

EPISODE 01

The Great Commission

October 22 | 25 · Matthew 28:16-20

THE BIG IDEA

I can share Jesus with my neighbor and the nations.

“GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.” MATTHEW 28:19

Read

Read Matthew 28:16-20 out loud together, twice. The second time, have your kids raise a hand every time they hear a word about going or telling.

Examine

For your youngest: Jesus told His friends to go and tell people about Him. Who can you tell about Jesus this week?

For your older kids:

- Verse 17 says some of them worshiped Jesus and some doubted. Jesus sent all of them anyway. What does that tell you about the kind of people Jesus uses?

- Jesus says all authority in heaven and on earth belongs to Him before He says “go.” Why does it matter that Jesus is in charge of everything when He asks us to do something hard?

For everyone: What is the difference between telling someone about Jesus and helping someone follow Jesus?

Apply: YOUR FAMILIES ONE MORE'S

Each name one more person that you know needs to know about Jesus' love: a neighbor, a classmate, a teammate, someone at work. Write their names where your family will see them all week and pray for them by name every day. Then pick one thing you will do for them to show Jesus' love this week.

Our one more's:

What we will do:

Pray This Week

Sunday: Jesus, show us who we can help and share Your love with this week.

Monday: Jesus, You are King. Help us obey You even when we do not feel like it.

Tuesday: Jesus, when we have questions or feel afraid, help us to trust You.

Wednesday: Jesus, help us love You with everything, and help our love lead us to obey You.

Thursday: Jesus, give us courage and opportunities to talk about You with our one more.

Friday: Jesus, help us obey You even when it feels hard.

Saturday: Jesus, thank You that You are with us always, everywhere we go.

EPISODE 02

Treasure

October 29 | November 1 · Matthew 6:19-34

THE BIG IDEA

I can trust God more than things in this world.

“FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.” MATTHEW 6:21

Read

Read Matthew 6:19-34 out loud together. Then read verse 21 and verse 33 one more time, slowly.

Examine

For your youngest: God takes care of the birds and the flowers, and He loves you even more than that. What is one thing you can thank God for taking care of today?

For your older kids:

- Do you trust God and His Word?
- Jesus says you cannot serve God and money. What does it look like when someone's stuff is what comes first in their life?

For everyone: Jesus says to seek first the kingdom of God. What does our family put first right now, and is it Jesus?

Apply: FIRST AND BEST

Jesus said that wherever your treasure is, your heart follows it. As a family, discuss ways you can serve others this week.

Who will we serve:

What will we do to serve them?

Pray This Week

Sunday: Jesus, show us where our treasure really is. Help us to love what You love.

Monday: Jesus, here are the things we are worried about. Please take them and give us Your peace.

Tuesday: Jesus, thank You for taking care of us today. Help us trust You every day.

Wednesday: Jesus, grow generous hearts in us. Help us trust that You will give us what we need.

Thursday: Jesus, help us not to love money or stuff. Teach us to find our joy in You.

Friday: Jesus, help us put You before all things.

Saturday: Jesus, we pray for our one more's, and for people all over the world to worship You.

EPISODE 03

Walk on Water

November 5 | 8 · Matthew 14:22-33

THE BIG IDEA

I can step out in faith because God is with me.

“TAKE HEART; IT IS I. DO NOT BE AFRAID.” MATTHEW 14:27

Read

Read Matthew 14:22-33 out loud together. Then read verses 27 to 31 one more time, slowly.

Examine

For your youngest: Peter got scared and started to sink. What did Jesus do?

For your older kids:

- The disciples were doing exactly what Jesus told them to and they still ended up in a storm. What does that teach us about following Jesus?
- Peter started to sink when he looked at the wind and waves instead of at Jesus. What is a “wind” or “wave” that pulls your eyes away from Jesus?

For everyone: Peter was the only one who got out of the boat. What is something our family could do for God if we knew we would not fail?

Apply: GET OUT OF THE BOAT

Name one thing Jesus is asking your family to do that feels a little scary: inviting your one more’s to church, praying out loud with a friend, telling someone what Jesus has done for you, saying sorry to somebody. Pick one and do it this week.

Our step:

When we will do it:

Pray This Week

Sunday: Jesus, give us courage to do whatever You tell us to do, even when it feels hard.

Monday: Jesus, help us stop waiting and start obeying what You have already told us to do.

Tuesday: Jesus, help us keep our eyes on You instead of on the things that scare us.

Wednesday: Jesus, remind us who You are, so our fears look smaller.

Thursday: Jesus, give us courage. Help us live by faith instead of by fear.

Friday: Jesus, when we feel weak or afraid, remind us that You are strong.

Saturday: Jesus, thank You that when we take our eyes off You, You reach down and hold on to us.

EPISODE 04

Upon This Rock

November 12 | 15 · Matthew 16:13-28

THE BIG IDEA

The church is built on Jesus, and I can join His movement.

“YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.” MATTHEW 16:16

Read

Read Matthew 16:13-20 out loud together. If your kids are older, keep reading through verse 26.

Examine

For your youngest: Jesus asked His friends who they thought He was. Who do you say Jesus is?

For your older kids:

- Peter gives the right answer, and a few verses later Jesus has to correct him. What changed in what Peter was thinking about?
- Jesus said that whoever loses his life for Him will find it. What do you think that means?

For everyone: If someone at school or at work asked you who Jesus is, what would you say?

Apply: WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM

Have every person in your family answer Jesus' question out loud, in their own words: "Who is Jesus to you?" Then write one sentence together as a family and put it somewhere you will see it. Practice saying it together this week.

Who Jesus is to our family:

Pray This Week

Sunday: Jesus, help us understand who You really are, and help us build our whole life on You.

Monday: Jesus, show us where we are thinking like the world instead of like Your followers. Help us care about Your kingdom more than being comfortable.

Tuesday: Jesus, teach us what it means to follow You every day, even when it means saying no to ourselves.

Wednesday: Jesus, we pray for wisdom that comes only from You.

Thursday: Jesus, help us use our time for the things You say are important.

Friday: Jesus, give us humble hearts that want to serve people.

Saturday: Jesus, we give You our whole life. Use it to bring more people to know You as their Lord and Savior.

EPISODE 05

Don't Waste Your Life

November 19 | 22 · Matthew 25:14-23

THE BIG IDEA

I can give my time, talents, and treasure to be a part of this God-glorifying mission.

"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT." MATTHEW 25:21

Read

Read Matthew 25:14-23 out loud together. Then read verse 21 one more time, slowly.

Examine

For your youngest: The master gave each servant something to take care of. What is something God has given you?

For your older kids:

- The master says the exact same words to the servant who was given five and the servant who was given two. What does that tell you about what God cares about?
- One servant was afraid, so he buried what he was given and did nothing with it. What are we tempted to hide or waste instead of using it for God's glory?

For everyone: What has God put in our family's hands that you could be using for Him right now?

Apply: FAITHFUL WITH WHAT WE HAVE

Discuss gifts and talents your family has been given by God, and how you can use them to glorify Him.

What God has given us:

How we will use it:

Pray This Week

Sunday: Jesus, thank You for everything You have given our family. Use it to bring people to know Your goodness.

Monday: Jesus, show us the fears that keep us from obeying You. Help us trust You.

Tuesday: Jesus, help us stop looking at what we do not have. Show us how to use what You have already given us.

Wednesday: Jesus, give us eyes to see people the way that You see them.

Thursday: Jesus, help us be faithful in small things, even when no one is watching.

Friday: Jesus, help us keep doing good, even when we cannot see the results.

Saturday: Jesus, we pray for our one more's, and for every tribe, tongue, and nation to worship You.