

★ Into All the World ★

1st - 3rd Grade
Lesson 12

The Commission of Christ

Jesus stayed on earth for 40 days after He arose from the dead. Then He went back into Heaven. The last time He spoke with His disciples, He gave them a command. He had an important job for them to do. We call this command the Great Commission. This command is for everyone who is saved.

Who Gave the Command

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

—Matthew 28:18

Jesus reminds us in this verse that He is God. He has always been God. Even when He was a baby in the manger, He was God. He will always be God. He made Heaven and earth. He made everything. He has all power.

What We Must Do

The command Jesus gave is simple: “Go ye therefore” (Matthew 28:19). This means we are to get up and go. When you go to school or to the park, you have to get up and go. If we are going to obey Jesus, we must get up and do what He said to do—which is to tell people about Him.

Where We Must Go

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.

—Matthew 28:19

Jesus tells us to go to all nations. This means we are to go everywhere. We are to go to our friends and neighbors. We are to go to people we do not know. We are to help missionaries go to places where we cannot go. Jesus said that He had an important message for everyone to hear. And He wants you and me to go tell His message to everyone we can.

What We Must Teach

This is the rest of what Jesus commanded His disciples to do just before He went back to Heaven:

*... baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.*

—Matthew 28:19-20

We call this command from Him the Great Commission. He wants us to tell everyone how to be saved. After they are saved, Jesus wants them to be baptized. And He wants them to learn

