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# Burning Your Skis

Key References: Matthew 28:16-20; *The Desire of Ages*, chaps. 86, 87, pp. 818-835; *The Bible Story* (1994), vol. 8, pp. 147-150; vol. 9, pp. 182-186; Our Beliefs nos. 13, 14, 12.















## powertext

"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).

Sabbath

DO Do the activity on page 74.

power point

We accept the responsibility of sharing the good news with others.

*What does the Great Commission have to do with your life?*

"I was listening to the radio this morning," Mr. Andrews began, "and I heard a pastor talking about spreading the good news of Jesus to the people of India. Did you know that the gospel message is sent out over the radio to more than 5 million Indian people every day?"

Mr. Andrews looked at the class. "The pastor said that when pastors hold meetings to share about Jesus, thousands of people show up! People are so hungry to learn about the Lord!" Mr. Andrews paused. "I decided this morning that I am going to be a missionary."

The students looked at one another. Jeremy raised his hand. "Does that mean you're not going to be our teacher anymore?" he asked.

Mr. Andrews smiled. "No," he said. "It means I have decided that I am going on a mission trip this summer. I am going to Mexico! Jeremy," he continued, "would you please read Matthew 28:19 and 20 for us?"

Jeremy found the texts and read aloud, "'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.'" He looked up.

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**Sunday**

**READ** Read Matthew 28:16, 17 and this week's story, "Burning Your Skis."

**FIND** Find the number of the world's population. Then find how many are Christians. Is the number a majority or minority? What can we do about this reality?

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Pray for the people who don't know about Jesus.

**Monday**

**READ** Read Matthew 28:18.

**THINK** Why is it important to know that all authority belongs to Jesus and that He changes people's hearts? How will you, knowing this, serve others?

**SERVE** Do something today that will help someone know about Jesus. Invite the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom as you approach that person.

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Ask Jesus to help you reflect Him always in your thoughts, actions, and words.

**Tuesday**

**READ** Read Matthew 28:19, 20.

**LIST** Make a list of six ways you can personally follow Jesus' call to spread the gospel.

**THINK** In what ways other than talking can you witness for Jesus? Remember, actions speak louder than words!

**SHARE** Look for opportunities to tell others about Jesus.

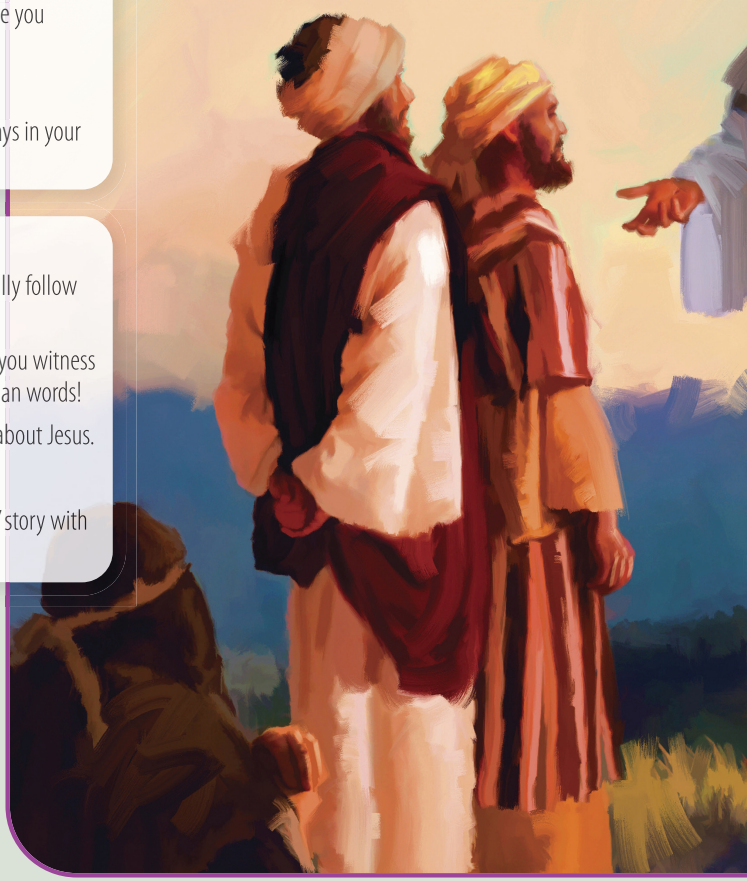
**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Ask for the opportunity to share Jesus' story with someone this week.

"Thank you, Jeremy," Mr. Andrews said. He looked at the class. "I've been thinking for a long time that I would like to be a missionary. And the pastor on the radio this morning really inspired me. I think God was speaking to my heart.

"We can get caught up in so many things here on earth," Mr. Andrews went on. "Making money, making friends, having a good time. It's so easy to forget what's really important in life."

Marianne waved her hand in the air. "My dad is always telling me that," she said. "He says everything here on earth is going to burn, and we need to store our treasure up in heaven."



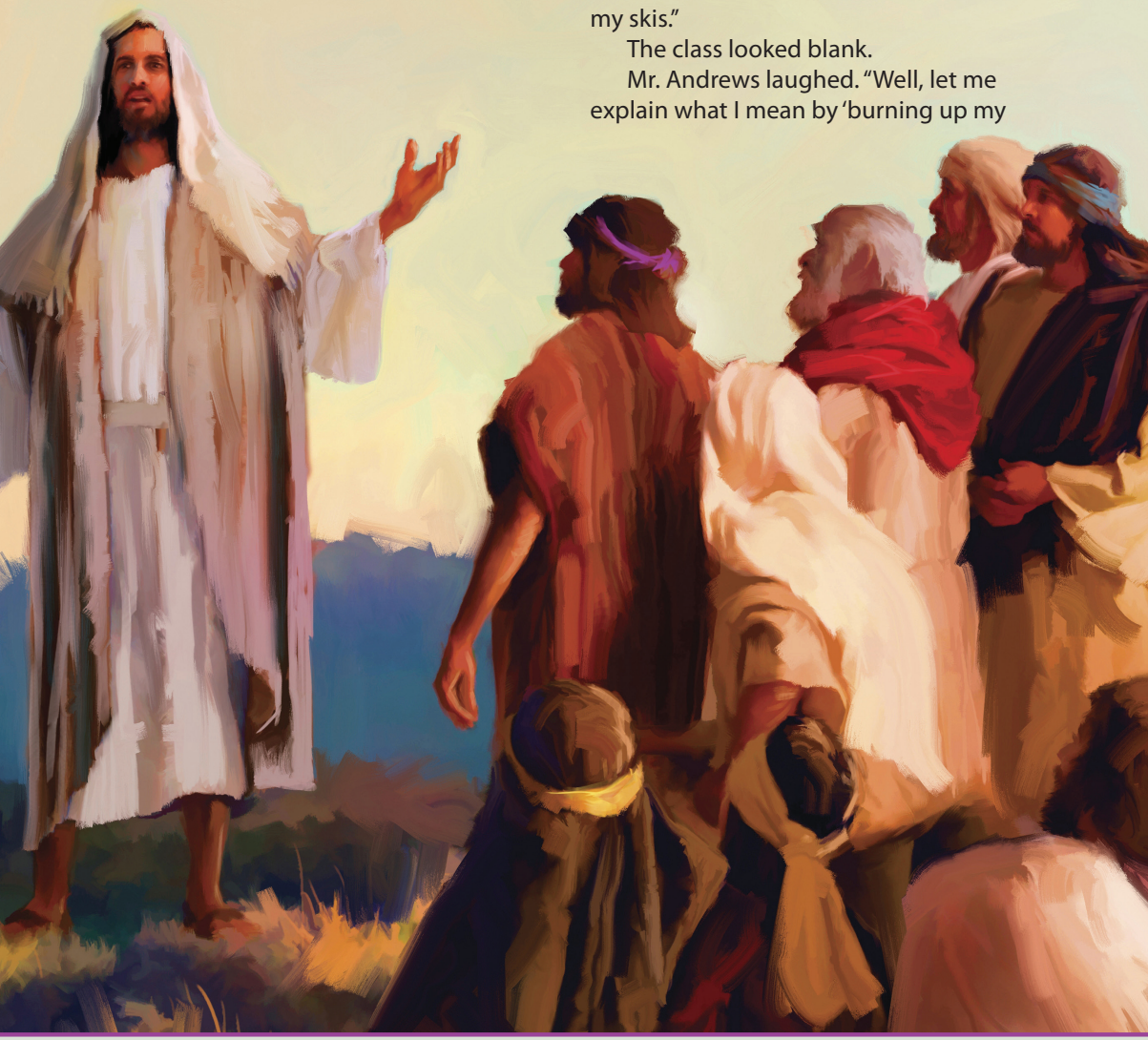
"Your dad's absolutely right," Mr. Andrews said. "I want you to think about today's Bible story. Those words that Jeremy read are just about the last words the disciples heard from Jesus' lips before He went back to heaven.

"Jesus had asked them to meet Him at a special place where they had spent a lot of time together. He gave them encouragement and instructions and told them that He would be with them always.

"But Jesus wasn't just speaking to His 11 disciples. He was speaking to all His disciples down through the ages. He was speaking to you and to me. We have all been chosen to tell others about Jesus. There's nothing more important that we can do in this life. So I decided to burn my skis."

The class looked blank.

Mr. Andrews laughed. "Well, let me explain what I mean by 'burning up my



## Wednesday

**READ** Read 1 Peter 3:15.

**LIST** List ways in which you can tell others about Jesus "with gentleness and respect."

**CALL** Phone your youth leader or pastor and volunteer to become involved in witnessing or evangelism.

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Pray for God's guidance as you witness for Him.

## Thursday

**READ** Read Galatians 6:9.

**CHECK** Check the box below that explains best what you think Paul meant by the words "Let us not become weary in doing good."

- ❒ Don't overwork yourself in doing good for others.
- ❒ Don't get tired of doing good things for others.
- ❒ Don't let your good deeds wear you out.

**ASK** Ask an adult to share how he/she witnessed.

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Ask Jesus to give you the desire to share Him.

## Friday

**READ** Read Acts 2:42-47.

**SAY** Repeat the power text by memory.

**TALK** With your family, discuss the following: If Jesus appeared to you as He did to the disciples in Matthew 28:16, 17, what questions would you ask Him?

**PLAN** Think of a few people to whom you could witness and make the effort to do so.

**PRAY** Pray for opportunities to tell these people about Jesus in creative ways.

skis.' I have been saving up for a new pair of snow skis. But because, as Marianne's dad says, everything here is going to burn, I am going to use the money for my mission trip to Mexico instead."

"Is it wrong to buy snow skis?" Trevor asked.

"No," Mr. Andrews answered. "But I've decided that it's a real privilege to be chosen to tell people about Jesus, and that my mission trip is more important."

"Well," Trevor interrupted, "I think you're a missionary already. You teach us about God's love. And this year Bible class is my favorite class."



"Trevor's right," Marianne said. "I think we can all be missionaries. I think we all are missionaries already. It's just that sometimes we forget it."

"I wish kids could go on mission trips," Matthew added.

"Well, the good news is that they can!" Mr. Andrews said. "There are lots of trips for families. The trip this summer is for families, and Pastor Jack says there are still openings."

"I have $45 saved up," Matthew said. "I'm saving for a new mountain bike. But maybe I could use the money for a mission trip."

"I think I have more information sheets about the mission trip in my briefcase," Mr. Andrews said. "Who wants one?"

Each student raised a hand.



PUZZLE 9

# CARE TO SHARE

**Instructions:** Match the number and the pattern from the coded Bible verse below with the words from the table to reveal the Bible verse.

Example: 4:-o equals "Always"

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| 1 | for | who | to |
| 2 | reason | prepared | asks |
| 3 | be | answer | have |
| 4 | everyone | that | Always |
| 5 | the | you | give |
| 6 | an | hope | love |

4:-o 3;-) 2<>< 1:-o 5:-o 6;-) 3<>< 1:-o 4;-) 1<><

2:-o 5<>< 1:-o 5:-o 5;-) 2;-) 1;-) 5;-) 6<>< 4<>< 5<>< 3:-o.

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PUZZLE 10

# GOD'S PROTECTION

Fill in the blanks using the words in the list below to find out what God has provided us with to protect us from the devil. Some words are used more than once. In every place that the word "you" is used, replace it with your name.

"Finally, be _____ in the Lord and in his mighty _____. Put on the full _____ of God, so that _____ can take your _____ against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not _____ flesh and blood, but against the _____, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the _____ forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full _____ of God, so that when the day of evil comes, _____ may be able to _____ your _____, and after _____ have done everything, to _____. Stand _____ then, with the belt of _____ buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of _____ in place, and with your _____ fitted with the readiness that comes from the _____ of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of _____, with which _____ can extinguish all the _____ arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of _____ and the sword of the _____, which is the _____ of God.

"And _____ in the _____ on _____ occasions with all kinds of _____ and requests. With this in mind, be _____ and _____ keep on praying for _____ the Lord's _____."

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| against | faith | ground | righteousness | stand |
| alert | feet | people | rulers | strong |
| all | firm | power | salvation | truth |
| always | flaming | pray | spirit | word |
| armor | gospel | prayers | spiritual | you |