

# GOD'S MISSION IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES

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Matthew 4:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; John 15:16; Acts 1:6-8; Romans 10:14-15; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Titus 2:12-15

## BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 28:19-20

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age."*

## BIG IDEAS

- Every Jesus follower is a disciple who makes disciples.
- We make disciples as we are going.
- We make disciples by sharing the gospel.
- We are to help make disciples of all people groups.
- We make disciples through the power and presence of Jesus.

## BIBLE STORY: ACTS 16:11-34

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## 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

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## GO INTO ALL THE WORLD

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

Acts 16:11-34.

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

Paul and Silas set out to fulfill the mission of sharing the truth about Jesus with the world. Paul and Silas sailed to Troas. When they arrived they encountered a woman named Lydia. They shared the good news of the gospel with her and she believed. Lydia not only believed, but her whole household believed. Paul and Silas left Troas and encountered a slave girl with a wicked spirit of divination. They cast the spirit out of her, setting her free, but her masters became very angry. They beat Paul and Silas badly. The authorities put Paul and Silas in prison to keep them safe from the slave girl's masters. While they were in prison, they were praying and singing praises to God when a great earthquake came. The earthquake caused all the cell doors to open and prisoners to go free. Paul and Silas remained in their cell. The jailer awoke from his sleep when he felt the earthquake and saw all the cell doors open. He took his sword preparing to kill himself out of fear when Paul called out and told him not to harm himself. The jailer went to Paul and Silas' cell and asked how to be saved. The jailer was saved that day and all of his household with him. Paul and Silas fulfilled the mission of God by sharing the truth about Jesus with others and by making disciples. They invested in one another, encouraging one another to grow in their own walk with Jesus. We are called to be a part of God's mission to share the gospel and to make disciples.

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

- What are we called to be a part of? (We are called to be a part of God's mission to make disciples.)



As a family, memorize Matthew 28:19-20. Talk about how this is the mission given to Jesus followers.



As a family, make a list of people who have invested in you in a spiritual way and talk with your child about how this has been true in your life. Remind your child that disciples make disciples.



Help your child understand that Jesus followers are disciples and make disciples by involving your child in a task you usually do around your house each day, such as washing dishes, planning dinner, etc. Once you teach your child how to do the task, ask your child to teach someone else, like a younger sibling, friend, another parent, etc.



Spend time as a family going over your weekly activities. At the end of the week, talk about the different ways that you were able to disciple someone else or share the gospel. Talk about the areas in your family life that are prime for sharing the gospel or making disciples. Remind your child that Jesus followers are called to make disciples.

Spend some time this week praying and asking God to help your family share the gospel with people and to make disciples.