

## **Week 1 - A Witness Listens & Goes:**

### **Read Matthew 28:16-20 (The Great Commission)**

***\*\*For preschoolers, read "Jesus Goes to Heaven" from The Beginner's Bible by Zonderkidz***

Are you ready to blast off and be an *out of this world* witness for Jesus?

Some of you may be saying.... wait.... I don't even know what a witness is! Well...let me share with you what a witness for Jesus is. A witness is someone who has seen an event take place. In regards to the Bible, the disciples were eyewitnesses to Jesus and His miracles and most importantly to the event of His resurrection (being raised from the dead). We were not eyewitnesses to these things, but because of our faith and belief in God and what is written in the Bible, we can be witnesses for Jesus, too. So being a witness for Jesus means that we go out and share about Jesus. We tell others about Him. We live our lives in a way that honors Jesus. We teach others how to be a follower of Jesus.

In our Bible verses today, we find Jesus having one final talk with His disciples before He goes up to heaven. He brought them up to a mountain in Galilee. They came to worship Him and talk with Him. During this last talk, He gives them a very important message: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus tells them to go out and make disciples, which means to go out and tell people about Him so they can become a follower of Jesus, too. Jesus wants the whole world to hear about Him and about what He has done for them. Jesus asks the disciples to teach others and also to obey everything He says. The disciples became amazing witnesses for Jesus as they traveled around and spoke about Him.

To be an *out of this world* witness for Jesus, we must listen and go, just as the disciples did. They listened to everything Jesus said while He was here on earth. And because they listened, they went and told others about Him. And by doing this, they obeyed Him. So, we can learn from the disciples and become *out of this world* witnesses by listening and going out to tell others about Him.

So today, take time to be silent. Spend time reading His Word. And then listen and go.

*Dear God, help me to be still and listen to You. Help me to read my Bible daily so I can learn more about You. Help me to go out and tell others about You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### **Week 1 – Family Game: God Says**

**Supplies Needed:** *None*

Have you ever played the game Simon Says? Well, this game is just like it except that we are going to say "God Says" instead!

Being a witness for Jesus means listening to God and doing what He asks you to do. The game of "God Says" will be a fun way for you and your family to practice your listening skills!

To play this game, pick one person in your family to be "God." The other members of your family will be the ones to listen to God. The person who is playing "God" will say a command and the others will do what God says.

For example, God says, "jump up and down." (Others will jump up and down). God says, "open your Bible and read Matthew 28:19-20". (Others will find a Bible and read that Scripture out loud).

Keep saying fun commands and the others will follow. The way to get people out of the game is to shout out a command without saying "God Says." If a person does the thing God says then they are out of the game because you didn't say "God Says." Keep shouting commands until you have a winner. Repeat game if desired and pick another person to play "God" in the game.

## **Week 1 – Family Craft: Play-Doh Earth**

**Supplies Needed:** *blue Play-Doh, green Play-Doh*

In our Bible verse from today, Jesus commands His disciples to go out into all the world to tell about Him. So today, we will be making Play-Doh Earth shapes to help remind us to spread the name of Jesus to the whole world!

Take a large amount of blue Play-Doh and roll it into a ball. Take the green Play-Doh and roll it out into flattened shapes that resemble land. Press them on top of the blue Play-Doh. Now you have planet Earth.

As a family, read Matthew 28:19-20 again. Talk about how important it is to spread the name of Jesus to all people in the world.

## **Week 1 – Family Snack: Rice Krispy Earth Treats**

Butter (salted cream butter is the best)

Mini marshmallows

Rice Krispies

I found a recipe on Pinterest for the best Rice Krispy treats! Visit the [Two Sisters Crafting website](#) for their perfect Rice Krispy Treats recipe.

After you make them, divide the batch in half. Add blue food coloring to one half and green food coloring to the other half. Roll a portion of the blue mixture into a ball. Then attach some green mixture onto the blue ball to make it look like land. Eat and enjoy!