



SPREAD THE WORD

Week One



Main Point: People learn about Jesus when I share God's Good News

Bible Verse: Mark 16:15 ... "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

Bible Story: Matthew: Go and make disciples

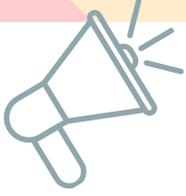
Activity ages 3 - 5th

Supplies: Coffee filter, blue and green marker, spray bottle with water.

Directions: Using a coffee filter, color it with a blue washable marker. Add large spots of green. Take your colored coffee filter outside or over a sink and use a spray bottle filled with water to spray it. Notice how the colors begin to spread into each other. The filter might also start to look like the world! Use this craft to remind you that God wants us to spread the good news of his love everywhere we go.

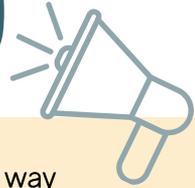
Discussion Questions:

1. Whose responsibility is it to share God's Good News?
Everyone who trusts in and follows Jesus
2. Who gave us the responsibility of sharing God's Good News?
Jesus
3. What is important about sharing God's Good News? It obeys God; people need the Good News so they can be forever friends with God; etc.
4. You might think the people around you already follow Jesus. How can you find out if they really do? Ask them; watch their words, actions, and choices; talk about Jesus with them; etc.
5. What do you think a kid can do to help a trusted adult learn about Jesus? Answers will vary.



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Week Two



Main Point: People learn about Jesus when I love them God's way

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:1 ... If I don't have love, I am only a loud gong or a noisy cymbal

Bible Story: 1 John: Love

Activity ages 3 - 5th

Supplies: Pot and wooden spoon, loud or love list

Directions: Using the loud or love list, read through the list. If the phrase you read is loving, give your family member a high give. If the phrase you read is unloving, bang on your pot with a spoon. Review the verse for today and remember that without love, our actions and words are like loud noises.

Discussion Questions:

1. When is it hard for people to listen to your words? When my words are rude; when I think I'm better than other people; when I argue angrily; when I lie; etc.
2. When is it easy for people to listen to your words? When I'm kind, honest, respectful, complimentary, and encouraging; when I listen and pray for them; etc.
3. What do you think people learn from you when you're loving toward them? Answers will vary. Ideas: What God's love is like; they're important; God loves them; etc.
4. When is it hard for you to be loving toward someone? Answers will vary



LOUD OR LOVE ACTIVITY SUPPLEMENT

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Bolded words are loving words.

Word Examples

Telling people how wrong they are

Listening patiently when someone needs to talk

Sharing that you believe in Jesus with kind words

Only talking about Jesus with people you like

Kindly helping people talk about good things instead of mean things

Telling people they need to act like you

Praying for people who don't know Jesus

Posting fliers around town that say, "GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER!"

Sharing something you learned from the Bible kindly

Yelling, "CLEAN UP YOUR LIFE AND GET ON BOARD!" in a microphone

Asking someone to share what they believe about God and listening patiently

Inviting someone to go to church with you

Saying you're better than people who don't believe in Jesus

Gossiping about people

Saying rude words

Being rude when people say they don't want to hear about Jesus

Complimenting someone and meaning it

Telling someone they're not very smart if they don't believe in Jesus

Telling someone God loves them and wants to be their friend

Forgiving someone when they've hurt you

Telling people God doesn't love them if they don't believe in Jesus.

Telling someone you're proud of them when they do a good job

Telling someone they're bad if they don't go to church

Saying you're sorry nicely when you've done something wrong

Calling people mean names

Telling rude jokes that make fun of people

Ignoring someone when you don't like them

Telling a friend you've been thinking about them and you're praying for them

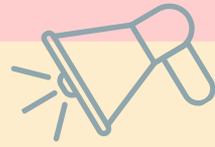
Letting someone know you miss them when you haven't seen them for a while

Telling people you're smarter than them so they need to listen to you

Talking to a friend who is sick to keep them company

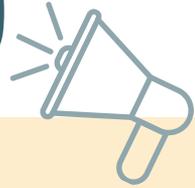
Writing a letter to tell someone, "Thank you."

Telling someone you're older than them so they need to listen to you



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Week Three



Main Point: People learn about Jesus when I live like Him.

Bible Verse: Matthew 5:16 "... let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

Bible Story: Matthew: Shine your light

Activity ages 3 - 5th

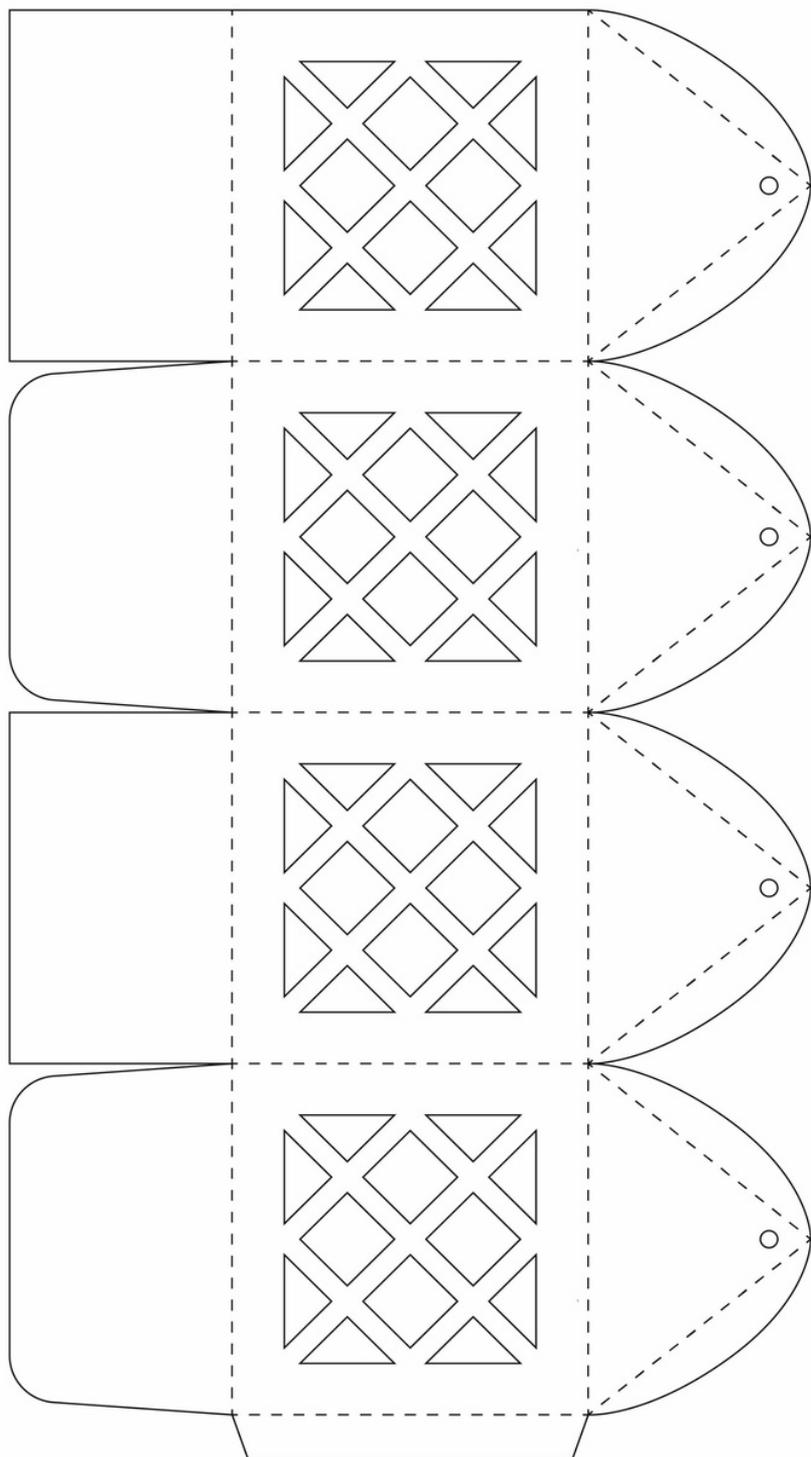
Supplies: Paper lantern print out

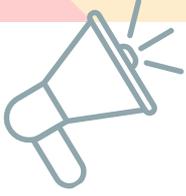
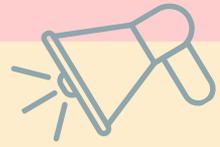
Directions: Print out the paper lantern. Decorate the lantern and assemble it. Place a battery operated tea light inside. Let it remind you to shine the light of Jesus to all that you know.

Discussion Questions:

1. What's so important about living like Jesus when you're sharing God's Good News? People can trust you when you teach them how to follow Jesus.
2. What might happen if you don't live like Jesus, but you try to teach others how to follow Jesus? They can get confused and lose trust in you.
3. Name some times it might be hard for people to learn about God from your life. When you're not living like Jesus; having a bad attitude, making poor decisions, being disrespectful or disobedient, etc.
4. When does your life shine a light on what Jesus is like? When I'm helpful, kind, put others first, etc

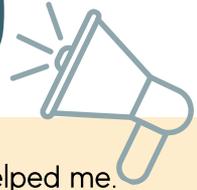
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Week Four



Main Point: People learn about Jesus when I share how He helped me.

Bible Verse: Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes ...

Bible Story: Acts: Paul gives his testimony

Activity ages 3 - 5th

Supplies: My story print out.

Directions: Print the "My Story" worksheet. Fill out the questions and boxes on the page. This is a short version of your testimony. This can help you share about Jesus and what he has done in your life.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is a testimony? The true story of how Jesus helped you and changed you
2. What might make someone feel ashamed of their testimony? They don't want others to know they used to make a lot of bad choices; they're afraid people won't listen to or believe them; they're shy; etc.
3. What reasons do we have to not be ashamed of our testimonies? They show God's power in our lives and how God can change us; people might choose to follow Jesus when they hear our testimonies; etc.
4. How can talking about the person you used to be help someone believe in Jesus? It shows Jesus is real, He helped you, and He can help others, too



This is me!

(Draw yourself.)

(Your name here)

's Story

My name is _____.

I am _____ years old.

My favorite color is _____.

My favorite food is:

(Draw your favorite food here.)

This is how you can follow Jesus!

A: Admit you've done wrong and ask God to forgive you for disobeying Him.

B: Believe God sent Jesus to take the punishment for your sins and that He forgives you. **Believe** Jesus made you right with God.

C: Choose to depend on God's power to help you say, "No!" to sin. **Choose** to live and love like Jesus, and tell others He is your leader and number one friend!

Something I'm proud of is:

(Draw or write something you're proud of.)

Something I know about God is:

(Draw or write something you know about God.)