

C3 KIDS

10.25.20
THE GOOD NEWS
ROMANS 5-6

TEXT & THEME

Text:

Romans 5-6

Main Point:

God sent Jesus into the world to rescue sinners.

Key Verse

Romans 12:5

The Christ Connection:

Because God created everything, He is in charge of everything. Everyone sins, or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God. The good news of the gospel is that God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.

2 READ

Introduce the Bible Lesson:

Say: The early church grew as Jesus' followers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, shared the gospel with others. Can anyone tell me what the word gospel means? [Call on kids to respond.] That's right. Gospel means "good news." Today we are going to hear a Bible story from the Book of Romans so we can better understand what exactly this good news is and how this message changes everything.

Read the Bible Lesson:

(Handout attached. For 3-PK read only the **bold** words.)

1 WELCOME AND OPENING ACTIVITY

Welcome:

Record all check-ins on the check in/check out clipboard. Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Once everyone has arrived, prompt kids to share about a time someone told them good news and bad news. Which would they rather hear first—good news or bad news? Why?

SAY • *Its always great to hear good news. Its even better when we believe it. Today we are going to hear about the good news, or the gospel. It seems too good to be true, but it is!*

Opening Activity: Roads to Rome

Form two teams of kids. Give each team two sheets of paper. The teams will form two lines, and the first kid in each line will use the two sheets of paper as stepping stones to cross the room and return to the line. There they will pass their two sheets to the next kid in line who will repeat the process. The first team to have each member cross the room and return wins.

SAY • *In the time of the New Testament, Rome controlled a large empire that covered most of the known world. Because the Roman empire was so big and so powerful, they built many roads to help people travel around. That led to the saying "all roads lead to Rome." Today we will hear about a letter Paul wrote to believers living in Rome.*

3 HEAR

Explain the Bible Story:

Say: If you wanted to share the good news of the Bible in one sentence, you could say this: God sent Jesus into the world to rescue sinners.

Paul dedicated his life to sharing the gospel, and Jesus calls all believers to share the good news so that people from all over the world might hear and believe. Why was Paul so eager to share the good news? Romans 1:16 says that Paul was not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes!

So imagine a bridge had collapsed and you saw people driving toward it, unaware of the danger, what would you do? You would run to them and wave your arms and yell at them to stop and turn around!

That is the same type of urgency Paul had and that is the same type of urgency that we should have in telling people about Jesus. Apart from Jesus, we are dead in our sin and will spend eternity separated from God. That is bad news!

Paul's letter to the Romans says there is good news for sinners. God loves us and sent His Son. Jesus died and rose again to make us right with God. He frees us from sin so we can live for Him.

4 TEACH

Ask the following questions:

Q: If God forgives all our sin when we have faith in Jesus, why is it necessary to live like Jesus?

A: Guide kids to remember that God's plan for our lives is better for us than our own plans. Obeying God is good for us, because He knows what we need before we need it. Help them see obedience as a blessing, not a chore. Explain how sin may feel fun, but it leads to destruction, pain, and death.

SAY: God sent Jesus into the world to rescue sinners. The Bible is clear that we all are sinners and we all deserve death and separation from God. His choice to send Jesus proves His justice and mercy.

Pray:

Say: Father God, we come to You aware of our need for forgiveness. Our sin keeps us far from You and lost in darkness. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to rescue us. You bring us into the light and make us part of Your family. You love us so much. Give us boldness to share this good news with the world. Amen.

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Complete the following activities in whichever order you would like.

ACTIVITY

Cross Painting

Pass out the paper cross worksheet to each child. Each child will get two colors of paint and q tips. Encourage them to dip their q tips in the paint and dot them inside their cross. See how many dots they can use to fill up the space and also see if they can create new colors as they paint. Have some wipes or paper towels ready. The paint they are using is a tempera paint (non toxic, and washable).

SAY • Paul wanted the believers in Rome to know that God sent Jesus into the world to rescue sinners. Paul wanted them to experience the transformation that is only possible by the Holy Spirit's power and to be united together as a church body. Paul wanted to be sure they knew the truth and that they were following Jesus.

Scavenger Hunt (with application)

Before class, hide the props throughout the classroom. Playdoh, wire hanger, hammer, candy, ruler, small wrapped gift. Give each clue and challenge the children to find the items:

1. This is something we use to form objects. It's very soft and fun to use. (Play-doh)
2. We use this at home to keep our clothes organized. It has a weird shape. (Wire hanger)
3. Now look for a tool that's handy for hanging pictures on the wall or building something out of wood. It's long and a little heavy. (Hammer)
4. This is something that can give us cavities if we eat too much. It's small and has a lot of pieces. (Candy)
5. We use this next item to measure something's length. It's skinny and light. (Ruler)
6. Lastly, look for an item you like to get on a special holiday. It's small and pretty. (Gift)

See the application >>>>>>>>>>>>>

ACTIVITY

Scavenger Hunt Application

Hold up each item as you explain the eternal life message:

1. Play-doh: "God wants to 'mold' us into who He created us to be."
2. Wire hanger: "The problem is, we are 'bent' on sin and want to do what we desire."
3. Hammer: "And it seems easier to be able to 'work' for our own salvation by doing a few good things here and there."
4. Candy: "But Jesus is the only 'good' person who ever lived on earth because He's the only person who has never sinned."
5. Ruler: "So, we can't follow our own 'rules' for getting into Heaven. Without trusting in Jesus as our Savior, God says we can't pay for our sins."
6. Gift: "But the good news of the Gospel is that God gives us the 'gift' of eternal life because Jesus died for our sins. And we can receive the gift of salvation when we believe in Jesus and turn away from our sins."

Pray:

Pray for our missionaries, the Rwego family as they serve God in Africa spreading the gospel.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR K-3RD GRADE ACTIVITY PAGE

K-1 Activity Page (All Fixed Up):

Invite kids to complete the "All Fixed Up" activity page. Kids must match each 2D shape with the 3D figure it would make if folded.

Say • In each of those shapes, you could kind of see what it was supposed to look like when it was fixed up. In a way, that's like our story today. We talked about the good news of the gospel, and how Jesus showed perfectly what Adam was supposed to be like before he chose to disobey God.

2nd-3rd Activity Page (What is the Gospel?):

Invite kids to complete "What is the Gospel?" on the activity page. Guide kids to cross out the words that fit the descriptions. Instruct them to write out the remaining words in order to answer the question.

Say • You might hear the word gospel often, but how would you answer if someone asked you, "What is the gospel?" The gospel is the good news that God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to rescue sinners. In today's Bible story, we heard about how Paul wrote a letter to remind believers of the good news about Jesus.

BIBLE SKILLS & DISCUSSION

Bible Skills:

Distribute Bibles. Guide boys and girls to open their Bibles to Romans 5. Choose a volunteer to read aloud Romans 5:6-8

SAY: The good news of the gospel is that God sent Jesus into the world to rescue sinners.

Lead the following discussion:

Why do we need the gospel? Remind kids that God is holy and must punish sin. Guide them to explain how God provided by sending His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve by dying on the cross. When we trust in Him, God forgives our sin and gives us eternal life. Consider prompting kids to identify that life and salvation came into the world through Jesus.
(Option: Choose a volunteer to read 1 John 1:9.)

Why is it important to share the good news with others? Help kids understand that hearing and believing the gospel is a matter of life and death. Without the good news, we face eternity apart from God. God provided a Rescuer in Jesus, and He calls us to respond to the gospel and share the good news with others so they can be saved too.
(Option: Choose a kid to read Rom. 10:14-15.)