



JESUS GIVES THE GREAT COMMISSION AND ASCENDS

LESSON 1

WONDER TRUTH:

Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE:

[Matthew 28; Acts 1](#)

GOD'S BIG STORY:

Jesus—resurrected and alive—appears to the disciples on a mountain in Galilee. He commissions His followers to share the good news and promises to send the Holy Spirit as a helper, then ascends into the sky to heaven.

WORD OF WONDER: Work together on memorizing this verse!

[Acts 1:8](#)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Watch God's Big Story



Early Elementary



Late Elementary

Listen to our Playlist



Wonder about it!

What is one thing you are learning about God and the wonder of His big story?

How do you see God's story as part of your own story?



Family Conversations

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

Have you heard of The Great Commission? What is it and who is called to do it? • What did Jesus promise to the Apostles before He ascended to heaven? (to send a helper) • How has the Holy Spirit helped you do something that felt hard to do on your own?



Hands On: Mission Possible

Challenge your family to do what feels like an impossible task. The mission is to draw a small box inside the corner of a larger one without overlapping any lines or picking up the pen or pencil. Here's an example of what the shape should look like when complete:



Were you able to complete the task on your own? If not, you can look at the pictures for a possible solution.

How do you think the Apostles felt when Jesus gave them the job of telling the good news to the whole world? How does it feel to receive some help when you face a hard task?

ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER TO THE MISSION POSSIBLE (begin at the dot and move to the left)



Interactive Prayer - Ascending Prayers

Jesus gave His Apostles a special message before He went up to heaven. He told them to share the good news about His death and rising again with everyone around them.

There are still many people who do not know Jesus. Let's take time to pray for them. As we pray for these people, we'll blow bubbles up to heaven to remember that Jesus went to be with His Father in heaven and to remind ourselves that His followers can be with Him forever one day too. As the bubbles rise and float, imagine your prayers floating up to heaven and remember Jesus ascending.

Pray and use the following categories to think of people who don't know Jesus: people in your neighborhood, people in your town (e.g., teachers, coaches, business owners, city leaders), people in your country (e.g., national leaders, celebrities), people all over the world (e.g., people in countries without access to the Bible and preaching).