

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Great Commission



Easter 3

from Luke 24:36-53.

Jesus sends us to spread the good news!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Moses
- Witnesses
- The psalms
- Jerusalem

The Great Commission is one of the most important stories in the New Testament. It appears in all four gospels. The most commonly cited version is in Matthew 28:16-20. Read the two accounts. How many differences can you find? If you're wondering why there are only 11 disciples instead of 12, it's because Judas was not around after the crucifixion and Matthias had not yet been chosen to join the disciples.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 496-497

Spark Bible pages 1168-1169

Family Prayer

Dear God, you call us out into the world around us. When we want to stay within ourselves, you ask us to go out and share the good news with all. Help us rejoice in Jesus' love not only for ourselves, but for the world around us. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 Why do you think the disciples gave Jesus some fish to eat?
- 2 Why do you think Jesus talked about Moses and the psalms? What other time does Jesus talk about Moses?
- 3 Some of the disciples traveled all over the world to spread the good news. Where would you travel to spread the gospel?
- 4 Jesus told the disciples that they were "witnesses of these things." What do you think Jesus meant by that? What were they witnesses to?



Eye Spark

After the Great Commission, Jesus ascended into heaven. The next time you see the sun's rays breaking through clouds, remember how Jesus ascended into heaven.



Ear Spark

Jesus greeted the disciples by saying "Peace be with you." The next time you hear the word *peace* remember that some cultures use this word as a greeting.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Does your church support missionaries or volunteers who are serving abroad? Talk to your pastor and see if your family can write them a letter of support.

For younger kids

Jesus showed the disciples the wounds on his hands and feet to prove that it was really him. If someone didn't believe that you were who you said you were, how would you prove it to them?

For older kids

The apostle Paul traveled all over the world to spread the good news. You can see where he traveled on M14-15 in the back of your Spark Bible. Can you figure out which modern-day countries he visited during his travels?