

ROOTS For families

Introduction

This is the very end of Matthew's Gospel. It might be interesting to explore together how this Gospel sends us all out to live as witnesses and how we can worship, live and learn in the light of the last words which Jesus speaks. In your worship together reflect on Jesus' promise that he is always with us.



Read the Bible Passage

Share the Bible story using the idea below to help you explore it together.

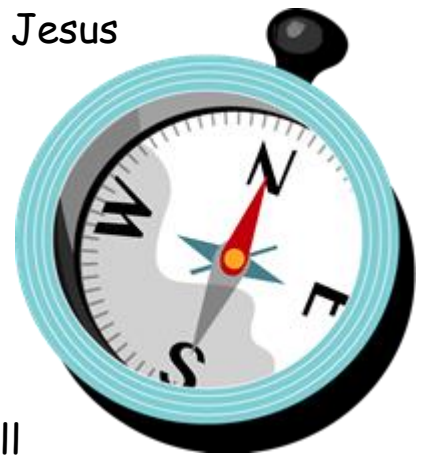
Bible story

Matthew 28.16-20 Jesus sends his disciples out to live for him and help others to live for him too.

Let's draw the story

Give the group paper and pens and suggest everyone helps you to draw the story as you tell it.* Encourage the group to use words and pictures. Think about: who was present, where they went, how they felt, what was said and what happened next. See if the group can write and draw the 'next chapter'.

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.* Baptize 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.*'

Glossary

commandments: a set of rules to follow in life, given by God.

Activities

You may wish to use these additional resources to worship together and/or the activity sheets for children.

Trios quiz

Beforehand, write two parts of some famous trios on cards and place them around the room, e.g. snap, crackle and...; daddy bear, mummy bear and...; gold, frankincense and...; hear no evil, see no evil...; as easy as a, b...; the good, the bad and the...; bacon, lettuce and...; knife, fork and...; Athos, Porthos and...; Father, Son and...

Challenge pairs to write down the missing words to complete the trios as fast as possible.

Share the message

Throw a frisbee as a metaphor for telling people about God

You will need: *frisbee/spinner shapes (see below [template](#)) photocopied onto card (one per person), scissors, world map.*

- Give each person a frisbee/spinner shape to cut out. Remind everyone of Jesus' words to tell the world about God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. They are going to symbolise this by throwing their frisbees.
- Lay the map out and invite everyone to line up some distance away. Encourage them to throw their frisbees and see who can land theirs on the map.

