The King's Commission Matthew 28:16-20

The great commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.

-Hudson Taylor

I. The Power

II. The Process

III. The Promise

Into the Bible:

 Post-crucifixion the disciples were a traumatized group. Post-resurrection they were still in shock trying to process everything that had changed their lives so suddenly. When Christ gives them the Great Commission the Holy Spirit is still just a promise. When we are tempted to think fulfilling His commission is beyond us we can be thankful that God is not dependent on our ability to perform in order to accomplish His will. What are some encouragements that Paul gives us about our service to God? (2 Corinthians 12:9-11, 1 Corinthians 1:26-29)

 The Great Commission is to make disciples wherever we are placed in this world. Christ lays out two imperatives to accomplishing that task–baptizing those who believe and teaching them to obey all of Christ's teachings. Most of us easily recognize the importance of the teaching but why is baptism so important to a Christian? (Colossians 2:12, 1 Corinthians 12:13) Jesus promises to be with us always, but He tells his disciples that He will be going back to the Father after the resurrection. The gift of the Holy Spirit fulfills the promise of His continuing presence. What are the responsibilities of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer? (John 6:7-15, Romans 8:5-6, and 26)

For Families:

4. Talk with your children about what Jesus left for us to do when He returned to his Father in heaven.