



Parent Guide

Elementary: May 17

BIBLE STORY:

The Great Commission
Matthew 28:16-20

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is our mission as believers?

ACTIVITY: SONG AND STORY

What you need: <https://vimeo.com/419012485>

FAMILY CONNECT QUESTION:

Have you ever been given a special job or chore to do?

We feel special when we have an important job to do. We take that job seriously and want to do it well. Jesus has a special job for us to do.

ACTIVITY: TRUE OR FALSE?

What you need: Dominoes (or Jenga blocks or something similar)

Set up dominoes in a straight line, making sure each domino is close enough to knock down the next one down. Tip the first domino over and watch what happens.

Say: Jesus wants the whole world to hear about his life, death and resurrection. That's why he gave the Great Commission. When we share the good news of Jesus with one person and that person shares it with someone else, it has an effect like these dominoes – more and more people hear the gospel. Talk about who you might know who needs to hear the gospel.

ACTIVITY: BIBLE STORY RETELL

After Jesus had been raised from the dead, He met with His disciples over the next 40 days. During that time, Jesus told them even more about God's kingdom. Then Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee.

Then Jesus went up to them and said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Jesus is God the Son; He always had authority. But after Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, God gave Him all authority on heaven and on earth. Jesus is the King over all creation and He rules over God's Kingdom.



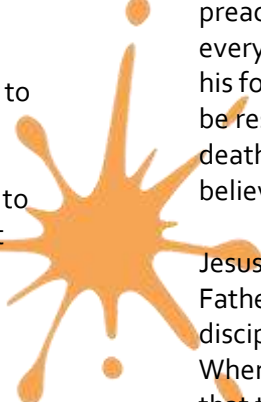
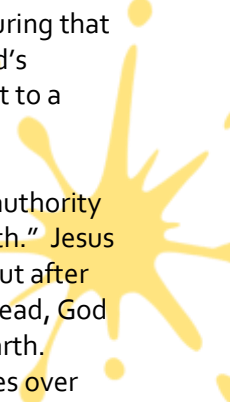
Jesus gave the disciples – and everyone who follows Him – a job to do. He said, "Go into the world and preach the gospel. Make disciples of people from every nation." A disciple is a follower. Jesus wants his followers to tell people all over the world how to be rescued from sin and death by trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection. Then those people who believe would become disciples of Jesus too.

Jesus also said, "Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." New disciples are cleansed from sin by Jesus' blood. When believers are baptized, they show the world that they have turned away from sin and trusted in Jesus as their savior.

Jesus continued, "Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." Disciples who love Jesus will want to obey Him. Then Jesus said, "Remember this: I am always with you, until the very end of the age."

Pray:

God, you have given us an important job to do. Give us courage to share Your great news with others. Thank you for the promise that You will be with us.



What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4