

Jesus Returns to Heaven

Matthew 28:16-20

Open your Bible to **Matthew 28:16-20**

In this bible passage Matthew tells us about what happened just before Jesus returned to heaven. This passage is often called the Great Commission because of who gave it and because it is great in its goal. Let's read it sentence by sentence and do some motions with it:

After Jesus came back to life, he met the disciples on a mountain. (make climbing motions)

When the disciples saw him, they worshipped him. (bow down; then raise arms up high)

But some doubted. (make a grumpy face)

Jesus said, "I've been given all authority on earth." (raise arms in praise and respect)

"Go and make disciples of all nations." (move right arm widely from the left to the right)

"Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (hold up three fingers)

"Tell them to obey everything I commanded you." (do a salute)

"I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (everyone hug themselves)

In this passage, Jesus tells his disciples to tell the whole world about him. Try to name as many countries that you can and then look at a world map. That's a lot of places!

Look at the map below or one you might have at home and read the countries names. Looking at how big the world is. What do you think about Jesus' call? What are ways you can show Jesus' love right now, even if you are staying home because of the COVID-19 pandemic?



God wants us to tell others about Jesus! In the Great Commission, Jesus told us to make disciples of all nations. The world is a big place—and people in lots of countries need to hear about Jesus. But Jesus’ command didn’t mean you personally have to go to every single country! Even though we may not be able to go to every country, we can do our part and tell the people we know about Jesus.

Let’s make a craft to help remind us to GO and tell others about Jesus!

Traffic Light Craft

Materials needed:

Circular object to trace, white paper, black paper, pencil, markers or crayons, glue, scissors, ribbon or tape (if you want to hang it up)

Directions:

Use a circular object to trace and cut out three circles from the white paper, and then write “Go!” on one of the circles. Color your “GO!” green. Then color the other two circles, one red and one yellow. Glue the three circles on to the half-sheet of black paper in the order they appear on a traffic light. The “Go!” circle goes where the green light goes. Cut two half circles for the top and bottom out of white paper. Write: “Tell the whole world about Jesus!” on the half circles. Put a ribbon on the top or use tape to hang in up.



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