

Talk About It:

- What is one of your jobs or chores at home? Do you enjoy doing it? Why or why not?
 - What is the hardest job you've ever been asked to do?
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Read About It:

Read today's story from Matthew 28:16-20

Three days after he died on the cross, Jesus was raised to life again and he appeared to his disciples many times. Today's Bible reading tells about the last time Jesus met with his disciples before he went back to heaven.

Jesus asked his disciples to meet him on a mountain in Galilee. When the disciples saw Jesus, they worshiped him, even though some of them were still unsure about everything that had happened to Jesus. What did all mean? Why did Jesus have to die, then rise again? Some of them still had lots of questions. But Jesus wanted to give his disciples a special job to do.

Jesus told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Jesus passed along the job of making disciples to his disciples. He wanted them to continue teaching about the kingdom of God, telling the good news of God's great love, and helping other people learn to follow Jesus. Jesus promised they would never have to do this alone because Jesus would always be with them.

- Why do you think the disciples worshiped Jesus when they met him on the mountain?
 - Why do you think some disciples still had questions about all that had happened to Jesus?
 - Sometimes this Bible passage is called The Great Commission. "Commission" means to pass responsibility to someone else or to give someone a specific job to do. Why do you think we would call this Bible reading The Great Commission?
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Sing About It:

Just like Jesus told his disciples to share the good news about Jesus' love, we are to tell others, too! The great love of Jesus isn't a secret! We should tell others about the amazing ways we have experienced Jesus' love. Sing about it with this fun song on YouTube:

[Give it Away](#) (Lifetree Kids, Weird Animals VBS, Group Publishing)

Think About It:

- Why do you think Jesus gave his disciples this job to do?
 - Do you think the disciples followed Jesus' instructions to teach others about Jesus and share the good news of God love? How do you know?
 - Jesus gave his disciples the job of telling the good news, and if we are followers of Jesus, it's our job to tell others about Jesus, too!
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Make It:

Make a traffic light reminder to GO and tell others about Jesus. You will need: black construction paper, red, yellow, and green construction paper **or** white paper and markers; a round coaster, cookie cutter, glass, or other circular object to trace



Fold your black or white paper in half lengthwise, then cut along the fold. Set it aside. Trace a circle onto each of the red, yellow, and green papers and cut them out. Glue the circles onto the black paper with red at the top, yellow in the middle, and green at the bottom. Or, trace the circle three times onto your white paper and color the circles red, yellow, and green.

On the green circle write, "GO tell about Jesus." Hang your stoplight somewhere you will see it each day as a reminder to do the job Jesus gave us to do in Matthew 28:19.

Do It:

There are many ways we can obey Jesus' instructions to "Go and make disciples." Here are some ideas to try:

- Write a poem or prayer about what the love of Jesus means to you. Share it with someone else.
 - Give money to help missionaries who are sharing the good news about Jesus all over the world. You can save coins or part of your allowance to give an offering to missions. Ask your grownups for help.
 - Pray for the people you know who need to hear the good news about Jesus. Ask God to help you share this good news with them.
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Pray About It:

Jesus, thank you for trusting us with the important job of telling others about you. Help me to obey your instructions and to share your love with others. Amen.

Memorize It:

Go and make disciples of all the nations. Matthew 28:19