

# ★ Into All the World

4th - 6th Grade  
Lesson 12

## The Commission of Christ

Right before Jesus went back to Heaven to be with His Father, He told the disciples something very important. We call it the Great Commission. The last instruction Jesus gave His disciples must have been very important to Him since it was the last thing He told them to do. We are going to learn about the Great Commission of Jesus.

### The Authority of the Commission

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

—Matthew 28:18

Because Jesus was God, He had the right to command the disciples. Jesus had just as much power as God. Remember when Jesus stopped the wind and the sea? The many miracles He did prove that He was God. Then, He submitted himself to God and died on the cross for everyone. He placed Himself under the will of His Father.

Sometimes it is hard for us to listen to people when they tell us what to do. That is called pride. God does not like pride. If Jesus could be obedient to His Father, even though He was God, we should be obedient to people who have authority over us.

### The Action of the Commission

*Go ye therefore.*

—Matthew 28:19

The first thing Jesus said to His disciples when He gave the command was to “go.” In order to “go,” you have to move. You can’t go by staying in one place. When He told the disciples to go, He meant for them to physically move. He did not mean for them sit around and think about going. He did not mean for them to wish they could go. Thinking and wishing don’t get anything done.

### The Audience for the Commission

*All nations*

—Matthew 28:19

Jesus wanted the disciples to reach every kind of person. We sing a song that says “Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.”

That song is very true. When Jesus died on the cross, He died for all of us. He died for you and your neighbor. He died for people who live in very cold places, and He died for people who live in very warm places. Have you ever seen a globe? There are many places in the world, and Jesus said that we must tell everyone about Him. How can we reach everyone in the world?

One way is to go ourselves. God calls many people to be missionaries. Some missionaries go to faraway places just to tell people about Jesus. Many churches give these people money so they can go tell the others about Jesus. We can help missionaries by giving our money to missions through our local church. We can also help them by praying. Maybe God wants you to be a missionary someday. Whether you become a missionary or whether you give to missionaries through your church, you need to follow God's command to tell people about Jesus.

You don't have to travel to a faraway place to be a missionary. You can be a missionary in your hometown. Have you ever told your neighbors about Jesus? Maybe there is someone you play with whom you have never told about Jesus. You can start being a missionary by telling your friends and family how to be saved.

### **The Aspiration of the Commission**

*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 28:19b, 20a

What is it that God tells us to go do in the Great Commission? There are three parts to His instructions:

1. Preach to those who don't know Jesus.
2. Baptize those who accept Christ.
3. Teach people God's Word.

Preaching means telling people how they can know Jesus as Savior. Then we are told to baptize those who are saved and, third, to teach them what God says to do.

Before we can help other people, we must be sure that we have followed Jesus' instructions. Have you ever asked Jesus to be your Savior? Have you been baptized since you were saved? Do you read your Bible every day so that you can learn what God wants you to do? First, be sure that you have obeyed the Great Commission in your own life. Then, go take the Gospel of salvation to others as Christ commands.

### **The Accompaniment of the Commission**

*And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*

—Matthew 28:20b

It is scary to think about going out to tell people about Jesus. Sometimes it is hard to talk to people. Jesus promised us that He is always with us, and Jesus always keeps His promises.

### **Conclusion**

The disciples were very close to Jesus. They were with Him most of the time during His ministry on earth. The last thing He told them was to go tell people about Him. That is why Jesus came! He came so that everyone could know Him as Savior and someday live with Him forever in Heaven. It is important that we try to tell people about Jesus. We call this soul winning. If soul winning is important to God, it should be important to us too. It may seem hard, but we can be comforted by knowing that Jesus promises to be with us all the time. Today, begin to obey the Great Commission by telling someone about Jesus!