



# Disciple

**PREPARE** 



**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

## TALK TOGETHER

**HAVE YOU EVER DONE THE RIGHT THING BECAUSE YOU SAW SOMEONE ELSE DO IT FIRST? HAS THE OPPOSITE EVER HAPPENED?**

We can lead others in different ways. Some people lead others to do good things and some people lead others to do bad things. Jesus asks His disciples, even young disciples like YOU, to use their God-given influence to lead others to Him.


This is a very special job — one He has thought a lot about! He has specifically placed you in *this* family, in *this* neighborhood, at your school and at this time in history to share His Word with others. He invites all of His disciples to make a difference in the world around them by showing people what it looks like to follow Him every day. This task is so important it's the last thing Jesus told His disciples before He went into heaven. **Let's read about it in Matthew 28:18-20.**



 **TALK TOGETHER**  
Family conversations with God's Word.

 **MORE TO EXPLORE**  
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.

 **THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET**  
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.

 **COLORING PAGE**  
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



*AND JESUS CAME AND SAID TO THEM, "ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. **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.**"*



**MATTHEW 28:18-20**

## **DID YOU CATCH WHAT JESUS WANTS HIS DISCIPLES TO DO? HE WANTS HIS DISCIPLES TO MAKE MORE DISCIPLES!**

Jesus wants us to help people follow Him and His ways. This is a really big job — one that we can't do on our own. But He promises He will ALWAYS be with us.

Look at the beginning of verse 18. **Jesus has "all authority" in heaven and Earth.** Do you know what that means? It means there is no one greater, no one stronger and no one more capable than Jesus.

When He asks us to teach others about Him, He gives us the ability and strength to do what He asks. We don't have to worry about what people will think about us or be afraid we'll say the wrong thing. It's not our job to change anyone's heart. **We just need to be obedient and share His love with others.** Trust Jesus. He will take care of the rest.



## GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING  
GOD CREATED  
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,  
AND SIN PASSED TO  
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN  
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF  
US ARE SINNERS,  
CHRIST DIED  
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL  
COME AGAIN.

### FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: MATTHEW

This week's story comes from the book of Matthew. Matthew is the first of four Gospels written about Jesus' life and ministry on Earth.

Matthew begins his Gospel with the names of people in Jesus' family tree and ends with Jesus' final instructions to the disciples. It was written to help Jewish readers understand that Jesus fulfilled all of God's Old Testament promises.

### READ



Read Luke's account of Jesus' final moments with His disciples in Luke 24:36-53 and Acts 1:1-11. Then, take a moment to read about the Holy Spirit in chapter two of Acts. This marks the beginning of the early church and the first act of obedience to Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19.

- How were disciples made of all nations in Acts 2?
- What was the result of the disciples' obedience?
- What can you learn from this true story and use in your own life?

### OT-NT CONNECTION

When Jesus instructed us to "make disciples of all nations," this was a fulfillment of a promise God made to Abraham in Genesis 12:3. Paul also talks about this in Galatians 3:7-9.

Read these Scriptures along with **Matthew 28:18-20**.

- How does teaching others about Jesus create an opportunity to bless "all the families of the earth"?
- How do we become "sons" and daughters of Abraham? Why does this matter?

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE BAPTIZED IN WATER?

When a disciple of Jesus chooses to follow His example by being baptized in water, they're publicly telling people they have decided to follow Jesus.

Baptism is a physical action that represents a spiritual change in someone's heart. It reminds us of Jesus' burial and resurrection. When a believer in Jesus is immersed in water, it represents the death of their old life apart from Jesus. When they are raised out of the water, it represents their new life in Jesus.

As a disciple of Jesus, we should be obedient and follow His example of water baptism.

### WHY ARE PEOPLE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT?

When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in chapter three of Matthew, the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) was present. In chapter 28 of Matthew, Jesus tells His disciples to baptize His followers in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God is Father, Son AND Holy Spirit. One God in three distinct persons, yet equal in their deity. They have always been and always will be. They do not need anything or anyone else. They make the same decisions, have the same understanding and act for the same purpose.

### JOURNAL



Use a journal to write down and keep track of your prayer requests. On one page, create a list of people in your life who need to know Jesus better. Pray for these people daily. Ask God to give you opportunities and wisdom to share Jesus' love with them.

# ★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

WEEK OF OCTOBER 01, 2023

## ♥ MEMORIZE

**"GO THEREFORE  
AND MAKE  
DISCIPLES OF ALL  
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OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT."**

**(MATTHEW 28:19)**

**Q: WHAT DOES A DISCIPLE DO?**

**A: MAKE MORE DISCIPLES!**

## READ

Read a missionary story together as a family. Point out how these men and women gave up their lives to make disciples around the world. Help your kids understand they have the opportunity to do the same thing in their school, church and neighborhood.

## SHARE

Talk to your kids about how God has led you to make disciples for Jesus.

- Who have you influenced for Christ?
- What does that look like on a daily, weekly or monthly basis?

If you don't have a ready-to-share example, that's ok! Talk about how you are going to obey the Lord in this way moving forward.

## WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

## PRAY

**HEAVENLY FATHER, THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING WITH ME. HELP ME TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT YOU AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR WAYS. I WANT TO HAVE A HEART THAT IS WILLING TO BE DISCIPLED AND USE MY LIFE TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR YOU. I LOVE YOU. AMEN.**

## FIND

This week's verse is in the book of Matthew. Help your child find the book of Matthew. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

## TALK

Have a conversation with your kids about water baptism. Explain what it means, and invite them to consider following Jesus by being baptized. Make an appointment to talk with your ministry leader or pastor. If everyone is in agreement, encourage your child to take this step.

If it's not time yet, that's OK, too! Continue to stress age-appropriate ways for your child to practice following Jesus in the Great Commission.

## PARTICIPATE

Consider how you can participate in the Great Commission as a family. Brainstorm ways to be intentional about your relationships. Older kids could volunteer with preschoolers at church. Younger kids could invite friends and family to a meal after a service. Together, you could adopt an elderly couple in your neighborhood. Whatever you decide to do, commit to praying for the people God puts on your heart. Watch for opportunities to share His love with them.

## SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series to praise God for spreading His Word.

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN  
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**



# COLORING PAGE

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*(MATTHEW 28:19)*



**WHAT DOES A DISCIPLE DO?  
MAKE MORE DISCIPLES!**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_