

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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Jesus Is the Good News

Part of The Big God Story
Matthew 28:16–20
The Great Commission

JUST FOR FUN

This week, get a newspaper (or other news source), sit down with your children, and show them how a newspaper works. Share with them that a newspaper gives us the news both locally and from around the world. Read a couple of age-appropriate stories of the day. Then tell them you're going to read from The Big God Story, which is the best news of all! Read **Matthew 28:16–20**. Share with your children that Jesus loves everyone, and He wants all people to be part of His family. Jesus is the Good News!

Did You Know?

- Shortly after the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the women outside His tomb. He instructed them to go tell the apostles to meet Him in Galilee (Matthew 28:10). The fact that Jesus had His disciples meet Him there suggests they might have had a predetermined meeting place following the resurrection (Matthew 26:32).

- When Jesus met with His disciples, He commissioned them to go and carry on His work. In His commissioning, Jesus gave them His authority—to act on His behalf—and instructed them to make disciples of all nations, declaring the universal truth of the gospel.

- The Great Commission is not for the disciples alone. It's for all who come to faith and call Jesus Christ Lord. Each of us are called to reach those who have not yet heard the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Remember Verse

The Lord is near to all
who call on him, to all
who call on him in truth.
Psalm 145:18

Children this age are capable of doing quite a bit on their own. Resist the urge to step in and do a task for your child. Instead, encourage her to try to do it all by herself. While it may be easier to do it for her, it's best to allow her the time and space to become self-sufficient.

Teachable Moments

After reading **Matthew 28:16–20**, discuss the following together:

- What do you think the good news is?
- Who should we share the good news with?
- What does it mean to be a part of God's family?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in *HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource*.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you listen and hear from God's Holy Spirit. May you always have Jesus' peace. May you be bold to share the good news of Jesus.