

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:4-11

Session Summary

Jesus commissioned His disciples to teach and to baptize people from all nations—hence the reason the passage is often referred to as the Great Commission. Notice that Jesus was clear and direct with His disciples about their mission, making it easy to understand the most important thing moving forward. Therefore, to follow Jesus and obey His commission, we cannot merely know about Jesus, but our knowledge of who He is motivates us to go with Him on mission. In Acts, Jesus called His disciples to be His witnesses—through the Spirit's power—in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. By extension, Jesus has called us to bear witness about Him to our loved ones, our enemies, those “other” people, and the unknown.

Conversation Questions

- What should our motivation be for living on mission for Jesus?
- How has our family lived out the Great Commission over the past few weeks?
- Who are some of the hardest people to talk to about Jesus?
- Why must we share the gospel even with those people?

Family Challenge

Create an impossible task to give to your family. It could be matching all the socks together in the house or cutting the grass with a pair of scissors. Make it as ridiculous as possible and watch your family's response as you assign them the task. The Great Commission is an impossible task to do on our own. Discuss the importance and the role of the Holy Spirit when it comes to sharing the gospel with others.