

Just For Leaders

PREPARE

God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! - Sharing Jesus Is Important

Read: Acts 13

*"For this is what the Lord has commanded us:
"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."
When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord;
and all who were appointed for eternal life believed."
Acts 13:47-48*

Reflect: Thinking about God's command to be a light and bring salvation to the ends of the earth, which truth and Bible verse would be helpful to know when you have the opportunity to share Jesus?

- A. Jesus is the only way to God the Father. (John 14:6)
- B. Sin deserves punishment, but Jesus offers forgiveness. (Romans 6:23)
- C. We do not have to work to earn God's love or salvation. (Ephesians 2:8)

Pray: God, the gift of Your love and salvation through Jesus is the most important truth I could share with others. Thank You for this gift. Help me remember that sharing Jesus is important. Open doors for me to share the good news of Jesus with others. I love you. Amen.

Prepare: Who are people in your life and community that would benefit from hearing the good news of Jesus? What can you do to allow God's light to shine through you in their lives?

BIBLE STORY

Sharing Jesus Is Important

Paul Told about Jesus
Acts 13-21

BIBLE VERSE

*"Everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord
will be saved."
Romans 10:13*

PRAYER

*Dear God,
thank You for sending Jesus to
make the way for us to have
a relationship with You. This is
important good news we can
share with others! Help us have
an attitude like Paul and Barn-
abas, where we want to share
You everywhere we go. Help
us be brave and kind when we
share Jesus with others. Thank
You for loving us.
We love you so much!
Amen.*

TEACH

- **Gather** the children for a Bible story.
- **Lead** them in singing the Bible Transition Song (sung to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb").

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So let's look in the Bible

- **Give** the baby a Bible board book to hold or show him or her a Bible.

SAY: The Bible is God's Word. God's Word is true. It teaches us that God is Holy!

- **Show** the Bible story picture to the baby and read the talking points to him or her.

Bible Story:

- Paul and Barnabas had a big job to do. The Holy Spirit told Paul and Barnabas to leave their city and travel somewhere new to tell people about Jesus.
- They traveled all over telling people about Jesus because sharing Jesus is important.

EXPERIENCE

1. Growing Closer to God

Encourage the babies to play with the flower pot. Have them count and stack the flowers and go over the colors.

Connect it- *Just like flowers grow, we can grow closer to God. If we have a heart that is soft toward Jesus and ears that listen to His Word, then we can grow closer to Him. If our heart is hard, we won't grow as well, and sometimes not at all.*

2. Sharing about Jesus is Important

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Connect it- *We have the important job of sharing about Jesus with everyone. We can talk about Jesus with our friends and family.*

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God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! -Sharing Jesus Is God's Plan

Read: Luke 24:13-49

"He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Luke 24:46-47

Reflect: What helps you recognize who Jesus is and what His plan is for His followers?

- A. Spending time alone with God.
- B. Talking with others who love God.
- C. Worshiping and enjoying music about Jesus.

Pray: God, it is amazing to know that Your plan for salvation through Jesus has been Your plan from the beginning of the world. Help me see and participate in my part of Your plan—sharing the good news of Jesus with others. I love you so much! Amen.

Prepare: How has Jesus surprised you recently? How can recognizing what Jesus has done in your life remind you that sharing Jesus is God's plan?

BIBLE STORY

Sharing Jesus Is God's Plan

The Emmaus Disciples
Luke 24:13-49

BIBLE VERSE

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PRAYER

Dear God,
thank You that Your big plan
includes us. Thank You that
You want us to be a part of
Your family and that You work
through us to share this good
news with others. Help us to
share Jesus everywhere we go!
Help us remember we are never
too young to share Jesus,
and You are always with us,
helping us share. This is all part
of Your plan!
We love you so much!
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Bible Story:

- *After Jesus died and rose again, He appeared to some friends who were walking along the road.*
- *When the friends realized they had been talking to Jesus, they ran to tell others that Jesus is alive!*
- *We can tell people about Jesus too.*

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God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! - Sharing Jesus Is Worth It

Read: Matthew 13:1-23

"But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."
Matthew 13:23

Reflect: Thinking about the story that Jesus told, what can motivate you to share Jesus, even when it is challenging or seems hopeless?

- A. God is the One who knows what seeds of faith will grow.
- B. God is pleased when I share Jesus, even if people do not believe.
- C. God can work through me when I share, even if I do not see the results.

Pray: Thank You, God, for helping my faith in Jesus grow like seed in good soil. Help me share Jesus and know that it is always worth it, even when the soil seems rough. I love you. Amen.

Prepare: What steps do you take to improve the spiritual "soil" of your life and keep growing in your relationship with Jesus? How can your faith story remind you that sharing Jesus is worth it?

BIBLE STORY

Sharing Jesus Is Worth It

The Farmer and the Seed
Matthew 13:1-23

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thank You for loving us and
sending Jesus so we can be
part of Your family. Help us to
remember that sharing Jesus is
worth it. Even if people may not
be ready to listen or ask more
about You, help us know that
every chance we get to share
about You is worth it. Thank
You for helping us grow in You
and for working through us to
help others know You.
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Bible Story:

- *Jesus told a story that taught how some people will hear about God's kingdom and believe, some will believe for a short time, and some will not believe.*
- *Even though not everyone who hears about Jesus believes in Him, sharing Jesus is worth it.*

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God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! – Sharing Jesus Is Exciting

Read: Acts 2

“With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

Acts 2:40-41

Reflect: The disciples in the early church witnessed amazing things when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Which one do you think is most exciting?

- A. The way the disciples were empowered with boldness
- B. The number of people that were drawn to listen and believe
- C. The rapid growth that happened in the church

Pray: God, the same Holy Spirit that You poured out on Pentecost is the same Holy Spirit that fills Christians today. Fill me with boldness and help me share Jesus with passion. May I always remember that sharing Jesus is exciting. I love you. Amen.

Prepare: Recall a time you told someone about Jesus. What happened? How can our own stories and stories from others show that sharing Jesus is exciting?

BIBLE STORY

Sharing Jesus Is Exciting

The Holy Spirit
and the Church
Acts 2

BIBLE VERSE

*"Everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord
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Romans 10:13*

PRAYER

*Dear God,
thank You so much for send-
ing the Holy Spirit and working
through the disciples to help so
many people know and follow
You. Thank You that You work
through us in the same way.
Sharing about Jesus is exciting!
Help us be bold and brave to
share Jesus and work through
us to bring exciting changes in
people's lives!
We love you!
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Bible Story:

- Jesus' friends and followers were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- All the people listening heard that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- We get to share this super special news about Jesus to everyone!

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Hooray Day- God Leads Me to Have Faith

Read: Hebrews 11

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
This is what the ancients were commended for.*

*By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command,
so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."
Hebrews 11:1-3*

Reflect: What step of faith is God currently calling you to take?

- A. Turn away from sin and trust Him for healing.
- B. Say yes to an opportunity that seems challenging or uncomfortable.
- C. Boldly share Jesus with someone.

Pray: God, You have given me so many examples of faith-filled people in the Bible and in my own life. Deepen my faith, helping me to live fully for You. Help me know that You are good, loving, and always with me. Thank You that my faith is secure because You sent Jesus to make the way to have a relationship with You—and nothing will change that. I love you. Amen.

Prepare: Whose faith has inspired your faith journey?

BIBLE STORY

God Leads Me to Have Faith

Heroes of the Faith
Hebrews 11

BIBLE VERSE

*"Search me,
God, and know my heart."
Psalm 139:23a*

PRAYER

*Dear God,
thank You for creating the world
and creating us to know and
follow You. Thank You for the
people in the Bible who show us
how to live and follow You. Most
of all, thank You for sending Je-
sus to rescue us from sin. Help
us have faith in You, believing
and trusting that You always
keep Your promises. And as
You lead us to faith, help us to
share Jesus with others so You
can lead them to faith too.*

*We love You.
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Bible Story:

- The Bible is full of heroes of the faith who trusted God and His promises.
- Even though they couldn't see God and didn't get to meet Jesus, they still chose to trust Him.
- And just like them, we can trust God and His promises too!

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