

THE GREAT COMMISSION: REFLECTING GOD

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Genesis 1:24-31, Matthew 28:16-20

Memory Verse

¹⁸ Jesus came to them and said: I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! ¹⁹ Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.

Matthew 28:18-20



CASEY'S DAY

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When the coach scheduled an extra practice on Sunday morning to get ready for the big playoff game, Karly let her teammate, Beth, know she'd be late. Beth replied, "Yup. I kind of thought you'd be at church."

"You did?" asked Karly.

"You're a Christian," said Beth. When Karly asked how she knew, Beth responded, "I can tell by how you talk to us, the coach, and even the other teams."

What kinds of things do you think Beth saw Karly say and do?

A mirror shows *exactly* what is there. It might show how your hair looks today or if your clothes match. But a mirror also shows negative things, like if you have a piece of broccoli in your teeth or a big spaghetti sauce stain on your shirt. A mirror shows just who we are, both the positive and the negative.

[Genesis 1:27](#) says that God made you *in his own image*. That means he made you to be like him. All the caring qualities you admire about God are in *you* as well. Each day, you have the choice of whether or not people will see these caring qualities in you. Will your actions show kindness, joy, compassion, gentleness, patience, self-control, faithfulness, and goodness ([Galatians 5:22-23](#))?

We have the opportunity *every day* to proclaim God's love in our actions and words. In Matthew 28, God commanded us to share our faith with others: to share our stories of God's love for us. That's a big responsibility! But did you notice what Jesus said at the end of the verse, "I will be with you always." When you reflect God's caring qualities to others and talk about his love, Jesus will help you.

Prayer

God, I thank you that you have made me in your image. I pray that you will help me decide every day to let my actions and words reflect you in all I do. Amen.

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