

# The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16–20; Mark 16:14–18



Jesus knew he would soon ascend to heaven. Before leaving, he gave the disciples a very important job. They were to go out and share the good news—Jesus is God’s Son, the Savior of the world—with people everywhere. Jesus died for you and me! Jesus gave the disciples the authority to preach and baptize in his name.

## Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today’s story. What can your child tell you about them?



The resurrected **Jesus** gave his disciples final instructions before ascending to heaven. He granted the disciples the authority to baptize people and preach the gospel.



The **disciples** were empowered by Jesus to carry on his work of making disciples.

Jesus told the disciples that **signs** like the power to heal and immunity from poison would accompany them and others who believe.

## About the Video

In the last mountaintop experience, Jesus gave his disciples his final orders. They were to travel the world over to spread the gospel, baptize people, and make disciples of all nations.

- Whom do you think the disciples told first?
- Who tells you the good news?
- Whom do you miss when they leave?

## Try This!

Go for a hike together. With each step, think of ways that Jesus has called YOU to be a disciple. What can you do to proclaim the good news to all creation? Shout it from the mountaintop (or the end of your hike)!

## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for trusting us with the important job of telling others the good news of Jesus’ love for everyone, including them. Help us get ready to GO, GO, GO be your disciples. Amen!