

# Living on Mission



## MISSION –

An assigned task

Jesus told His followers to make disciples of other people. He also promised to be with them to the end of the age as they worked on their mission.



### KNOW

God has given us everything we need to live on mission with Him.



### UNDERSTAND

We have a real enemy who wants to discourage us from fulfilling our mission.



### DISCOVER

Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

KEY VERSE: "WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED AHEAD OF TIME FOR US TO DO."

—EPHESIANS 2:10



## **JESUS GAVE THE GREAT COMMISSION**

After Jesus had been raised from the dead, He met with His disciples over the next 40 days. During that time, Jesus told them even more about God's kingdom. Then Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee.

When the disciples saw Jesus, some of them worshiped Him. But some of the disciples still doubted. Then Jesus went up to them and said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Jesus is God the Son; He always has authority. But after Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, God gave Him all authority in heaven and on earth. Jesus is the King over all creation, and He rules over God's kingdom.

Jesus gave the disciples—and everyone who follows Him—a job to do. He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel. Make disciples of people from every nation." A disciple is a follower. Jesus wants His followers to tell people all over the world how to be rescued from sin and death by trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection. Then those people who believe would become disciples of Jesus too.

Jesus also said, "Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." When believers are baptized, they show the world that they have turned from sin and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. Jesus continued, "Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." Disciples who love Jesus will want to obey Him. Then Jesus said, "Remember this: I am always with you, until the very end of the age."

Jesus also said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After Jesus said these things, He went up into heaven. The disciples watched Jesus until a cloud hid Him from their sight. All of the sudden, two men appeared. The men were wearing white clothes. These men asked the disciples, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come again. He will return in the same way that you have seen Him going into heaven."

— based on Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:4-14





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Jesus gave the disciples the Great Commission, but it wasn't just for them. It is a command for all of us. Every person who believes in Jesus has a responsibility to share the gospel—the good news about Jesus. Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Key Verse:** Ephesians 2:10

**Key Passage:** Jesus Gave the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:4-14)

## BIBLE STORY

Read the Bible story for Session 8 on page 63 of your child's Activity Book and ask the following review questions.

- › **Q1:** What had been given to Jesus in heaven and on earth?
- › **A1:** All authority (*Matt. 28:18*)
- › **Q2:** What was the job Jesus had for His disciples?
- › **A2:** Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything He has commanded them. (*Matt. 28:19*)
- › **Q3:** What was the last thing Jesus told them?
- › **A3:** He would be with them. (*Matt. 28:20*)
- › **Q4:** What is our mission?
- › **A4:** Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## DEEPER STUDY

Read Ephesians 6:10-20 together. Remind your child that the armor of God is not a physical armor that

we carry around or wear. The armor Paul talks about was his way of communicating the protection God gives believers to live on mission. Discuss the following questions.

- › **Q1:** How does learning about the armor of God encourage us?
- › **A1:** Learning about the armor of God reminds us that God has given us everything we need to live on mission for Him.
- › **Q2:** Who is our battle against?
- › **A2:** Our battle is against Satan and the powers of evil.
- › **Q3:** Besides putting on the armor of God, what did Paul tell the church to do?
- › **A3:** He told the church to pray at all times in the Spirit.

## PRAY AND JOURNAL

Lead your child in prayer, thanking God for giving us what we need to live on mission and stand strong against evil. Pray that God would guide your family to fight the good fight and expand His kingdom.

Encourage your child to complete the daily pages in the activity book this week. Look back with your child and discuss what God has taught him through this study.

**GAME DAY**

Cross out the stadium seats that contain words that are not found in Ephesians 2:1-10. Color the seats that contain words that are in the verse. Use those words as you try to repeat Ephesians 2:1-10 by memory. Can't do it? Just keep practicing!



**DIGGING DEEPER**

Read Isaiah 59:17 and then read Ephesians 6:14 and 17. What did you notice about the passages? \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah was describing God, but Paul was describing Christians. God gives Christian the same armor He had! A way to explain righteousness is GHTRI INGLI. Can you unscramble the words of the definition? \_\_\_\_\_

How does a Christian know the right way to live? Ephesians 6:17 gives you a big hint! \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSING LETTERS

What do you need every day? To find out, write a different letter from the list into each blank box to spell a word. The word will be a familiar food or drink. The blank box may be the beginning letter of the word, a middle letter, or the letter at the end of the word. Each letter in the list will only be used once.

When you finish, read down the white boxes to find the answer to the question at the top of the activity.



LETTER BANK:

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A D  
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## A SOLDIER'S ARMOR

This soldier is dressed as a Roman soldier of Bible times. Use the list of armor names and write in the correct name on the blank line leading to the piece of armor. (You won't need all the armor names!) Then use your Bible to locate Ephesians 6:14-17. Find the different pieces of armor in the verses. On each line leading to a piece of armor, write the purpose of the armor. Remember that all Christians, kids through adults, have the armor of God!

### PIECES OF ARMOR

- SHIELD
- KNEE PADS
- HELMET
- BELT
- CANTEEN
- SWORD
- SHOES
- CHEST PROTECTOR
- BACKPACK



**MY DAILY JOURNAL**

A journal is a place to keep track of your thoughts, feelings, questions, answers, and prayers. During the study, these pages will guide you to use your Bible, to think about what you read, and to give you suggestions for prayer.



**READ MATTHEW 28:18-20**

Who spoke these words? .....

The disciples were seeing and hearing Jesus after His resurrection. Jesus was teaching the disciples (and us) something very important.

How do you think these verses apply to you? What promise did Jesus make?.....

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Thank God for Jesus' promise to be with believers till the end of the age.....

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**READ ACTS 1:8**

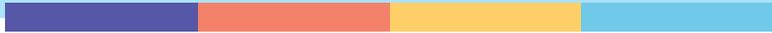
Who spoke these words? (Verse 6 can give you a hint.) .....

What did Jesus promise the believers?.....

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What mission did Jesus give the believers? .....

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How might Jesus want you to obey this verse?.....

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Talk to Jesus about ways you can obey Him and ask His help in carrying out your mission.....

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**READ EPHESIANS 6:10-12**

How strong do you think God is?.....

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Think about God strengthening you. Why, according to verse 11, will God strengthen you?.....

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Some people think the devil is a fictional person, but the Bible clearly shows that the devil is real, deceitful, sly, and evil. But don't be afraid! God is way more powerful than the devil!

Thank God today for His power and might in helping you stand against the devil.....

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**READ EPHESIANS 6:14-15**

Think about these three pieces of the Armor of God. How could each of these help you withstand the devil?

TRUTH: .....

RIGHTEOUSNESS (RIGHT LIVING): .....

READINESS: .....

Think about these verses and then talk to God about them.....



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**READ EPHESIANS 6:16-18**

One important protection for Christians is mentioned that is not often considered a piece of God's armor. What is it? (verse 18).....

How do you think that protection is important for Christians?.....

When you pray today, think about reasons for praying. Ask God to help you remember to pray to Him about your everyday life as well as about special times you need help.....

