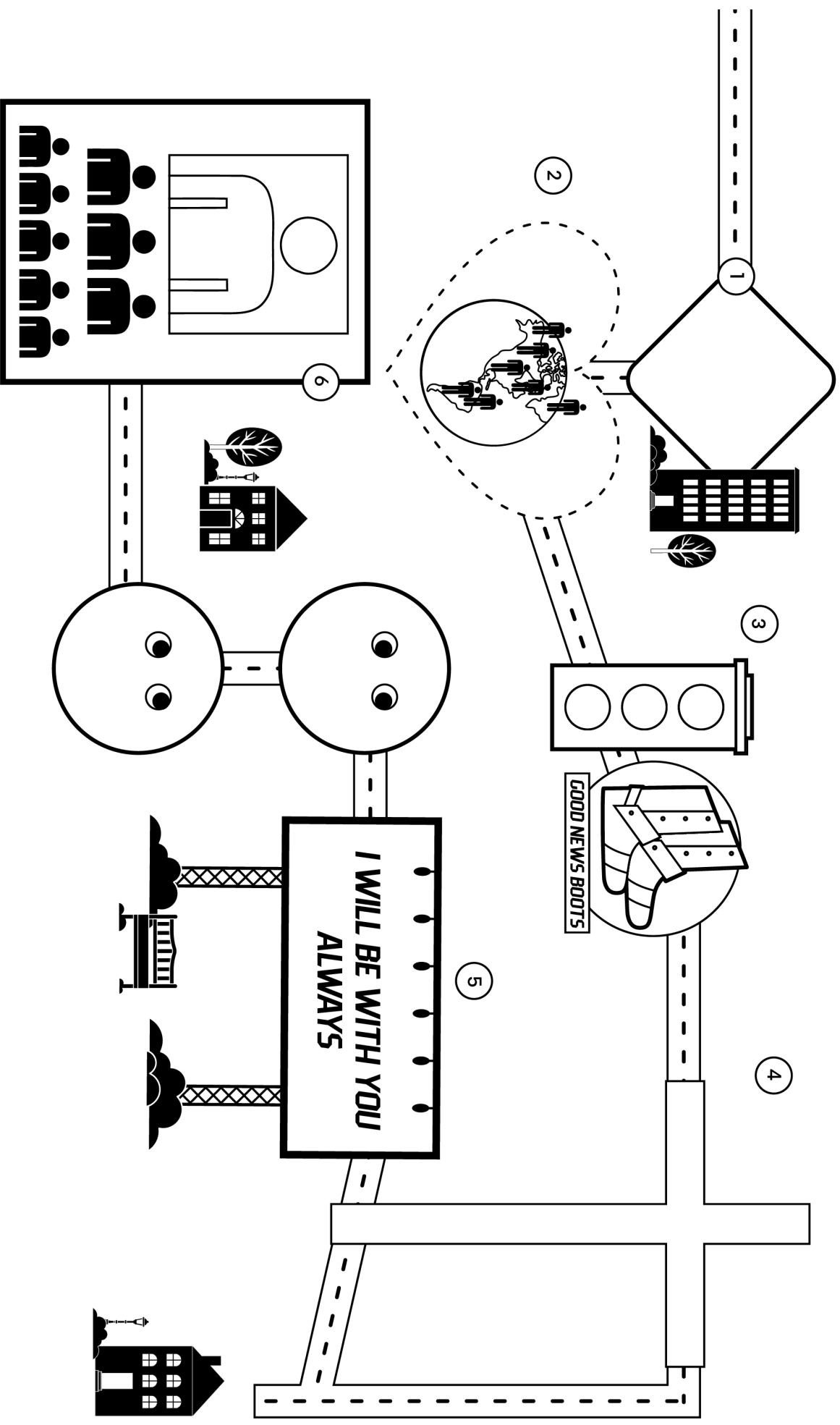
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Today's Bible Story: The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

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- *In the first box on your map I want you to draw two swords.* As kids draw, SAY:
 - *You would think that sharing the good news about God's love would be really easy. But there's a spiritual battle taking place between God and the devil over the hearts of each person on Earth.*
- *At the next stop on your map is a heart for you to trace!* As kids trace, SAY:
 - *This heart is there to help us remember that God is fighting for every person in the world to know who He is and how much He loves them.*
- *Now follow the road on your map to the stoplight. What color on a stoplight means "go"? (Green) You all share the green coloring utensils and color in the green on your stoplight as I keep reading.* As kids color, SAY:
 - *God wants us to help him in this battle by sharing the good news of His love with everyone, and He gave us a piece of his armor to help us out. It's the good news boots. These boots give us the courage to go and tell the good news just like Jesus taught His disciples to do.*
- *Now follow the road to the next stop on your map.*
 - (POINT to the cross on a child's Map) *What do you see here? (A cross) Color this wooden cross as I keep reading. (CONTINUE as kids color) God loved us so much that He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for all the wrong things we do. That's what Jesus was doing when He died on the cross. It's good news that Jesus did that for us! And there's even more good news! Three days after Jesus died, God showed the world that He had defeated sin and death by bringing Jesus back to life! Before Jesus went back to Heaven, He appeared to His disciples on a mountainside. When Jesus' friends saw Him, they worshipped Him and thanked God for His love.*
- *Let's travel to the next place on our map, and listen to the important message Jesus had for them. He said, "Go and make followers of all people in the world. Teach them to obey everything I have told you to do. And you can be sure that I will be with you always."*
 - *How do you think Jesus' friends felt when He told them to go and tell people about God's love? (ALLOW responses) Keep following the road to the two faces. Draw on these faces how you think Jesus' disciples felt—some may have been excited, but some may have been nervous or scared. (GIVE kids a few seconds to draw faces on disciples)*
 - *We may be scared to tell others about God's love, because sometimes we think, "People will make fun of me," or "I don't know what to say." But when we put on the good news boots, God gives us the right words to say and helps us to not be afraid. Jesus even made a promise to all His disciples, and it's a promise for us, too! Follow the road back to the sign we just passed, and someone read it to us. (HAVE a child read aloud the sign that says, "I will be with you always.")*
- *Yes! Jesus is always with us, especially when we're telling other people about God's love for them! Now travel to the end of the road, to stop number six. The top person in this box is you, so color it to look like you. (GIVE kids a minute or less to color themselves) When you tell others about God's love, they may want to follow Jesus and tell others about Him, too. Then, more and more people will hear the good news! You can be like Jesus' disciples and change the world by telling others about how much God loves them!*



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Series Memory Verse: “Put on all of God’s armor. Then you can remain strong against the devil’s evil plans.” *Ephesians 6:11 (NIRV)*

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