

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS

Great Commission
Matthew 28:16–20

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The eleven disciples knew to meet Jesus in Galilee because He told the women who found the empty tomb to give them the instructions.
- In Matthew 1:23 Jesus is called Immanuel, which means, “God with us.” In the last verse of Matthew, Jesus promises to be with His followers as they go to the nations.
- The Greek word for disciple is *mathetes*, which means “student” or “learner.”
- Baptism is an outer sign of trust and obedience to God.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Talk about methods of communication such as phones or the internet. **Read Matthew 28:16–20.** Ask your children how Jesus communicated His message to His followers while He was on earth. Jesus both taught His followers the words of God and also lived out God’s commands with them each day. Jesus told His disciples to “go” and tell others about God. He didn’t give a method; just told them to go. The possibilities for sharing that Jesus is the Good News are endless! Pray and ask God to show you how He is calling your family to “go” and make disciples this week. How can you communicate the good news?

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did Jesus’ disciples do when they saw Him on the mountain?
- What are some of God’s commands?
- What is the good news of Jesus that we can share with others?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus is good news for us into your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that’s highlighted in next week’s portion of The Big God Story.

**Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up on compassion.
For the LORD is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!
Isaiah 30:18**

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child’s name), **may you celebrate that Jesus is the Good News and may you share His love with others.**