

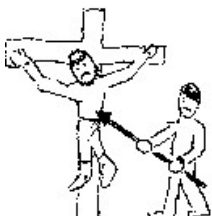
The Good News in simple pictures



1. Jesus came into the world as a human, born at the time and place that holy men had promised long before.



2. Jesus showed that he was the promised one, by doing good, healing the sick and demonized, and raising dead folks back to life. He also taught how to know God.



3. Evil religious leaders condemned Jesus, and evil unbelievers killed him by nailing him to a wooden cross where he died.



4. Authorities let Jesus' friends bury him in a tomb. The Roman governor stationed soldiers by it to keep people away.



5. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to many people. He told people everywhere to change their ways and trust him to forgive all their evil deeds and give them his own eternal life.

Jesus and His Apostles Proclaimed the Good News

Those who teach children should read study #50 for children.

Christians proclaim the original Good News about Jesus' saving death and resurrection, and His promise of forgiveness and eternal life to repentant believers (Luke 24:46-48).

1. Prepare your heart to proclaim the Good News.

Good evangelism leads people to repent of their sins and to believe in Jesus Christ. When we tell people the original Good News, then the Holy Spirit helps them to repent and to believe.

To learn better the message of Good News that brings forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus, read carefully the Bible texts cited below.

Find in Luke 18:31-34 what Jesus predicted about himself before he died and rose back to life...

- Where would he die?
- What would Gentiles do to him?
- What would Jesus himself do three days later?

Find in Luke 24:5-9 what two messengers told some women about Jesus...

- What sinners did to him.
- How he died.
- What he did three days later.

Find in Luke 24: 36-48 what Jesus himself proclaimed after he died and rose back to life...

- How Jesus showed that he had really come back from death to life (verses 36-43).
- Which holy books and holy men had predicted his death and resurrection (44-45).
- What he himself had to do three days after suffering (46).
- What must we believers proclaim to people everywhere (47).
- What Jesus' disciples were to do about these things? (48).

Find in Acts 2:21-24 & 37-38, in the message that Peter proclaimed to Jewish people...

- What Peter said about Jesus' death and resurrection (2:21-24).
- What Jews had to do to receive forgiveness and receive the Holy Spirit (2:37 & 38).

Find in Acts 26:19-23 the message that Paul proclaimed to non-Jewish people...

- About what gentiles (non-Jews) had to do (20). (Notice that God requires that both Jews and gentiles repent in order to be saved.)
- About Jesus' death and resurrection (23).

Find in Romans 6:8-14 what happened to us spiritually when we got baptized...

- When Christ died, who else died with him? (8-9)
- When Christ rose to life, who else rose with him?

2. Plan with co-workers things to do during the week.

Visit unbelievers who have been healed or delivered by the power of Jesus, and explain to them the Good News, and tell them the promises of Romans 5:10 and 10:9-10.

Discuss with co-workers how you and they have been explaining the gospel, and plan always to proclaim that Jesus was put to death and returned to life, and that people must leave their old life and trust Christ for new life.

Use pictures. If your culture allows pictures of religious themes, then draw or copy a set of **simple pictures** that you and the believers can show to people while explaining to them the Good News of Jesus. The simple pictures below are examples.

Visit baptized believers who are discouraged, tempted or doubting, and explain to them the power of Christ that is in them to lead a righteous life. You might use Romans 6:1-14.

3. Plan with co-workers the upcoming worship time.

Choose activities that fit people's needs.

Tell or act out Jesus' appearances to His disciples after He rose from the dead, and explain what you found in Luke 24 (part 1). Ask questions about what you found.

Have the children present to the adults the drama, poem and questions that they have prepared.

Prepare the believers to take a simple, powerful message to unbelievers, like the one under the pictures, below.

You need to know two things and do two things

KNOW

- 1) God will send you to Hell because of the shameful things you have done.
- 2) Jesus came and died on the cross because of your shameful deeds, and He rose back to life to forgive you and to give to you his eternal life.

DO

- 1) You must be sorry for your shameful deeds and turn away from them.
- 2) You must believe in Jesus who died and rose again to forgive you

To introduce the **Lord's Supper**, read or tell the account of Jesus' crucifixion from Luke 23:13-48.

Have the believers form **small groups** to:

- Pray for friends and relatives to be saved.
- Pray for ways to explain the Good News to them.
- Plan when to visit them.
- Memorize together the two things that people must learn and two things they must do (above).

Memorize together Luke 24:46-48.