



Bible Thematic Lessons

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Making Jesus Christ known, one story at a time.



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 6 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

EVANGELISM



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to tell others about Jesus.



Lesson Takeaway:

We have been given an assignment by Jesus to tell others about the good news.



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Bible References:

2 Kings 7:3 – 20;

Mark 16:15 – 18;

Luke 10:1 – 12



Explain the meaning of evangelism.

In 2 Kings 7:3 – 20, there had been a severe famine, and some lepers found abundant food. What did they do? They went to tell the king about the food they found, and the famine ended.

Evangelism is the act of telling others about the good news of Jesus with the goal of encouraging them to become a believer in Jesus, so that they too can become a part of God's kingdom. It's like you found something beautiful and you can't just keep it to yourself – you want to share it with others so they can enjoy it too.

Evangelism has a specific purpose – to tell others about the good news, about what Jesus came to do on earth, and then persuade or encourage them to believe in the gospel.



What does the bible say about evangelism?

Every believer has been called to be a witness, to tell others about what Jesus has done (Acts 1:8).

Sharing the gospel message is not for pastors only, it is for every person – young and old, male or female – who has accepted the gospel and believed in Jesus Christ.



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What does the bible say about evangelism? (Contd.)

We are being called to be faithful in telling others about the gospel (Matthew 28:18 – 20). Evangelism is not something you do once a year or once in your lifetime. It is a lifestyle. You are constantly looking for ways to tell people about what Jesus did for you so that they can believe in Him too and share of His love, mercy, grace and forgiveness (1 Corinthians 9:22).

We are called to boldly tell others about the gospel. Like Paul, we are not to be ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16). The gospel is powerful. It can change and transform a person from the inside.

When we evangelize, we simply tell people about what Jesus has done. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to convict people of their sins, and not your job (John 16: 8 – 11). Do not be discouraged if they do not accept your message, they are not rejecting you. Think about this: how many times did you hear the gospel message before you accepted and believed? It might take more than one person, or more than one church service for someone to believe in Jesus as their Lord and personal Saviour.

Live out the gospel. Don't be too focused on telling people about Jesus only with your words, think about your actions. Do people see the gospel in action when they interact with you? In 1 Peter 3:15, we are encouraged to share the gospel with love, kindness, gentleness and not violence or anger. In Matthew 5:14 – 16, Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven".

When you evangelize, you point people to Jesus and not to yourself, your good works, or your church. Evangelizing is not the same as asking people to attend your church service, though it is a great thing to ask people to come over to your church meetings (Matthew 28: 19 – 20).



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What does the bible say about evangelism? (Contd.)

You cannot tell others about the gospel of Jesus if you don't believe in the gospel.

Do you believe in the gospel? Do you believe that Jesus came to suffer for our sins, died on the cross, was buried, rose up from the grave on the third day, and is now seated with God in heaven? (1 Corinthians 15:1 – 4). The good news is that Jesus came to save us from our sins!



How can we share the good news about Jesus today?

Evangelism is a command for all believers in Jesus. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). But why are we not going as commanded?"

Below are some of the reasons people do not share the good news:

- i. They are afraid of what people might say about them or to them. You need to be bold to share the gospel (Acts 1:8).
- ii. They are not sure how to begin to share the gospel. There is no one method of sharing the gospel. What is important is that you open your mouth and tell them – don't be silent. Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent (2 Kings 7:9).
- iii. They think that they don't have the time to share the gospel.
- iv. They think that they are too young to share the good news.
- v. They think that they need to finish reading the bible before they can share the good news.

All the above reasons are not enough to not share the gospel. If you are willing and want to obey what Jesus commands us to do, He will help you to share the good news.



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How can we share the good news about Jesus today? (Contd.)

You can share the gospel through starting a conversation using the following means:

- i. During lunch break, by introducing Jesus as the God who provides all that you need.
- ii. When you go on play dates by introducing Jesus as the best Friend anyone can ever have.
- iii. When you go on sleepovers, by introducing Jesus as the Prince of Peace or the One who watches over you when you are asleep.
- iv. When you work on your assignments or group projects, by introducing Jesus as the Excellent God.
- v. When you go on social media, by interacting positively with others, spreading love and hope, pointing them to Jesus as the God who can do all things and solve all problems.

What other ways can you think of?



Memorize:

Mark 16:15 – And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”.



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Questions:

- i. Mention five ways you can share the good news with your friends, family members and neighbours.
- ii. Why are people not sharing the good news today?



Remember: We have been given an assignment by Jesus to tell others about the good news.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You for coming to the world, suffering for my sin, dying and rising again from the grave. Thank You for bringing the good news of salvation and now I can be forgiven and free from the power of sin. Please help me to tell others about this good news so that they can also be a part of God's kingdom. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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