

The BIBLE STORY

Bible Storytelling Tips

Jesus Gave the Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

- **Elevate Jesus'**

words: Each time you read words Jesus said, stand on a platform or low chair to emphasize Jesus' commands to the disciples.

- **Make eye contact:**

Engage kids by making eye contact with boys and girls as you tell the story.

After Jesus had been raised from the dead, He met **with His disciples** over the next 40 days. During that time, **Jesus told them even more about God's kingdom. Then Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee.**

Jesus had told them to go there. When the disciples saw Jesus, some of them worshiped Him. But some of the disciples still doubted.

Then **Jesus** went up to them and **said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."** Jesus is God the Son; He always had authority. But after Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, God gave Him all authority in heaven and on earth. Jesus is the King over all creation, and He rules over God's kingdom.

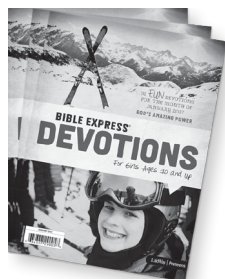
Jesus gave the disciples—and everyone who follows Him—a job to do. He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel. Make disciples of people from every nation." A *disciple* is a follower. Jesus wants His followers to tell people all over the world how to be rescued from sin and death by trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection. Then those people who believe would become disciples of Jesus too.

Jesus also said, "Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." New disciples are cleansed from sin by Jesus' blood. When believers are baptized, they show the world that they have turned away from sin and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.

Jesus continued, "Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." Disciples who love Jesus will want to obey Him. **Then Jesus said, "Remember this: I am**

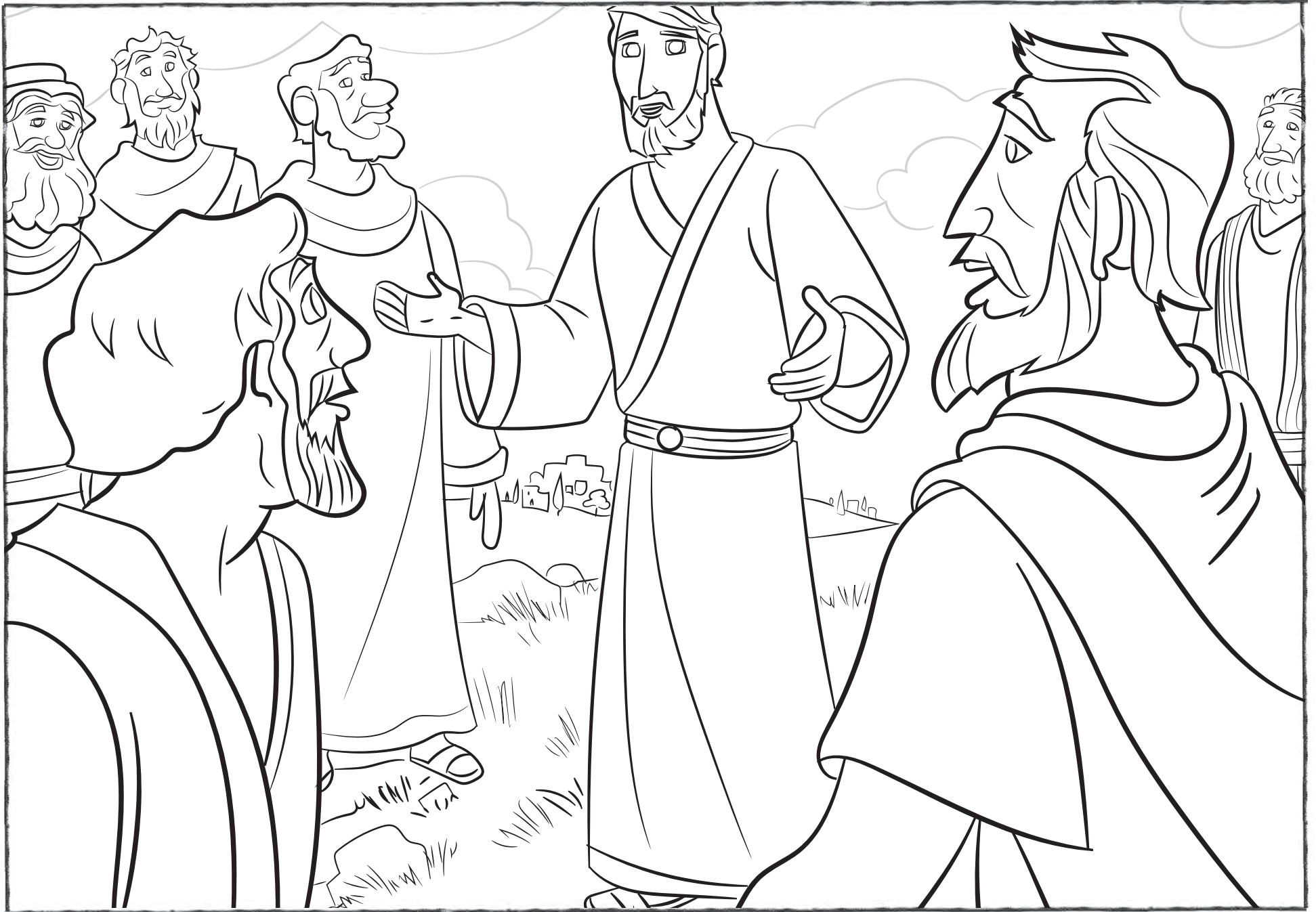
always with you, until the very end of the age.”

Christ Connection: The good news about what Jesus has done to rescue us from our sins is too great to keep to ourselves. Before Jesus went back to heaven, He gave the disciples a job to do. Jesus wants His followers to teach people everywhere about Jesus so they will trust in Him as their Lord and Savior.



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Invite kids to check out this week's devotionals to discover how God's Word can help them grow in the gospel. Order in bulk, subscribe quarterly, or purchase individually. For more information, check out www.lifeway.com/devotionals.



Let's Do This!

Cross out the letters B, F, H, P, U, and Y to discover what Jesus gave to His followers.

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Our Mission

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What is our mission as believers?

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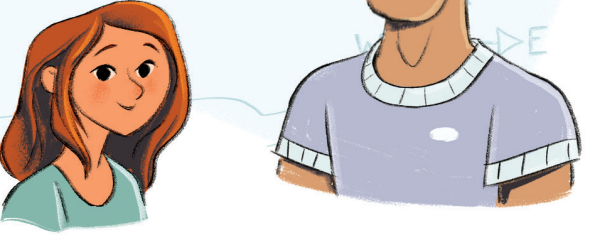
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In Every Place on Earth

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KEY PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 15:4

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is our mission? Our mission is to tell others about Jesus.

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JESUS GAVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

- Jesus gave His friends a mission.
- Jesus told His friends to make followers of Him in every place on earth.
- Jesus said He would always be with His friends.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Talk about specific people or people groups your family can pray for to trust in Jesus.
- Talk about how or what your family can give to help spread the gospel around the world.
- Talk about a way your family can share the gospel with people you encounter each day.

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Make a prayer calendar of people or people groups you can pray for. Keep the prayer calendar in your vehicle and pray at stoplights.

Preschool Activity Pages
Unit 27, Session 4

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.