

The Great Commission



Jesus told the disciples, "Go everywhere in the world and teach people about me. And remember, I will always be with you!"

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Great Commission

from Matthew 28:16-20.

All disciples can teach like Jesus.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Nations
- Teaching
- Disciples
- Holy Spirit
- Baptizing
- Authority

When Jesus sent His followers out into the world to make disciples, the most common mode of transportation was by donkey or camel. A donkey caravan could travel about 20 miles a day. Camel caravans could cover 18-25 miles per day. Pretend you have to ride a donkey or a camel to the state closest to yours. How long would it take by camel? By donkey?

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 496-497

Spark Bible page 1098

Family Prayer

Jesus, please keep us safe this week as we travel. Give us strength and encouragement as we tell people we meet about you and your love for them. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

- 1 Who was the very first person who told you about Jesus?
- 2 Is it difficult to talk to new people about Jesus? Why or why not?
- 3 What are a few simple ways to share Jesus with others?
- 4 With your family members, role-play starting a conversation about Jesus with someone you've just met. Was it scary? Why or why not?



Eye Spark

Look around for maps or globes this week. Each time you see one, say a silent prayer asking for God's help to be a confident, willing witness to the world around you.



Ear Spark

Listen for the sounds of doors all around you. Whenever you hear the sound of a door opening or shutting, remember Jesus saying, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...."

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Gather blue balloons, string or yarn, and a black permanent marker. Blow up the blue balloons (one per person) and tie off the end. Attach the string or yarn (about 3 feet each). Have an older sibling or adult loosely draw the continents on the balloon. Then attach a tag with the scripture Matthew 28:19 printed on it and remember the Great Commission!

For younger kids

Print the scripture John 3:16 on a small card or paper. Have an adult help you put a few cookies or muffins on a plate or in a basket. Attach the card or paper and deliver to a new neighbor or acquaintance. Now that is sharing God's love!

For older kids

Use a computer to print off a political world map. Research and locate countries that have a very small Christian population, then pray for one or two of those countries each day this week.