

## God's word Challenged to go

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20) and the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36–39) are our family's marching orders, given by our King Jesus. Together, they form one mandate. Embracing this mandate as a family goes beyond obedience and duty. It is a privileged opportunity to press towards the goal of Jesus Christ being loved and obeyed in every people group.



### John 20:21 (NIV)

*"Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'"*

## Study it

After His death and resurrection, Jesus gave one last set of instructions to His disciples before ascending to heaven. Read Matthew 28:18–20 and Acts 1:1–8. Was Jesus adding a new rule He had forgotten to mention? How was the Great Commission a summary of all Jesus had been teaching His disciples?

## Experience it

- ▶ As a family, brainstorm ways you prepare to go on vacation. How would you similarly prepare to go and make disciples (for example, learning to communicate the gospel message clearly)? Discuss why it's important to be ready to "go" and make disciples. What does discipleship look like in your family?
- ▶ Play a game of Follow the Leader. Explain that being Jesus' disciple means following Him. Jesus showed us what a disciple looks like by obeying the commands of His Father and following Him (John 5:19). Discuss practical ways that your family can live out The Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36–39).

## Discuss it

- 1 What is a disciple? (John 8:31)
- 2 How do the Great Commission and the Great Commandment work together?
- 3 Why is it a privilege to be a part of the Great Commission?

## Map it

On a globe or world map, use one end of a string to mark Jerusalem and the other end to measure the distance to where you live. Praise God for the people that embraced His mandate and brought the gospel to your country. Ask God to challenge and equip people to go and make disciples of all nations.