

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **April 24, 2022** Family Theme | **The Great Commission**
Study Text | **Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:6-11**

Objective: Family members share the gospel with those around them and help send it to all people everywhere.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set soon after Jesus' resurrection when He gave His followers the commission to make disciples of all people everywhere. The rest of the New Testament reflects this mission.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer this week and work with family members to do so as well. **What is baptism and why is a person baptized? Answer:** Baptism is the act of immersing a Christian in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A believer is baptized to obey the command of Jesus (Matthew 28:19) and to show others his decision to follow God.

Read the Word: Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:6-11

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that Jesus wants us to share the good news of the gospel with those around us and help send it to all people everywhere.



Key Truth: Believers Are to Make Disciples Wherever God Sends Us (Matthew 28:16-20)

This passage contains what is typically referred to as the Great Commission. After the Resurrection, the eleven disciples went to Galilee because the Lord had promised to meet them there. Jesus wanted to strengthen the faith of these who would take the message of Christ to the world. He told them all authority had been given to Him. That would be the basis for them to take the good news to all people. The primary command of Christ's commission is to *make disciples*. They were to do this for all nations and people groups, not just Israel. We are to lead people to Christ and to do so wherever we go. Christ wants us to make disciples of all nations, every day, wherever we find ourselves, in the big events and also in the mundane things like going to the store. We look for every opportunity to share the gospel. When people trust Christ and become His followers, we are to baptize them and teach them to obey and follow His teachings. As we do this, we can be assured of Jesus' ongoing presence with us.



Key Truth: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Believers Are to Witness for Christ Across the Street and Around the World (Acts 1:6-11)

At this point, Christ's disciples were inwardly focused as far as nationality. They wanted to restore the kingdom to Israel. But Christ corrected that. They were to begin at home, but then to take the gospel to the ends of the earth in the power of the Holy Spirit. This empowerment by the Spirit would enable them to be witnesses for Christ in their own city and homeland, but also throughout Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth. This expression referred to the farthest extensions of the Roman Empire and beyond. Jesus' followers were to go everywhere intentionally with the good news of what Christ had done to actively seek converts. Very few details are given about the ascension of Christ in verse 9. The reason is simple — this was not the emphasis of the text. The disciples watched Christ go with the promise that He would come back one day. This is part of the motivation for doing what Christ commissioned. He will come back to reward those who follow Him and punish those who have rejected Him.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- What does it mean to be commissioned to some task?
- What did Christ's commission to His followers entail? What were they to do?
- What does it mean to make disciples?
- What is our source of power to reach the world with the gospel?
- **What would we consider to be our Jerusalem, our Judea, our Samaria, and the ends of the earth?**
- **What are you doing to help make disciples, both here and around the world?**
- **How can you be God's ambassador?**

Everyday Extras

Your child learned Jesus' final command to His disciples was to go into all nations and make more disciples. Give a letter of instructions to your child to send him or her on a serious (age-appropriate) mission. (You can include pictures if the child is too young to read.) The mission might be a shopping errand, a task in the backyard, an attic search, or a bicycle delivery. Help your child stretch out of typical comfort zones to bravely accomplish it without you. Talk about the assignment you have given and how important obeying your instructions are. Our commission from God is not a secret mission, but it is very important for every Christian to participate in it. What part is your family taking in fulfilling the Great Commission?

Preschool Highlights for &

Today your child learned many people saw Jesus after He rose from the grave, including Mary, Mary Magdalene, and the disciples. Jesus gave the disciples a special job — He wanted them to tell everyone He was alive. Jesus then returned to Heaven to be with God the Father. The disciples obeyed Jesus and told others that **Jesus Is the Risen King.**