

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR Sunday 7th June 2020

This week's story happens at the Mount of Olives, forty days after Easter.

Just before Jesus left to go back to Heaven, He called His disciples together and told them that they would have a very important job to do. When someone tells someone to do a job and then gives them instructions, that is called a "commission". The job that Jesus asked His disciples to do was very important. Some people even call it "The Great Commission".

### Getting Started

What really good thing has happened to you recently? Maybe your pet did something funny or you read a really good book or you enjoyed baking cookies with your family or you heard a good joke. When something good happens, we want to tell someone about it, probably a friend.

How can we contact our friends at the moment? Usually, we would meet up with them and chat about what's been happening but that's a little difficult at the moment. So, we could write them a letter or send them a drawing instead. We could call them on the telephone or send them an email or text message with a photograph.

Choose the best way to contact your friend and share your good news with them.

### The Story

Jesus' eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee. Jesus had told them to meet Him on a mountain there and that is where they were heading. As they approached the mountain, they saw the risen Jesus standing there and many of them worshipped Him. But others doubted – they weren't sure it was Jesus.

Jesus came to them all and said, 'I have been given all power in heaven and on earth. So go from here. Tell people about God. Make disciples all over the world. Baptise people in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Share with them all that I have taught you and help them to obey my commandments. And remember, I will always be with you, until the very end of time.'



### Thinking About It

The Great Commission - what Jesus asked His Disciples to do when He had left them - is really important. It's a message to everyone to share the Good News about Jesus life and teaching, so that everyone can believe in God. Telling people the good news about Jesus is also called "spreading the Gospel".

Jesus knew that when He was taken up to Heaven, He would need the Disciples' help to continue spreading the Gospel about how to follow Him.

He asked his Disciples to travel to lots of places and countries and tell people about God's Commandments. They were also given powers to baptise those who wanted to follow Jesus in His name.

Jesus reassured His Disciples that they wouldn't be on their own. Although He was no longer with them as a person, He would be sending the Holy Spirit to go with them and help them to spread the Gospel.

### Activity

See if you can find a set of dominoes. Then look for a smooth flat surface, like a table, a worktop or a hard floor.

Stand up one domino piece on its short end and then another one about 1cm behind the first one. Add another few dominoes in the same way until you have a straight line of them. Then gently push over the first domino towards the second one. What happens? Did you expect that?

Stand them up again and see how long you can make the line. Can you make



the line bend around a corner? Can you make it split into two partway along the line? Try standing two dominoes side by side instead of one behind the other.

Ask an adult if they can help you to look for examples of some really big domino runs (like <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARM42-eorzE&t=15s>)

It is amazing that just one domino can have such an effect on so many others. The same thing is true when we share the Good News about Jesus. When we tell one person and then they tell someone else, God's kingdom grows and we move closer to accomplishing the Great Commission.

### Prayer

Think of two or more of your friends and then say this prayer,

Dear God, please help (*your friend's name*) to know that you love them. Amen

### Optional Wordsearch

Find all the Great Commission words from the list

As you find them, mark off the letters in the grid and words in the list.

Remember that the words can read up ↑ or down ↓, from the left → or the right ← or even on the diagonal ↖ ↗ ↘ ↙.

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G	I	N	V	O	H	E	E	W	N	O	S
A	R	R	S	B	W	A	E	E	M	T	E
L	Z	P	I	O	A	N	R	M	X	A	L
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Baptise
Commandments
Commission
Disciples
Eleven
Galilee
Good News
Gospel
Great
Holy Spirit
Jesus
Mountain
Power
Share