



Walk As Jesus Did

A study for children on the life of Jesus

Family Devotional (5/17/20)

Key Point: Jesus calls his disciples to make more disciples until He comes.

Today, we want our kids to learn about the Great Commission and Jesus' ascension. Before He returned to the Father, Jesus called His disciples to make more disciples until He comes again.

What we want the kids to know:

- Jesus calls His disciples to make more disciples:
 - Based on His authority.
 - Of all nations.
 - By teaching and baptizing.
 - Being confident that He is with them always as they go.
- After Jesus was raised, He appeared to the disciples and then ascended into heaven. He is there, today, alive and in His resurrected, glorified body.

What we want the kids to do:

- Have a confidence in Jesus' authority and love for the world that compels them to make disciples of all nations.

Text for Study: Matthew 28:16-20. (See also Acts 1:6-11)

Create discipleship time: As a family, spend time reading and talking about God's Word.

Tell your kids that you are going to read Jesus' command for the disciples to make more disciples. This is called the "Great Commission." To commission someone is to send them out for a special purpose.

Open to and read Matthew 28:16-20.

1. What command did you see in the passage from Jesus?
Jesus commands his disciples to make more disciples.
2. Do you know what a disciple is?
A friend and follower of Jesus. Every child of God, someone who loves and trusts Jesus, is a disciple.
3. If you love and trust Jesus, are you called to make more disciples?
Yes.

Explain that the word "authority" means "the right to be in charge." Have your group give some examples of people who have authority.



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4. Who did Jesus say has *all* authority in heaven and on earth? What does that mean?
Jesus says *He* has all authority in heaven and on earth. That means He has the right to be in charge and is in charge of everything.
5. How many nations should Jesus' disciples go to?
All nations – which means peoples from all over the world.

Read verse 20 to your kids.

6. In verse 20 Jesus made a promise to the disciples. What did He promise them?
He promised that He will always be with them.
7. Do God's children share the gospel and teach others about Jesus without God's help?
No. God is with them and will help them as they make disciples.

Making disciples means that God's children share the gospel with others and teach them to obey what Jesus commanded. God's children teach others how to walk as Jesus did.

8. How many of you have heard the word "gospel" before? What is the gospel?
It is the good news that Jesus has made a way for sinners to be forgiven and adopted into God's family by dying on the cross and being raised from the dead.
9. How can God's children use their mouth to make disciples?
God's children use their mouth to tell others the gospel and also what it means to walk as Jesus did.

God's children also show others what is true about Jesus by the way they live. Whoever claims to be a disciple of Jesus will walk as Jesus did. **Make a list of ways God's children can show the gospel to others with their lives.**

Your list might include: gladly glorify the Father, love the poor, forgive others, love their enemies, pray to God, obey their parents, repent of sin, etc.

10. Who does a disciple *tell* and *show* the gospel to?
Everyone that God puts in his or her life.
11. Who is someone in your life that does not love and trust Jesus?
12. How can you speak the gospel to them?
13. How can you show the gospel to them?

Open to and read Acts 1:6-11.

1. What happened to Jesus after He commanded His disciples to make more disciples?
He ascended into heaven.



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To “ascend” means to go up, to rise. Use your arms to show them and then have them do a similar motion.

2. Where did Jesus ascend to?
He ascended into heaven.
3. Who did Jesus go to be with?
God the Father.
4. Did Jesus have to die again to go to heaven and be with the Father?
No. He was alive when he was taken into heaven.
5. Where is Jesus physically now?
In heaven.
6. What did Jesus tell God’s children to do while He is physically with God in heaven?
Make disciples.

****Additional passages for family study:** Luke 15:7; 2 Peter 3:9.

Capture discipleship moments: Recap by asking your kids what they learned.

1. What did we learn about God today?
Jesus commanded His disciples to make more disciples.
2. What did we learn about ourselves today?
I can speak and show the gospel to others.

Pray together as a family. As you close your time, remind your group that Jesus calls His disciples of all nations – that means sharing the gospel with people all over the world. God promises that one day men, women and children from every people and language will worship Jesus. Spend a few minutes praying for the people from all nations to know, love, trust and obey Jesus.

Ask each member of your family – parents included – to share one thing they would like prayer over. Assign someone to pray for that person’s request. Challenge them to pray for that person all week long. Parents, pray a blessing over your children as you close.

This Month’s Memory Verse

*But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. **Luke 6:27-28***