

**BIG TRUTH: GOD OFFERS A NEW MISSION**

Psalm 145:10-13; Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16, 19-20; Acts 2:4-11; 4:18-20; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:10

**BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 1:8**

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

**BIG IDEAS**

- The mission belongs to all Jesus followers.
- The mission is empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- The mission happens when we bear witness of what Jesus has done.
- The mission is to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone everywhere.

**BIBLE STORY: ACTS 1-2**

After Jesus' resurrection, He commissioned His followers to do His mission. He empowered them by giving every believer the Holy Spirit to guide them and teach them. The believer's mission is to share the gospel with everyone.

**STORY: NEW CREATION**

Part of the beauty of the gospel is that God does not just rescue us from the power of sin, but He is also making everything new. God offers new creation to those who place their faith in Jesus. This newness comes in two ways. The first is that by breaking the power of sin, Jesus is making men and women into brand new people with new identities. Second, God is not only making people new, but He is also going to make a new heaven and a new earth for us to live on and worship Him in.

**BIG AIMS****Every child should know that:**

- God has given us a holy mission to make Him known to others

**Every child should feel:**

- Burdened for those in their lives who do not know Jesus

**Every child should:**

- Share the gospel with someone who does not know Jesus

**Every child should want:**

- To live faithfully on mission for God and be aligned with His purposes instead of our own

**THE GREAT MISSION**

Take your child on a mystery adventure one day this week. Create clues on small pieces of paper that your child opens up each day leading up to the mystery adventure. Talk with your child about how the clues help her guess what the adventure might be. The day you go on the adventure, talk with your child about how every Jesus follower has a mission to go and share the gospel. God gives the Holy Spirit to help them know how to do that.

**DISCOVER IT:** *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Acts 1-2.

**THINK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

After Jesus' resurrection, He spent time on the earth preparing His followers for His ascension into Heaven. During His time on earth, He gave them their mission to share the gospel with all the world. After He ascended into Heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to live inside of every follower. He had promised the Holy Spirit to His followers during His ministry and He kept His promise. The Holy Spirit serves as a Jesus follower's guide, teacher, and helper. Every Jesus follower receives the mission of sharing the gospel with the world when he or she believes. They also receive the Holy Spirit to empower them to fulfill this mission. Jesus' disciples fulfilled this mission after His ascension with the help of the Holy Spirit. They worked together to share the gospel with many people and many people believed in Jesus. Every follower today has this same mission and the same Holy Spirit to help them.

**TALK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What mission did Jesus give His followers? (He gave them the mission of going into all the world and making disciples.)
- How can a Jesus follower receive power to fulfill this mission? (The Holy Spirit empowers Jesus followers to share the gospel and fulfill God's mission.)



As a family, memorize Acts 1:8 by writing the verse on index cards to create a matching game. Talk about how when we are Jesus followers, we have been given a new mission from God.



Spend time as a family making a list or a map of the missionaries that your church supports. Talk with your child about the different areas of the world and country that the missionaries are serving and how the Holy Spirit enables them to fulfill the mission of God.



Share with your child the importance of God's people fulfilling His mission. Share a missionary's story with your child and remind him that all of God's people are His missionaries because all of His people are given the mission to share the gospel.



As a family, choose an area of your city or neighborhood to prayer walk. As you prayer walk through this area, help your child to pray for the lost people in that area and for God to give your family opportunities to share the gospel in that area.