

# The Great Commission

Jesus went to see the disciples after he had been raised from the dead. They buzzed with excitement. “Is that you, Jesus?” “We’re so glad to see you!” “Do you want something to eat?”

Jesus smiled. “Peace be with you!” he said. “I have things to tell you!” The disciples gathered close around Jesus, eager to listen to him.

Jesus began, “God has given me all the power in heaven and earth.”

The disciples looked at each other and began chattering again. “Whoa!” “Wonderful!” “We knew it!” “Fantastic!” “What will you do first?”

“Wait!” Jesus said. “There’s more!” The disciples listened



carefully. "Go everywhere in the world and teach people about me. And remember, I will always be with you!"

Jesus returned to heaven. The happy disciples soon began the work Jesus had told them to do.

★ What would you have done if you were in the room when Jesus appeared to the disciples?



# The Ascension

After Jesus died and rose again, he and his disciples got together near Jerusalem. Jesus had some instructions for them.



“As you know, God is doing amazing things in the world,” he said. “And your help is needed! We need you to go tell stories about me! Tell your friends and family and everyone you meet what you’ve learned by following me! Be my witnesses in the world!”

Then suddenly Jesus was rising—up in the air! What was going on?! He was being lifted up into a cloud!

Jesus’ friends looked around. Two men in white robes had joined them. The men said, “Why are you just standing around looking up toward heaven? Don’t worry, Jesus will come back some day.”

“Right!” said one of Jesus’ disciples, “Meanwhile, we have some work to do! Let’s get going!”



Ask an adult who loves you to tell you a story about Jesus. Then you tell them a story!