

My Mission



Read Matthew 28:19-20.

According to these verses in Matthew we are to do three things. We are to GO, we are to BAPTIZE, and we are to TEACH. These two verses are known as the Great Commission. You may be asking, "What is the Great Commission?" and "How does it affect me?"

The Great Commission was part of Jesus' last words to us here on earth before He went to heaven. He wants us to go out into the world, and by that He meant our neighborhood, our community, our country and even our world. He wants us to go and tell people about the Good News. Mark 16:15 NCV says, "Jesus said to his followers, 'Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone."

What is the Good News? The Good News is that Jesus came to this earth. He lived a perfect life without ever sinning. He was arrested and falsely accused and put on a cross to die for our sins. He paid our penalty for sin so that we have a way to heaven. The Good News is that Jesus paid our penalty. He provided a way for us to have a relationship with Him. Now that's Good News!

When the Bible says to "Go everywhere and preach the Good News to everyone," it is basically saying "Go and tell everyone what Jesus has done."



If Jesus has told us to go, then we must go. Should we go to Africa? China? India? You may say, "I am only a kid, I can't do that!" Well, maybe not right now. But what about your friend across the street? Your friends at school? Your friends on your sports team?

You don't know what to say? How about, "Would you like to come to church with me next week?" That's a good start! Anyway you look at it, Jesus has said to go to everyone and tell them the Good News! If He has told us to go then it is a part of our life mission to do so.

He never said, "When you turn 18, you should go," or "When you turn 25, you should go." He just said, "Go." We should start with our neighborhood and move from there.

Let's spend a few minutes looking at our life mission and how we can accomplish what God wants us to do.



The word MISSION below gives us a few ideas about our responsibility in the world. Look up the following verses to see what God says about our life mission.

Made for a mission

Acts 20:24 NCV says, "I don't care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace." Write down the name of a person you want to share the Good News with this week.

nvest in other people with the Good News

According to Mark 16:15, we are to preach the Good News to everyone. What is the Good News?

Sent to serve

According to Matthew 20:28, how should we be like Jesus?

See the big picture

John 17:18 NCV says, "I have sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world." Who said this?

Who is "them" in the first part of the verse?



nvolvement in the world

What are three things you could do right now to help someone in a different country? You can brainstorm this with your parents or a friend.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Ongoing responsibility to be a witness

Read Acts 1:8. This verse says we are to be God's witnesses. What is a witness?

Notice the world around you

Acts 13:47 NCV says, "This is what the Lord told us to do, saying: I have made you a light for the nations; you will show people all over the world the way to be saved."

From this verse, finish the sentences below with a parent and your leader:

My mission is to...

I will accomplish my mission by...



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS...

You will need a globe or world map for this game.

1. Find a country on the map that you have never heard of before or are interested in and write the name here:

2. Now do some investigating using the internet, library or encyclopedia to find out about your country. You can write your answers in the "My Country, My Mission" lesson.

The name of my country is...
I am interested in this country because...
My country is located...
What is the weather like?
What language do they speak?
How many people live in your country?
Give a brief description of the people in your country.
What kind of food do they eat?
What type of clothes do they wear?
What are their primary religious beliefs?
Are there any missionaries in your country?

You will want to share your information with your leader and the rest of your group.

Breaking Out (1)

Memorize the verses below and recite them to someone this week.

Matthew 28:19-20 NCV

So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you, and I will be with you always, even until the end of this age.

I have memorized my verse and I have recited it to...

This verse is important to me because...

Action Step:

My life will be different now that I know these things about *My Mission* because I will...



Breakout Bob is doing the sign for world to remind you that God wants you to *go into the world and tell others about His love! To* make this sign, make "W" hands (see picture), then move your left hand around your right hand, in a circle, like Bob is doing.

