

Peter Continued to Preach

The Gospel Project: Unit 30 Session 2

Acts 3

Midweek Bible Study

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Christ Connection: Peter continued to preach about Jesus even when it was difficult. Not even the religious leaders could stop Jesus' followers from sharing the good news about Jesus. The gospel is great news that we must share if we believe in Jesus Christ.

Big Picture Question: PS: Why does God want Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they can know Him and love Him. Elem: Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe the good news.

Memory Verse: PS: We need to tell others about Jesus so they can believe in Him. Romans 10:14; Elem: How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Romans 10:14

Spiritual Discipline: Evangelism

Leader Bible Study: The gospel of Christ is the beautiful picture you can focus on as you prepare to receive and lead kids in this week's session. You will continue in teaching about the spiritual discipline of evangelism. You get to share with them about sharing the good news! What better opportunity and subject could there be? Take a moment and thank God for the opportunity you will have with each child.

Reflect on your past week. How have you seen God provide for and sustain you? In what ways have you realized your need for Him? What do you need to ask of Him as you prepare to lead in this week's session? Teaching about the spiritual discipline of evangelism is a convicting subject. Teaching others often reveals our areas of needed growth, and this one is no different. Pray now and ask God to lead you and guide you to both teach and practice evangelism faithfully.

In today's session kids will see how they can participate in evangelism and the heart that God has for all to know Him. Kids will engage with perhaps the Bible's most well-known verse: "For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Open your Bible and pore over these familiar words. In considering the subject of sharing the good news, how does this truth fuel you? The words in this verse are more than a few lives strung together. They hold the glorious truth that God really loves you! He loves you right now. Amidst everything, He loves you. He's given you His Word as a reminder, and His Spirit is with you even now to solidify this truth in you. He wants you to walk with Him now and forever.

As you seek to lead kids in understanding God's love for them and seeing how they can take part in sharing this with others, would you take a moment to sit and savor this truth? May the gospel be what drives your service with kids this week!

Welcome

Sing Worship Songs

Spoon Toss

Materials: white plastic spoons

Write the books of the Bible on white plastic spoons. Toss them onto the floor, and then challenge the kids to put the books of the Bible in order. You can compete for time, call out different books for the kids to find, or give a description and have kids find the books that fit that description.

Guess Who

Materials: none

Think of a well-known Bible person. Begin describing him or her without using the person's name. The first kid to guess correctly wins and gets to give the clues for the next round. For example, you could describe John by saying, "He was a disciple. He wrote several books in the New Testament. He described himself as 'the disciple Jesus loved.' He was the first of the 12 disciples to see the empty tomb."

Shuffle and Stop

Materials: none

Explain that kids will move around the room. When you call out a number, they will create groups of that size. So, if you call out the number three, they will get in groups of three. Once the groups are formed, give the kids a minute to find something that they all have in common. Continue for several rounds. Explain that we are talking about evangelism today, and one of the ways we can share Jesus with others is growing our friendship with them and learning about the things we have in common.

Bible Hop

Materials: painter's tape, marker

Mark the floor using painter's tape. Create 39 spots for the Old Testament books and 27 spots for the New Testament books. Write the first letter of each book in order on the pieces of painter's tape. Invite kids to jump from spot to spot, reciting the books of the Bible. If kids need help, encourage the group to help their friends by using the table of contents in their Bible.

[**Learn About Evangelism**](#)

Review Spiritual Disciplines

Materials: none

Ask, ***“What are spiritual disciplines?”***

Say, ***“Spiritual disciplines are practices, or repeated actions, that we do to help us grow in love for God and godliness. These are habits that helps us know and love God better.”***

Ask, ***“Who can name some different spiritual disciplines?”***

e.g. prayer, celebration, fasting, generosity, worship, Bible study, service, fellowship, etc.

Say, ***“In today's session, we will continue to focus on the spiritual discipline of evangelism. This is sharing the good news, or the gospel. Let's get started!”***

Group Game: Good News Keep It Up

Materials: balloon

Gather kids in a circle and ask them to hold hands. When everyone is set, toss an inflated balloon up in the air. As a group, kids have to keep the balloon up in the air while still holding hands with the other players. They can't let go! Using their feet, heads, chest, elbows,

and the back of their hands, challenge kids to keep the balloon in the air as long as possible. Use a stopwatch to see how long they can go. If the balloon drops, start over and try to beat the best time. Play multiple rounds, adjusting the challenge as time allows.

Say, ***“In this game you had to keep the balloon afloat! You didn’t want to drop what your group was working toward. In a way, you were carrying the balloon through the air. This is a lot like how we are challenged to carry the good news of the gospel.”***

Ask, ***“How do we share our good news?”***

Say, ***“We share the gospel by telling others. When we share about our faith, it’s sort of like keeping this balloon going. All throughout the world Christians are working together and passing this good news from place to place. God will continue this good work, and we are invited to simply join in and keep it up!”***

Review the Discipline of Evangelism

Materials: none

Ask, ***“What is evangelism?”***

Say, ***“Evangelism is sharing the good news of the gospel. This is an important piece for us to focus on. Today we’re going to ask: what is the good news? To share good news with others, we certainly have to know what it is ourselves!”***

Ask, ***“Who can tell us about the gospel?”***

Say, ***“The gospel is God’s good news; it’s the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.”***

Say, “God created everything, including me and you, and He is in charge of everything. We all choose to disobey God. This sin separates us from God and deserves God’s punishment. But God didn’t leave us alone in this! Instead, God provided Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It’s something we are unable to do for ourselves. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. He gave His life for us. Because of this, we can be welcomed into God’s family through baptism. This is the best gift ever!

This is the good news that we get to share in evangelism. It’s not our words or what we do that saves others, instead we get to simply be a messenger and share the best news with others, praying they will receive the most amazing gift ever!”

Follow Up on Weekly Challenge

Materials: none

Say, “Last week, our challenge was to share a story of God’s good deeds with someone. What can you share about participating in this challenge?”

Say, “This is what practicing evangelism is all about! Let’s look for more opportunities to share the good news with others. I’m so proud that you all took on this challenge.”

Read the Bible

Materials: Bibles

Open your Bible to John 3:16. Challenge kids to open their copy of God’s Word and turn to this passage. If children know this verse by

memory, they may share with the group. Ask for a volunteer to read the verse aloud.

Ask, ***“Who has heard this verse before?”***

Say, ***“This verse is a very popular verse in the Bible. Sometimes when we have heard a verse many times before, we don’t always realize how good this truth is! Let’s read it a few more times together.”***

Re-read the verse multiple times together, emphasizing a different word each time. For example, “FOR God so loved...”; “For GOD so loved...”; “For God SO loved...”; “For God so LOVED...”.

Ask, ***“What is so great about this verse?”***

Say, ***“This verse reminds us of God’s great love for us! This is the good news of the gospel. When we share in evangelism this is the miraculous, good gospel that we get to share. God really loves us so much!”***

Group Demonstration: God’s Heart for Evangelism

Materials: lots of heart shaped stickers

Cut apart stickers in groups of 4 or five, with enough sections for each kid to have one.

Say, ***“Do you know what’s amazing? The same God who created the heavens and the earth, the One who made every start in the sky, and who knows every hair on your head- He wants to have a relationship with you. He doesn’t just want you to know about Him like we know facts about our favorite athlete; He wants you to know Him like a friend. He loves you! People are all searching***

for a kind of love like this, but many don't know about God's love unless we tell them."

Take a sticker off the sheet and place it on your shirt, near your heart.

Say, ***"This sticker shows that someone has told me about Jesus and God's love for me. Has someone told you about Jesus? If so, raise your hand."***

Give stickers to kids. As you do, share the story of the gospel so that any who do not have their hands raised can receive a sticker.

Say, ***"Through the hearts on our shirts, we can see that we have all heard of this love. And God wants us to share that love with others! Each of you all are challenged to share the good news with others this week. When you do, give them this sticker to remind them that God loves them and wants a relationship with them."***

Christ Connection

Materials: none

Say, ***"Christ loves us so much that He gave Himself for us! This is the good news that we share through evangelism, and it is the good news that we can hear and believe every day."***

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Prayer Craft Stick Prompts

Materials: jumbo craft sticks, markers, and a Ziplock bag

Invite kids to think of eight or nine people they know who may not know Jesus. Engage with them in thinking through this and help

them identify people that they can pray for. If kids have a difficult time identifying people to pray for, encourage them to think about who they encounter during the day, such as the mail person, a neighbor, the bus driver, etc. Once they have selected these people, have kids write those names on the craft sticks in the bag and write People to Pray For on the bag.

Then, play soft music and invite kids to take out the craft sticks and pray for those people one by one, especially praying that either they or someone else would have the opportunity to share the good news with them. Close in prayer and encourage kids to reach out to these friends, neighbors, etc., and share the gospel.

Close in Prayer

Materials: none

Use the scripted prayer, pray in your own words, or ask a student to pray.

Say, ***“God, we praise You for how You love us so much. Thank You for Your Son, Jesus, who You sent as a sacrifice for us. Thank You that the gospel we share is one of good news of a Savior in Jesus. May we share this good news through evangelism this week. Amen.”***

Weekly Challenge

Materials: none

Challenge kids to share a heart sticker and the good news with three people this week.