

“HEY KIDS, REMEMBER...”



Obedying God means you will be a “send-er” or a “go-er.”



Issue 41: The Great Commission

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The Great Commission

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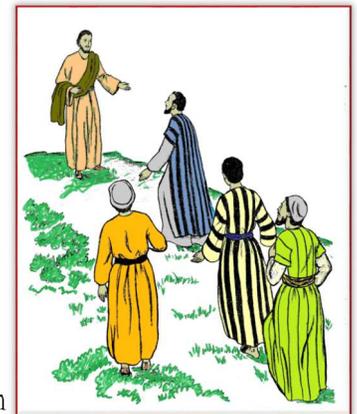


We talk a lot about the Great Commission in GC Kids, so ...

- ◆ What is the Great Commission?
- ◆ Why should we care?
- ◆ How can we do something about it?

This issue will help to answer those questions.

Before Jesus died, he told his special friends, the disciples, that he would soon die but then he would come alive again. Then he would stay on



earth for awhile, and Jesus wanted his friends to meet him on the top of a mountain. He had some very important instructions to give them before He went to Heaven. The disciples did as Jesus said. They met Jesus on the mountain. There he said to them, “Go everywhere in the world. Tell the Good News to everyone.”* That was the last thing

* Mark 16:15, Easy-To-Read Version

Jesus told them before he went to Heaven. It was very, very important to him. In fact, it still is. We call that job the Great Commission. A commission is something we are given to do. A job.

There is a longer version of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20.

Every Christian is to obey this command by telling others about the Lord Jesus, not only right where they are, but God wants us to care about other people around the world, too. The Great Commission is like a wonderful job God gave us.

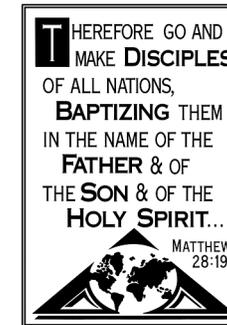


In order to get the job done, Christians should be in one of two groups.

One group is the **“send-ers”** — they pray and give money so missionaries can go.
 The second group is the **“go-ers”** — we call these people missionaries.

Do you know in which group God wants you?

Let’s talk about “go-ers” first.



Matthew 28:16-20

Word Search Puzzle

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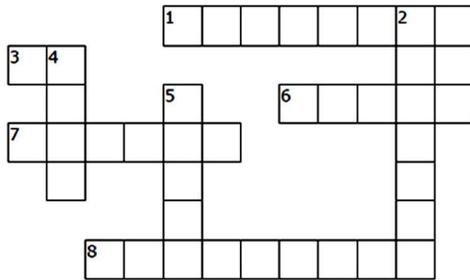
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Matthew 28:19-20 and more

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20 New International Version

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Giving instructions to a group of students
3. The opposite of stop
6. The planet on which we live
7. The place where God lives
8. Followers of Jesus

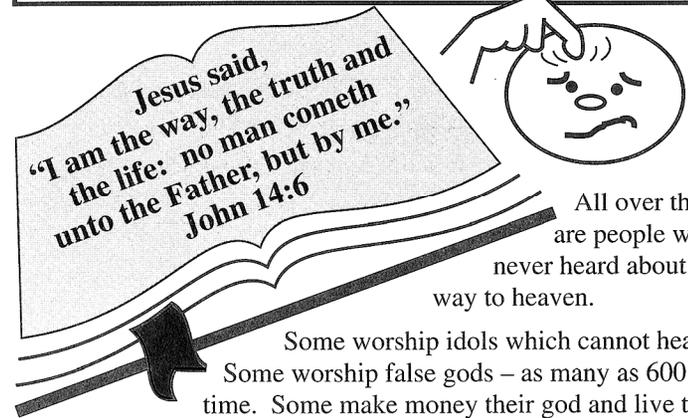
DOWN

2. Groups of people living in a certain area; countries
4. To follow the commands, rules, or guidance
5. The Son of God

EARTH	TEACHING	GO	HEAVEN
JESUS	DISCIPLES	OBEY	NATIONS

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Why Be a Missionary?



All over this world are people who have never heard about the one way to heaven.

Some worship idols which cannot hear. Some worship false gods – as many as 600 at one time. Some make money their god and live to become rich. Some believe they can reach heaven by doing good deeds.

Why be a missionary? Well, why not?

There is not a more important work on earth.

Yes, "everyone who trusts in the Lord will be saved." But before people can pray to the Lord for help, they must believe in him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about him. And for anyone to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them. And before anyone can go and tell them, they must be sent.

Romans 10:13-15, Easy-To-Read Version

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The Send-ers

So that missionaries can go and tell people in other countries about Jesus, **they must be helped by others**. We call the people who help the **senders**.

