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Jesus Gives His Friends a Mission

Matthew 28:16-20;Acts 1:1-11



YOUR BIBLE READING

Jesus gave his followers a worldwide mission and promised God's help.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Mission beyond One Mountain

Matthew 28:16-20;Acts 1:1-11



The eleven disciples went to the mountain in Galilee where Jesus had directed them after his resurrection. When they saw him, they worshiped him, though some doubted. Matthew includes both responses. The group was not presented as people who had already answered every question. Jesus came near to these followers and gave them a mission that would reach far beyond the place where they stood together on the mountain.

He told them that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to him. The task that followed rested on his authority, not on their ability to make themselves powerful. They were to go and make disciples of all nations. A disciple is a learner and follower. The mission therefore concerned helping people know Jesus and learn his way, not simply making a group larger or more impressive.

They were to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They were also to teach people to observe everything Jesus had commanded. Learning was meant to include practice. The nations were not named as prizes to possess; people everywhere were invited into the life and teaching of Jesus. His words gave a wide reach to the work entrusted to this small group of followers.

Jesus promised to be with them always, to the end of the age. The disciples would not need to imagine that the mission depended only on their own strength. The promise of his presence belonged with the instruction to go. Matthew ends his Gospel with that assurance. The work would move outward from a meeting in Galilee, carrying both Jesus' command and his continuing care for those he sent.

Remember: Jesus' followers can share his love with help from the Holy Spirit.

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Promised Help and the Hope of His Return



Matthew 28:16-20;Acts 1:1-11

Acts tells us more about the period after Jesus rose. Over forty days he showed himself alive by many proofs and spoke about God's kingdom. When he was with his apostles, he told them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the Father's promise. They would receive the Holy Spirit. This account gives another part of the same wider story; it is not a claim that every instruction happened in one place.

The apostles asked whether Jesus was now restoring the kingdom to Israel. He told them that the times and seasons belonged to the Father's authority, not to their knowledge. Then he pointed them toward the task they would receive. When the Holy Spirit came, they would have power to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. They were to share what they knew of him.

After saying this, Jesus was taken up while they watched, and a cloud received him from their sight. They continued looking into the sky. Two men in white stood near them and asked why they remained looking upward. The same Jesus who had been taken from them would come again. The message gave hope without supplying a date for his return or a timetable they could use to control the future.

The friends were left with a promise, a task, and an instruction to wait for help. The ascension did not erase the resurrection or turn the mission into their own invention. Jesus had shown himself alive and had sent them as witnesses. His continuing presence, the promised Spirit, and the hope of his return belonged together as the work of sharing the good news moved toward many peoples and places.

Pause and think: How can you share something important to your faith while respecting another person's questions and freedom?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Share with Respect and Keep Learning



A disciple is a learner as well as a follower. You can begin by learning carefully yourself: reading a story, asking what a word means, and noticing how Jesus treated people. Sharing faith does not require pretending to know every answer. An honest response can include saying that you need to ask an adult or look at the passage again.

The mission reached all nations. People with different languages and customs deserve respect, not contempt or pressure. You can speak about what you believe while also listening to another person's questions and allowing them freedom to respond. Kindness is part of a meaningful conversation. A classmate does not become less worthy of friendship because their family follows a different tradition.

Jesus told his followers to wait for the Spirit rather than rush ahead as if everything depended on them. Waiting can include preparation, prayer, and learning from trusted people. In your own life, you can ask what help and readiness a task requires. Having something good to share does not mean you must act alone, immediately, or beyond what is safe for your age.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jesus sent his followers to make disciples everywhere and promised his presence and the Holy Spirit's help.

How can you share something important to your faith while respecting another person's questions and freedom?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. How far would the mission reach?

2. Whom did Jesus promise would give them power?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Jesus is taken up, and messengers promise his return.
- ☐ Jesus gives his disciples a mission to all nations.
- ☐ He tells his followers to wait for the Holy Spirit.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a small group with paths reaching toward many places on a map.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Jesus' followers can share his love with help from the Holy Spirit.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8

A thoughtful conversation

This combines Matthew's Galilee commission with Acts' account of the days before the ascension without claiming they occur at one place or moment. Sharing faith should be respectful and voluntary, never pressure or contempt for other cultures.

Activity answers

1. To every nation and the ends of the earth.
2. The Holy Spirit.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Jesus, help us share your love with kindness, patience, and respect. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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