

HomeWord¹ For Parents

For 40 days after the Resurrection, Jesus continued to show Himself, teach, and prepare His followers for life without His physical presence. When it finally came time for Him to return to His Father, He gave His parting instructions. This is what is now known as the Great Commission. What was Jesus's message?

He told His followers to "make disciples." This is a call that includes evangelism—proclaiming the gospel—as well as teaching these disciples to observe all that Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:20). And this is a commission to ALL believers through the ages. How critical it is that we obey it. We know that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13). But how will anyone believe in Him if they have not heard of Him? And how will they hear of Him unless someone preaches to them (Romans 10:14)? We must proclaim the truth to unbelievers. The Bible tells us that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). We are to be bold and not ashamed of the gospel. Without the truth of the gospel, people will perish in their sins.

And the Great Commission does not stop there! It continues beyond a new believer's repentance & baptism. You see, new Christians are like newborns—unskilled in the word of righteousness (Hebrews 5:13). There is a new life in their soul with amazing potential to learn and grow in wisdom and knowledge of the truth. These new believers are to be molded by the truth and trained to do all that Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:20). Those older and more mature in the faith are to instruct the younger Christians that they might continue to grow and bear fruit for the Lord (Titus 2:3; 2 Timothy 2:2).

Jesus ended His last, great commission with a promise that gives the encouragement and strength necessary to boldly fulfill His command. In Matthew 28:20 He told His disciples, and He tells us, "Lo! I am with you, always, even to the end of the age. Amen." We can be assured and confident of this promise as we strive to fulfill the Great Commission in our own lives.

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord² For Family Discussion

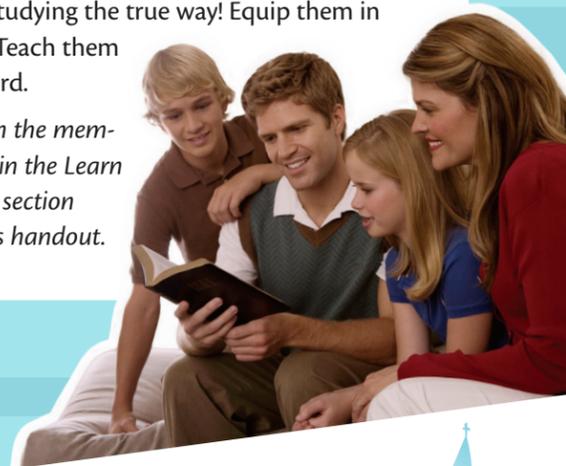
Suppose some of your friends said they wouldn't tell anyone about Jesus because they were too shy and it made them uncomfortable. **What would you say?**

A lot of people seem afraid to tell others about Jesus. But the last thing Jesus did was to command His disciples to tell others about Him. If no one told you about Jesus, you wouldn't know how to have eternal life. Think of it this way. If you had a cure for cancer, wouldn't you want to share that cure with the world? The gospel is even better than a cure for cancer. The gospel can save sinners from eternity in hell and separation from God forever. It is very important to tell people about Jesus. It's good news, and we should NOT keep it to ourselves.

inWord³ For Family Study

"Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:104). How will your children know the false way? Only by studying the true way! Equip them in all truth. Teach them God's Word.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.



The Great Commission

KEY THEME

- God reconciles sinners to Himself through the gospel of Christ.

KEY PASSAGES

- Matthew 28:18–20
- 1 Corinthians 15:1–5
- Romans 1:16, 10:13–15



What You HEARD³ in the Word

- Jesus commanded His followers to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations, making disciples. This is the Great Commission.
- We must obey Jesus's commands because the good news of the gospel alone can bring eternal life to sinners.

Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 Jesus commanded His followers to make _____.
- 2 Why is it important to keep telling people about the gospel?
- 3 Who should tell others about Jesus?



1) Disciples. 2) So they can hear about Jesus, believe in Him, and have eternal life. 3) All believers!

Read the Word with Mom & Dad

Monday (1 Corinthians 15:6)
After Jesus rose again, how many saw Him at the same time?

Tuesday (Romans 1:16)
Who is the gospel about?

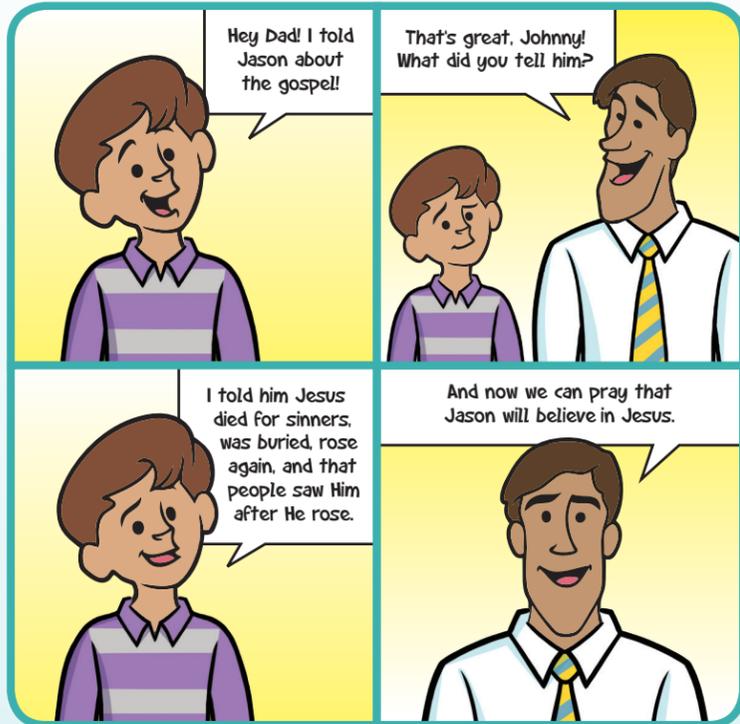
Wednesday (Mark 16:15)
Where should the gospel be preached?

Thursday (Romans 10:13)
Who can be saved?

Friday (Romans 1:16)
What does everyone who believes receive?

Saturday (Matthew 28:19)
Do you know this verse? Recite it to your family or a friend.

LIVE the Word with Johnny and His Dad



Who Can I Tell?

Jesus wants all believers—**young and old**—to tell the gospel news! Write the names of people you know who need to hear the gospel, then share it with them.

Family: _____

Friends: _____

Others: _____

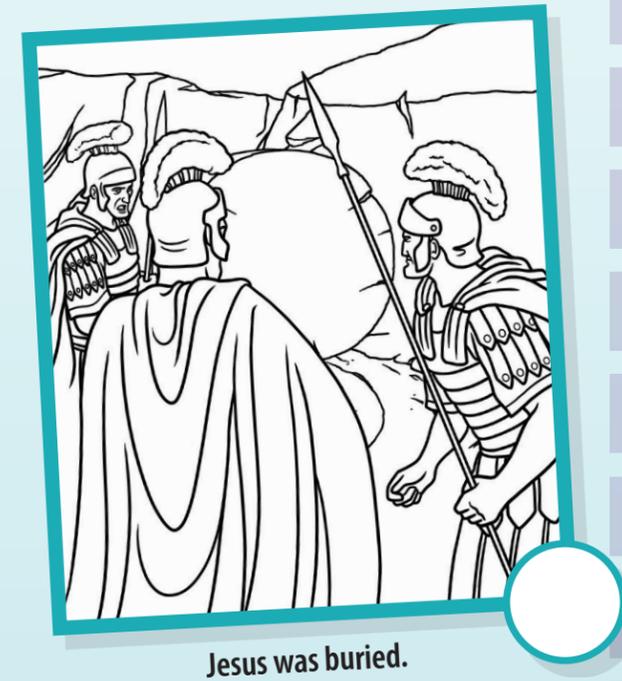
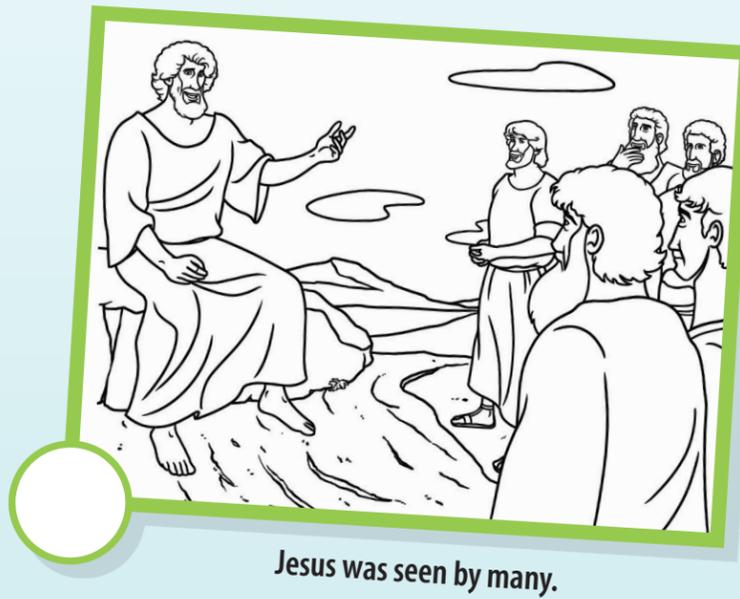
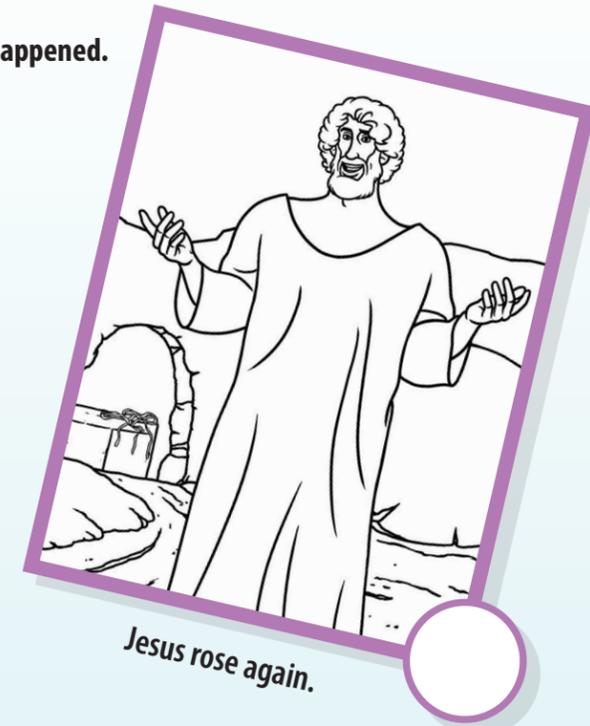
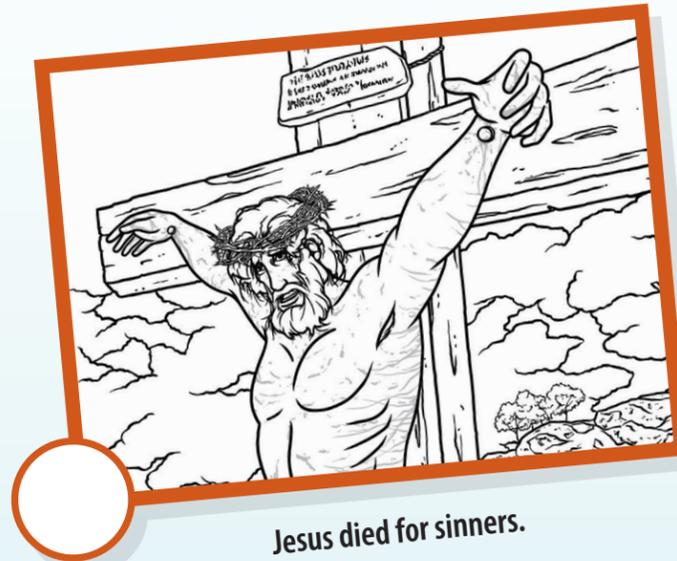
Dear Lord, I don't want to be ashamed of your gospel. Help me to share the gospel with these people I know and love. I want them to hear the good news and believe in Jesus and have the hope of eternal life. Amen.

Learn the Word!

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19

The Gospel

Color the pictures below then number them in the order they happened.



Song Time!

Here's a fun song to sing with your family and friends.

Tell the Gospel News
(To the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")
Oh, tell the gospel news.
(The farmer in the dell,)
Oh, tell the gospel news.
(The farmer in the dell,)
Jesus . . . He is Alive!
(Hi-ho, the derry-o!)
Oh, tell the gospel news.
(The farmer in the dell.)

Christ gave His life for us.
He died upon the Cross,
So He could conquer sin and death,
And we can be with God!

We are free from sin.
We are free from death.
If we put our hope and trust—
Our hope and trust in Him!

