

July 21
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
WE ARE TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS
(ROMANS 10)

CHRIST CONNECTION: Just as Jesus came into the world so people might trust in Him and be saved from their sins, Jesus has sent the church to tell others the good news that Jesus saves people from their sins.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe in Him.

KEY PASSAGE: How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher?

Key Passage Phrase: *Tell others about Jesus. Romans 10:14*

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Share a personal good news story about something that happened to you. Invite volunteers to quickly share good news happening in their lives.

SAY *Thank you for sharing your good news story. In today's Bible story, we will hear more good news as we hear that Jesus loves us and wants us to trust in Him. We can share this good news about Jesus with our friends, family, and anyone we meet.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

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3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *This is our last time to say this big picture question and answer. Let's say it together: **Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe in Him.** In today's Bible story, we learned that Paul traveled from place to place telling people about Jesus. He also wrote a letter to share the good news that Jesus loves us and wants us to love and trust in Him.*

4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at Romans 10:14. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Form two groups. Assign each group a question to learn and repeat. One group will ask, "How can they believe without hearing about him?" Explain that the word "Him" refers to Jesus. The other group will ask, "How can they hear without a preacher?" Point to the group when it is their turn to say the assigned question. After saying both questions, say and repeat the key passage reference.

SAY *Paul encouraged believers to tell others how to trust in Jesus and what they know about Jesus. He reminded them that people must hear about Jesus before they can believe and trust in Him.*

5. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Review today's Bible story by asking the following review questions.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)

2. Who wrote a letter to teach people how to live as followers of Jesus? (*Paul*)
3. What did Paul encourage Christians to do? (*Go and tell others about Jesus.*)
4. What did Paul call the feet of those who bring the good news of Jesus? (*beautiful*)
5. What can you tell others about Jesus? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
6. **Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe in Him.**

SAY *Paul traveled from place to place telling others about Jesus. After visiting the Christians in Rome, Paul wrote a letter to teach them how to live as followers of Jesus. He encouraged them to tell others what they know about Jesus. He reminded them that people must hear about Jesus before they can believe and trust in Him. Just as Jesus came into the world so people might trust in Him and be saved from their sins, Jesus has sent the church to tell others the good news that Jesus saves people from their sins.*

6. PRAY

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have. Pray for them.

SAY Just as Jesus came into the world so people might trust in Him and be saved from their sins, Jesus has sent the church to tell others the good news that Jesus saves people from their sins.

PRAY God, help us to be brave like Paul and tell others what we know about Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

DECORATE ENVELOPES

Give each child a copy of a “**Good News Letter**” printable and an envelope. Encourage each preschooler to write his name or make a mark on the letter to represent a signature. Place heart-shaped stickers, markers, and crayons within reach for preschoolers to decorate their envelopes. Encourage preschoolers to give the letter to someone who needs to hear the good news of Jesus.

SAY *Paul wrote letters to share the good news of Jesus. We can tell others about Jesus too. Who can you share your letter with? Just as Jesus came into the world so people might trust in Him and be saved from their sins, Jesus has sent the church to tell others the good news that Jesus saves people from their sins.*

RACE CARS

Tape a start line on the floor using masking or painter's tape for each group of three or four preschoolers. Give each child a small toy car. Assign preschoolers to a group and tell each group where to go in the room to race their cars. Guide each group to line up their cars behind the taped line. Preschoolers can race their cars by pushing them or see who can push them the farthest.

SAY *Wow, those cars traveled so fast! Paul traveled around and met with people to share the good news. God sent Paul to tell other people about Jesus. Missionaries travel from place to place telling people about Jesus. Where would you want to travel to tell people about Jesus?*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color, emphasize the Christ Connection

SAY *Jesus came into the world to rescue people from their sins. Jesus wants His church to go into the world and tell people about Him.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Romans 10 and tell the following Bible story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

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STORYTELLING TIPS

Draw stick figures: As you tell the story, draw a few stick figures on a dry erase board. Throughout the story, continue to add more and more figures, so at the end, the children will see a visual representation of people who hear about Jesus because other people shared the good news of Jesus and told them about Him.

Open a letter: Prior to the session, write Tell others about Jesus on a sheet of paper for each child. Put each letter in an envelope. Give each child an envelope with a note inside. Tell preschoolers not to open it until they are told to do so. Open your Bible to Romans 10 and tell today's Bible story. At the end of the story, tell preschoolers to open their envelopes. Read aloud what the note says.

Paul was a follower of Jesus whom God sent to tell other people about Jesus. **Paul traveled and shared the good news with the people he met. After Paul visited Christians in Rome, he wrote them a letter to teach them and remind them what is true.** Paul told believers how to live as followers of Jesus.

In one part of his letter to the Romans, Paul wrote, "This is the truth we must tell other people: If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Paul said it again: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Then Paul talked about why it is so important to tell others about Jesus: "Before people can trust in the Lord, they must believe in Him. And before they can believe in Him, they must hear about Him. And for them to hear about Jesus, someone must tell them. And before someone can go and tell them, that person must be sent."

Paul said the words spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news."

Some people hear the good news and do not believe, but Paul said again, "Faith comes from hearing the good news about Jesus, and people hear the good news when we tell them."

Christ Connection: Just as Jesus came into the world so people might trust in Him and be saved from their sins, Jesus has sent the church to tell others the good news that Jesus saves people from their sins.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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Two Year Olds

WE ARE TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS (ROMANS 10)

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus gave up all He had to share His riches with us and give us life with God forever.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe in Him.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Tell others about Jesus. Romans 10:14

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY: CHANT WITH THE CHILDREN

Encourage the toddlers to clap and repeat after you. Say, “Jesus wants (*pat, pat*) / His friends (*clap, clap*) / to tell others (*cup hands around mouth two times*) / about Him (*point upward two times*).” Allow toddlers to join in. For an added challenge, get faster with each round. Review the Bible story.

SAY *Does Jesus want us to tell others about Him? Yes! God sent Paul to tell other people about Jesus. It is so important to tell people about Jesus! Paul said everyone who trusts in Jesus is rescued from sin. We can all tell others about Jesus today!*

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3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

“ Tell others about Jesus, about Jesus, about Jesus. Tell others about Jesus because He loves them so.”

SAY *Our key passage phrase says, ‘Tell others about Jesus.’ Can we tell others that Jesus loves them? Yes! The good news about Jesus must be shared with others.*

ACTIVITIES

TRAVEL LIKE PAUL

Place **tape marks** around the room on the floor in random places. Invite children to walk from one mark to another. As they “travel,” remind them of how Paul traveled and met with people to share about Jesus. Consider using the Bible story points, one per tape mark, so children hear the Bible story an extra time.

SAY *In our Bible story, Paul wrote a letter to the people where? Yes, in Rome! In his letter, Paul taught people how to be saved and how to tell others about Jesus, too. Paul traveled to many places to tell others about Jesus.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the GOSPEL GEMS below:

- God sent Paul to tell people about Jesus.
- Paul said everyone who trusts in Jesus is rescued from sin.
- Jesus wants us to tell people about Him.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Romans 10 and tell the following Bible story:

God sent Paul to tell other people about Jesus. Paul wrote a letter to people in Rome who loved Jesus. Paul wrote, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." It is so important to tell people about Jesus! Paul said, "Before people can trust in Jesus, they must believe in Him. And to believe in Him, they must hear about Him. And to hear about Jesus, someone must tell them. And before someone can go and tell them, that person must be sent." Paul shared the words spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news."

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.