

The Great Commission

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Matthew 28:16-20

Read the story with your child, either from the Bible or their Story Bible.

This story takes place after Jesus' resurrection. Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them a big job to do, and it's also a job for all of us who follow Jesus. We are supposed to share the good news about Jesus with everyone we meet. This is a really big job, but Jesus reminds us that we aren't alone in doing it. He is always with us, and always loves us.

Activities*

- Make a sidewalk chalk obstacle course - draw hopscotch, looping lines to follow, footprints to jump to on one foot or two, etc. Use your imagination to make it super fun! Be sure to add in notes along the way reminding people that Jesus is always with them and that he loves them. Then neighbors walking by will have a brighter day because of the love you are sharing.
- Send a card with love - make a card to send to someone who needs a little extra love. Tell them that they are special and you are thinking about them and praying for them. You can send the card in the mail or make something to send them electronically. Think about people who might be going through a hard time, and figure out ways to let them know that they are not alone.
- Get artistic with Skittles - line up Skittles around the perimeter of a plate in any color pattern you choose. Slowly pour warm water into the center of the circle until the water reaches the Skittles, then watch as the colors start to flow. Talk about how the candies are like people. If all those people share Jesus' message with everyone they meet, the world will be a much happier and beautiful place (just like those colors on the plate!).
- Pray - before you pray, talk about ways your family can share the good news with others. That could be as simple as showing kindness and offering friendship. After your discussion, pray together and ask God to help you follow Jesus' instructions.