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Spread
the Word



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Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” What does this mean?

One translation says it this way: *Then Jesus said to them, “So wherever you go in the world, tell everyone the Good News.”*

For some people telling people the good news means going to other countries to tell others about Jesus, but we don’t have to leave our own neighbourhood to do what Jesus said. We can be a light to those around us by being living examples of how God has shown us how to live in the Bible. Your character can be so attractive to others that they want to be like you.

Is that enough? Of course not – but it’s a great start!

Pray about it!

Wendy



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Practical Faith

Janet placed her lunchbox beside her. She picked the biscuits from the box and put them to one side with the apple.

“Yummy,” she thought. “Peanut butter sandwiches.”

As she unwrapped the sandwiches, she looked up and saw the new boy watching her. He had only been at school for a week but already he had been in trouble. His name was Karl, and like her, he was in year five. He did not have any lunch to eat. He was also from another country. Janet had heard him called names because he did not speak English well. His clothes looked ragged and his hair was greasy.

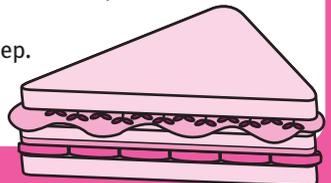
As she bit into her sandwich, Karl looked away angrily. Janet wondered why he was angry. She took another bite and caught him looking at her again. She smiled at him. Her mother had told her she should always be polite. Karl frowned at her and again turned away. Janet put down the sandwich she was eating, and took another one from her lunchbox. She walked over to Karl and held out the sandwich to him. He sneered at her and turned away. Janet put the sandwich down beside him and said, “You can share my lunch.” She went back to her own seat. She watched as Karl touched the sandwich when he thought she was not looking, and then took a bite. She smiled to herself.

Janet thought back to her Sunday school teacher telling her that Jesus had said, “Feed my sheep.” The teacher had said that did not mean giving food to sheep but teaching people about God. Janet then took a packet of chippies and left them beside Karl.

Over the next few days, Janet shared her lunch with Karl even when some of the other children told her she was silly. When Janet told her Mum what she was doing, her Mum put a few extras into her lunchbox.

Janet and Karl started talking and she helped him with his English and Math. Later Karl became Janet’s friend, and she met his sister, Juanita, who started going to Sunday school with her. Karl never did go to Sunday school, but Janet knew that he would always remember how a Christian girl helped him in a practical way when nobody else would.

Janet knew Jesus would understand her way of feeding his sheep.



Spread the seed of God's Word

By Julia Martin 

Seeds are one of the countless marvels of God's creation. Most trees and plants produce seeds and they are distributed in all kinds of amazing ways.

Some seeds simply drop at the base of the parent tree, while other seeds whirl through the air like tiny helicopters. Many seeds are taken away by birds and animals or they are carried by water, sometimes even by a mighty ocean, and arrive at destinations thousands of kilometres away. Certain seeds can survive for centuries and when the growing conditions are right, they burst into life again.

God's Word is like seed. Jesus told the parable of the Sower whose seed fell in different soils with differing results. Likewise, different kinds of people respond to God's Word in varying ways.

The true story is told of a pioneer missionary from Africa who was visiting New Zealand in 1955. He had spoken at a town on the east coast of the South Island and was booked to speak the next evening at a church on the west coast. This meant crossing the Southern Alps and there was no public transport. He prayed about it and mentioned it to his host who promptly offered to drive him there by car so he would arrive on time for the meeting.

The scenery along the way was spectacular and the missionary thoroughly enjoyed the journey. About midday, they noticed a homestead high on a hillside.

"Let's call on these folk," said the driver. "They're bound to offer us a cup of tea."

"We can't do that," exclaimed the missionary, "we don't even know them."

"Don't worry, farmers living in lonely places are usually hospitable. They'll be glad to meet someone new and have a chat."

True enough, they were warmly welcomed. Over a cup of tea, the conversation turned to spiritual matters and the need of the human heart for God. The lady of the house spoke up, "My husband and I were ordinary decent living people who hadn't realized our deep need of God until some time ago when we were lent a book to read — a sort of missionary book about a native hunter in Central Africa who became a Christian. After reading his story, our lives were changed. We also came to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and now we're so happy in Him and we read His Word every day."

She went away to find the book. As she handed it to the missionary, he gasped.

"Are you all right?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am, I'm fine. I'm simply astounded. You see, I'm William Burton, the author of the book. Fancy it reaching this lonely place in a country thousands of kilometres from where it was written! And to think it helped you to find the Saviour. Isn't God amazing?"

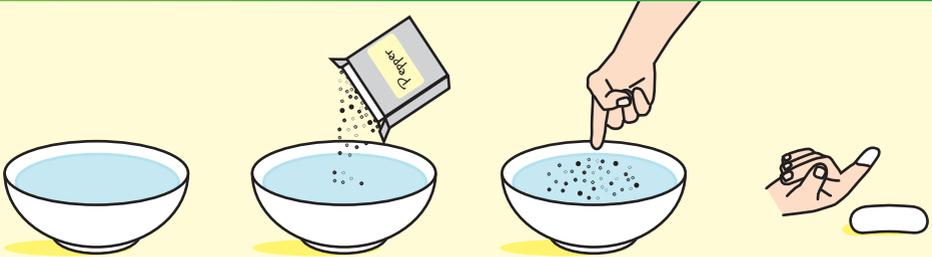
Faith

Prayer

God's Love

God says: "My word is like the snow and the rain that come down from the sky to water the earth. They make the crops grow and provide seed for sowing and food to eat. So also will be the word that I speak — it will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do." Isaiah 55 : 10-11.

A Science Experiment



Fill a small bowl with water. You can add food colouring if you want to.

Sprinkle powdered pepper or some spice on top of the water in the middle of the bowl.

Put your finger in the middle of the pepper. What happens?

Now rub your finger on some soap and put it back in the middle of the pepper. What happens now?

Why does this happen?

Water molecules are attracted to each other and stick together. The pepper sits on these joined molecules. But the soap breaks the water's bonds and so the molecules spread, taking the pepper with them.

We are like the water molecules. We have God's love inside us (like the pepper over the water) and we come together at church, Sunday school, small groups or wherever to learn more about God.

But we can't spread the message by ourselves. We need God's help. We need His wisdom when we speak to people. So He gave us the Holy Spirit (the soap in the experiment). When we listen to the Holy Spirit and let him 'rub off on us' (that means changing our character to what God wants) then we can be sent out with His power to spread the message.

This first happened in the New Testament on the day of Pentecost, when the followers of Jesus were overcome with the Holy Spirit so they could be filled with God's power. Read about it in Acts and then ask God to help you to spread the wonderful message of His love.

Spread the Word

Q. When Peter preached at Pentecost (Acts 2:41), how many believed?

A. _____

Q. When God's word was preached in Acts 13:48, who believed?

A. _____

Q. In Acts 16:14 who believed?

A. _____

Q. Who believed in Acts 16:27 – 33

A. _____ and his _____.

Q. Where were the people who believed from (Acts 17:10 – 12)?

A. _____

Q. In Acts 24:25 who did Paul speak to about Jesus?

A. _____

Q. Who gave Paul permission to speak in Acts 26:1?

A. _____

Q. In Acts 28:31 who did Paul teach about?

A. _____.

**GOD GAVE HIS WORD THE BIBLE
THAT TELLS OF HIS LOVE TO ME,
HOW THAT JESUS CAME TO SAVE US
WHEN HE DIED ON CALVARY.**

**IT SAYS I CAN BE FORGIVEN
AND HAVE A BRAND NEW START,
I CAN KNOW I AM GOING TO HEAVEN,
THAT JESUS LIVES IN MY HEART.**

**BUT ALL AROUND THERE ARE PEOPLE
WHO DON'T KNOW GOD'S LOVE AND CARE.
WILL ANYONE GO AND TELL THEM?
SO GOD'S MESSAGE THEY WILL SHARE.**

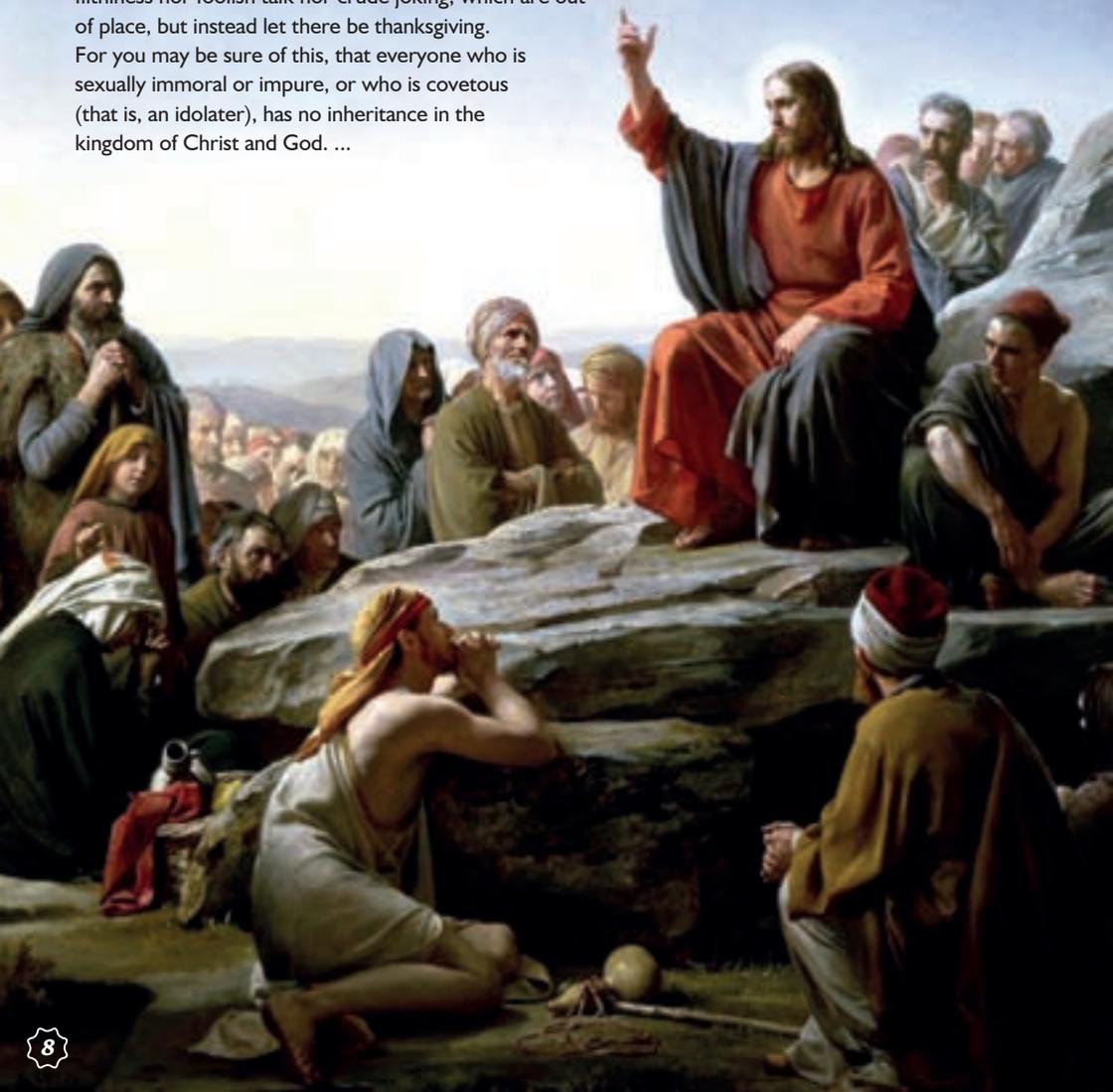
Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world. Amen."

Mark 16:15,16 And he said to them, "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned.

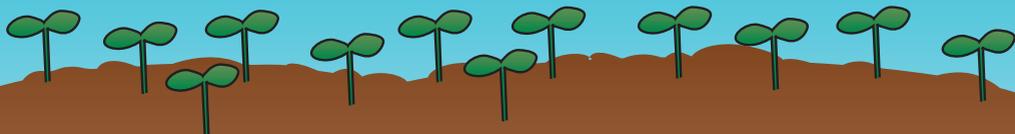
The word "Go" is a verb spoken by Jesus. Will YOU go...

Ephesians 5:1-6:24 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ...



Sow to grow



“Good job with those seeds, Sophie,” said Grandad. “Now rake the soil over gently, like this, there, now we leave them to grow.”

“How do we know which ones will grow?” Tim asked. “I’ve put so many carrot seeds in my row, if they all come up they’ll be so squashed there won’t be room for them to grow bigger.”

“You’re right,” Grandad replied. “We don’t know which ones will grow, so that’s why we sow more seeds than we need to be sure that we get enough carrots. Later when they start growing we thin them, so that the remaining ones can grow big.”

“And these lettuce seeds,” asked Sophie. “What about them?”

“We’ll thin them too,” Grandad said. “Now remember that story Jesus told about planting seed? In Bible times the farmer would carry a big bag and fling handfuls of seed out all around him. That’s why some fell on rocky ground, or on thorny soil, as well as some falling on good ground.”

“Wow, that’s different.”

“Yes it is, and here’s another thing. Do you know that before they grow all of these seeds are going to die?”

“What do you mean?”

“Before a seed will grow into its new body, a carrot or lettuce or a field of grain, the seed has to die and is no longer a seed. If we leave this seed on the table, it stays a single seed and is no use to anyone. If we plant it, it will die, but it turns into many seeds.”

Grandad finished placing labels at the end of each row. “Now we wait for the new life to appear,” he said. “The Bible says that is like waiting for fruit to come from sharing God’s word, and it is also a picture of waiting for our new bodies in heaven. In our garden the radishes will be the first to come up, and then we’ll see which ones come next. It will be like a race.”

“Yay,” Tim cried as Grandma appeared with lemonade and biscuits. “Race you for the biscuits, Sophie.”

“Ah, good timing,” said Grandad. “We’ve just finished.” “Good job with those seeds, Sophie,” said Grandad. “Now rake the soil over gently, like this, there, now we leave them to grow.”

Bible readings: October

DATE	BOOK	VERSE	DATE	BOOK	VERSE	DATE	BOOK	VERSE
1	Sat	Phil. 1:1-6	12	Wed	Phil. 4:8,9	23	Sun	Dan. 3:26-30
2	Sun	Phil. 1:7-11	13	Thu	Dan. 1:1-7	24	Mon	Dan. 5:1-9
3	Mon	Phil. 1:20-26	14	Fri	Dan. 1:8-16	25	Tue	Dan. 5:10-16
4	Tue	Phil. 1:27-30	15	Sat	Dan. 1:17-21	26	Wed	Dan. 5:17-31
5	Wed	Phil. 2:1-4	16	Sun	Dan. 2:1-13	27	Thu	Dan. 6:1-9
6	Thu	Phil. 2:5-11	17	Mon	Dan. 2:14-23	28	Fri	Dan. 6:10-18
7	Fri	Phil. 2:12-18	18	Tue	Dan. 2:24-35	29	Sat	Dan. 6:19-28
8	Sat	Phil. 2:19-24	19	Wed	Dan. 2:36-45	30	Sun	Col. 1:1-8
9	Sun	Phil. 2:25-30	20	Thu	Dan. 2:46-49, 3:1-7	31	Mon	Col. 1:9-14
10	Mon	Phil. 3:10-17	21	Fri	Dan. 3:8-18			
11	Tue	Phil. 4:1-7	22	Sat	Dan. 3:19-25			

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Wesley Tyler
Rose-Marie Wharekawa

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Morgan Cryer
Jay Frampton
Hardrain Hungurma
Jacob Lane
Gina Nguyen
Serm Sakornrat
Judy Undialu

3 Elly Black
Josiah Willemse

4 Jaime Harrison
Monique Jago
Lanah Jones
Gisela Kristono
Heidi Kristono
Julie Lewis
Melanie Moihoi
Chris Olsen Procter
Susan Stafford
Cody Thompson
Meli I Tuni

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Joshua Shepherd

6 Kacaraini Denicagi
Ella Francis

7 Caleb Brand
Peacemaker Eji
Bronwyn Holtslag
Christine Naicker

8 Georgia McArtney

9 Hermina Andersen
June Morris

10 Valencia Baptiste
Danae Seiuli
Lisi Tuigau

11 Una Dent

12 Eric Singh

Readers' Response



"Hey kids – this is YOUR page – so send in (original materials) your favourite joke, one of your own poems or prayers, a letter or a question about being a Christian and it might end up here!!"

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Please send your poems, prayers, questions, jokes or whatever to us at Discovery Magazine. We'd love to hear from you.

How can YOU spread the gospel?

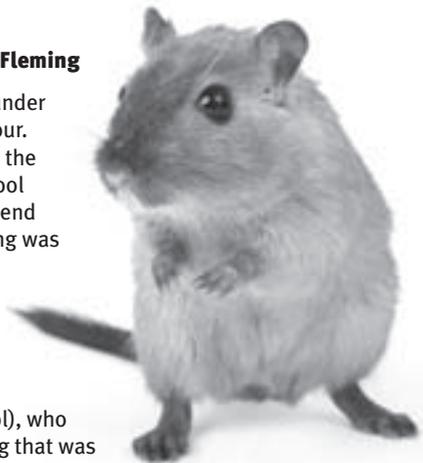
There are **MANY** ways. You don't have to be a missionary in a foreign country to spread the good news about Jesus. You can start at home and you don't have to only use words – use actions too. Help someone in need, show a good attitude, live your life so that people can **SEE** that Jesus is the best, most important thing you have **EVER** discovered. Then **THEY** may want to discover the secret of your happiness and peace, and so **YOU** can tell them the whole Gospel!

Go throughout your world, spread the good news of Jesus, and show them your godly lifestyle!

The Mouse House by Janet Fleming

About 60 years ago a Sunday school was started under a hedge, out in the country near Whangaroa Harbour. When the weather was wet it would be held inside the house. Later the man who started the Sunday school built a two room building which was placed at the end of the road leading to the lady's house. The building was only three sided to begin with.

Many children attended this Sunday school and a number of them are following the Lord Jesus today. My husband was one of those children who attended that Sunday school and Gwenyth Frear, (whose father had started the Sunday school), who writes for Discovery, played the organ. The building that was used for the Sunday school is now at Coopers Beach Camp and is called the Mouse House.



It just shows you that it doesn't matter where you are – learn more about the Bible and follow Jesus!



Message in a Bottle

Harold Meyers was excited as he boarded the cruise ship for his trip around the Caribbean Ocean. There would be much to see and do over the next six weeks. But that would be after he found his sea-legs.

After a few days bobbing up and down on the ocean waves, he ventured up to the top deck and mingled with other passengers. With book in hand, Harold found a bright green lounge to nestle into. His eyes flickered and his mind started wandering.

"If this heavy boat can bob up and down on the ocean waves, I wonder what a bottle would do?"

As he jumped up from the lounge it collapsed. Everyone watched Harold run toward the rail. They all thought he was going to be sick. But no, he turned sharply and took off down to his cabin.

Ten minutes passed before he returned carrying three bottles. Passengers crowded around Harold to see what he was up to. In each bottle he placed a message with his name, address, and \$1. Next, he put a cork in the bottles, sealed them with wax, and threw them overboard. Everyone laughed.

"Fancy throwing good money into the ocean," they teased.

"What did you do that for?" others asked.

"You never know," replied Harold, "someone might find one of the bottles and use the \$1 to send me a letter."

What happened to those bottles was quite amazing. Two of them were found and Harold did receive a letter from the people who found them. Two out of three! That was amazing.

"To tell you the truth," Harold said, "I was shocked. I guess I really never expected to hear from anybody at all."

In the Bible Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19 & 30)

That message in the bottle only reached two people. We have much better ways of spreading the message of Jesus all around the world. We could write John 3:16 on pieces of paper, and give them to our friends and family. Or post letters to friends and family throughout the world.

Jesus wants us to tell everyone we meet about his love for them and share with them what he has taught us in the Bible. Will you ask Jesus to help you tell of his love to others who don't know him?

The Great Commission, Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

The Good News

Over 30 years ago I went with some friends to visit a family. That night the man and his wife trusted the Lord Jesus. Sometime later the wife and I started a Sunday school in a small local village. For a long time I had been feeling that I should go and tell these children about Jesus.

Six years ago the husband said to us, "I want to thank you for bringing the Good News about Jesus to our home."

Today the man and his wife are both in heaven and the Sunday school is now held each Monday in our home. I'm so glad we were able to tell the man and his wife the Good News and that so many children in this area have now heard about Jesus too.



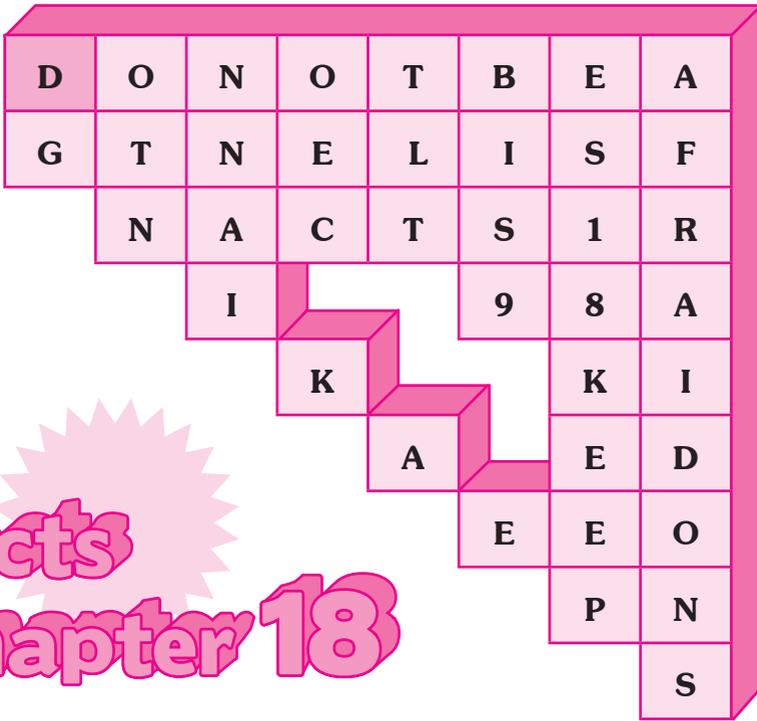
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Find the words to fill the spaces below from the wordfinder. You will have 5 letters unused that will answer the next question. When you have completed the verse go to the crossword and see if the disciples did as they were asked.

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 verse _____.

Who spoke these words to the disciples? _____



Acts chapter 18

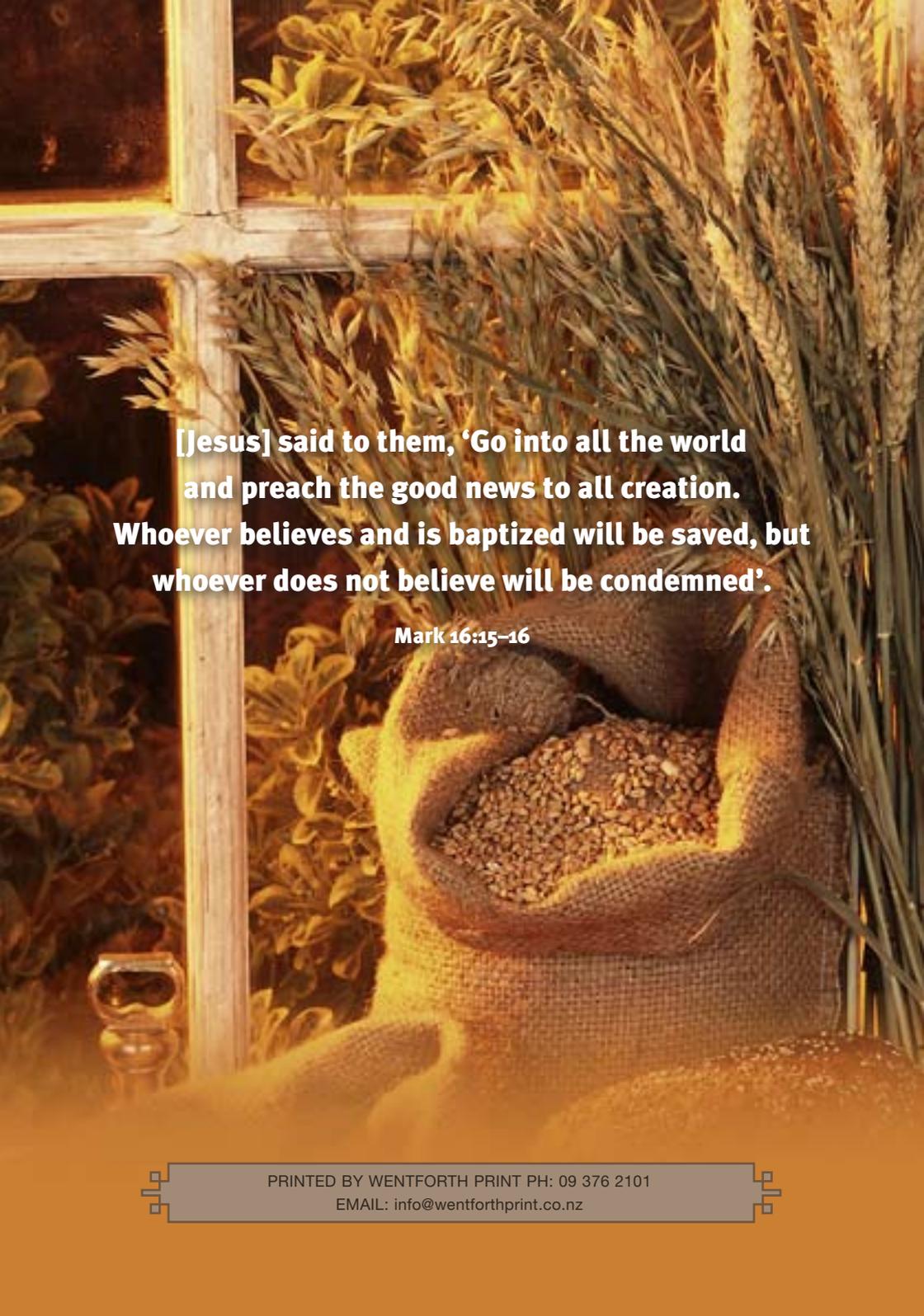
See if you can fill in the spaces below to work out a verse found in Acts chapter 18.

Letters can be reused and words must run in straight lines. Each word must touch the square containing the last letter of the previous word. Words can go in any direction. Start with the 'D' in shaded square.

D _____ A _____ ; _____

S _____ , _____

S _____ . _____ verse _____



**[Jesus] said to them, 'Go into all the world
and preach the good news to all creation.
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but
whoever does not believe will be condemned'.**

Mark 16:15-16