

Small Group Lesson, K – 1 Grade, Week Two May 10 & 11

Main Point

Jesus gives us good news to share!

Scripture

Memory Verse

I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

—Romans 1:16

Bible Lesson

Peter moves from being afraid to stand up for Jesus to being a bold witness.

—Matthew 26:31-35,47- 55,69-75; Acts 1:3,9; 2:1-4

Overview

Before Jesus was crucified, Jesus predicted how Peter would deny Him. While Jesus was on trial, Peter denied Jesus three times, just as Jesus had said. After Jesus was resurrected, He gathered His disciples and promised them the Holy Spirit would come to them. Jesus then returned to heaven in their sight. When the Day of Pentecost came, Peter spoke boldly about Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Classroom Discussion Questions:

1. How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus? (*Three times.*)
2. What did Peter do after the third denial? (*He cried.*)
3. After Jesus was raised from dead, what did He tell the disciples? (*They would teach others about Him.*)
4. Who spoke on the Day of Pentecost about Jesus? (*Peter.*)
5. What is one good thing that you can say about Jesus? (*Allow responses.*)
6. How does it make you feel when you share something good about Jesus to others? (*Allow responses.*)

Object Lesson:

Materials: Dominoes, new video game (the box will do if the game is not available), music CD. Preparation: Cue the CD to a favorite song.

Boys and girls, today's lesson is *Jesus gives us good news to share*. Have you ever played a video game that was so fun, you couldn't wait to tell your friends about it? What was it? (*Have kids briefly share what game they played.*) Do you remember how you felt? You were probably so excited you couldn't wait to see your friends to tell them about the awesome game. You probably wanted them to play it so they would have as much fun as you did. Has anyone ever played this game? (*Show game box.*)

Boys and girls, someone that is even better than any video game is our friendship with Jesus. We can get just as excited about Jesus as we can playing a game—even more!! When you tell someone about a game, you explain all the cool features and game levels. When you tell someone about Jesus, you tell him or her about all the awesome things He can do. He can help you in school, He answers your prayers, He makes you feel better when you're sad and He can even heal your body when you're feeling sick. Jesus also wants to be your very best friend and He promises never to leave you...ever!

I'm going to give everyone a domino. When the music plays, walk around the room. When the music stops find a partner. Each of you tell the person closest you one good thing about Jesus and give that person your domino. Then, the music will start and walk around the room. Again, it will stop and you'll do the same thing. *(Once you've done this exercise a few times, you may stop and have everyone share a good thing about Jesus before they count their domino dots to see who ended up with the most. Provide time for them to commit to share the one thing they mentioned, by praying the one thing aloud.)*

Additional Bible Connection:

Jesus was the first one to really start telling the good news about God's great forgiveness, grace and love apart from the old laws of the Jewish people. Jesus asks us to do the same thing, the Bible reads:

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
—John 20:21b

Materials: Flashlight, large eraser, construction paper heart, medicine vial, smiley face stickers or picture.

Preparation: Place all of the items in front of the room on a table.

When God the Father sent Jesus into the world, He sent Him with a message of hope to share with everyone. *(Ask a volunteer to read John 20:21b aloud.)* Now Jesus is sending us. He wants us to share His message with others. *Jesus gives us good news to share.* What is the good news He is sending us out with? I've brought some things that can help us see this. For instance, when Jesus forgives us, He erases our sins—the mean or selfish things we do that are against God's wishes for us. *(Hold up eraser.)* That is the good news: Jesus erases my sins. Secondly, *(hold up the flashlight)*, He rose from the dead and sent the Holy Spirit, Who lights the path of my life and shows me where to go. That's good news. Thirdly, *(hold up the heart)*, He changes my heart so I want to do the things that please God. *(Hold up medicine vial.)* Jesus also can heal my sicknesses and pains. When we get sick, we need to hear about a doctor named Jesus who can heal us. Finally, *(hold up the smiley face)*, He gives me His joy and happiness even when times are tough. *(Hold up each item and review the good things Jesus gives us.)* Kids, God placed forgiveness, light, a new heart, healing, and joy in Jesus when He sent Him into the world. Now, Jesus gives us these same things. *Jesus gives me good news to share.*

Craft: Good News Signs

Materials: Index cards, markers, empty McDonalds® Happy Meal box, small Bible, CD player.
Preparation: Place items on a table in front. Place a Bible inside the Happy Meal and close the lid.

Kids, have you ever been driving with your parents down the road and see a McDonalds® sign that really made you hungry? It might have made you hungry for a Happy Meal. The sign was advertising the "good news" about McDonalds. Well kids, we have "signs" that will hopefully lead people to Jesus. When some people hear our good news that Jesus died for our sins and rose again from the dead and is alive today, they will be hungry for God. Here's the cool part, Jesus knows how to give people something way better than just a Happy Meal. *(Hold up the Happy Meal, tear open the box and take out the Bible.)* He knows how to make them full of happiness and joy.

(Pass out index cards and markers.) I would like you to write “Jesus Loves You!” on one side of the card and “Good News” on the other side. After you have finished line up for a game.

When the music starts, walk around the room. When the music stops find a partner and each of you share one good thing about Jesus’ love or His good news, based on what side of the card is up when your partner reads it. Then, the music will start up. When it stops, find someone new and do the same thing. *(Start and stop the music as above. Continue this a few times until the kids are comfortable sharing.)* Hold on to your cards as a reminder to tell others because *Jesus gives us good news to share.*

Materials: Lesson 6 Ages 6-7 Take-Home Challenge from *Take-Home Challenges* CD-ROM. Hand out this week’s Take-Home Challenge and encourage kids to complete the activities with their families. Remind kids that you’ll ask them for responses during next week’s K.I.D.S. Church service.