## The Great Commission

Here's a quick and fun Great Commission lesson to do with your child:

- **1. Say**: After Jesus died and rose again, He spent 40 days with His friends. Then it was time for Him to go back to Heaven. But before He ascended into the sky, He gave His disciples a very important message about what they should do. This message is for us too! Many people call this the Great Commission.
- 2. Read: Read the Great Commission together. (Matthew 28:16-20)
- **3. Share**: It's our job to spend our lives telling others the gospel. Gospel means good news. The good news is that Jesus died for our sins and came back alive again! When we choose to trust in Him, we get to live with Him forever in eternity. Let's read the Great Commission again. What do you notice about the very last part? What promise does God leave us? That's right. He is always ALWAYS with us. We are never alone. God sent the Holy Spirit to live inside of our hearts, and to be with us always. Sometimes it might be scary or difficult to share Jesus with others, but we always have Him by our side. He gives us the strength and courage we need to share our faith. Have you ever told anyone about Jesus? How did it go? Discuss together.
- **4. Pray:** Dear Jesus, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts so that You will always be with us. We pray that You'll help us to tell other people about You so that they can be Your followers too and live with You forever. Amen.

## 5. Do:

- Make a list of people in your life that you can share Jesus with.
- Pray for the people on the list each day.
- Spend time with them.
- Invite them to church.
- Share Jesus with them.

## **Object Lesson: Jesus is With Us!**

Give your child a balloon. Tell them to blow it up but not tie it.

Ask, What's inside your balloon? (Air.)

How do you know that? You can't see it. How do you know it's there?

You see what the air does, don't you? You see the balloon filling up, so you know there's air in the there.

The Holy Spirit is like air. He's a Spirit, which means He's invisible, just like air is invisible. But we know that Jesus is still with us through the Holy Spirit, even if we can't see Him, because we can feel Him living in our hearts. We can feel Him teaching us and helping us to be better. Jesus will always be with us in our hearts through the Holy Spirit if we believe in Him.



