

Ask the children: “Please mention some examples of when we can give the good news with a few simple words?” (On the train, while visiting friends, etc.) Let the people give examples.

Draw a cross, for the children to copy.



- Let the older children help the younger.
- Let them show the pictures to the adults at the worship time and explain that it shows how Jesus suffered and died.
- Let them **tell the Good News** in three parts:
 1. Jesus was punished for our sins and died.
 2. He rose from the dead and lives always.
 3. God forgives our sins and gives us new life.

Memorize the Good News in **Luke 24:46-49**. Small children might learn only verse 46.

Poem. Let three children each recite a verse from Psalm 13:3, 4 & 5.

Prayer: “Dear Lord Jesus, you suffered and died for us, just as the Scripture said you would. You rose back to life on the third day. You let us repent and be forgiven from our sins in your name. You send us your Spirit so that we can tell others the Good News with your power. You fill us with great joy.”

Jesus Told His Followers to Tell His Good News to Others

Teach children how to tell the Good News in simple words.

Prayer. Dear God, please help the children to know and tell the Good News about Jesus.”

Choose any, or all, of these children's learning activities.

Let an older child or teacher read the **story** of how Jesus, after rising from death, told the Good News, **Luke 24:1-8** and **36-50**. This story shows how we can tell the Good News to others in a short, easy message.



After telling the story, ask:

- What made the disciples fearful, when they saw Jesus risen from the dead? [*Answer: verse 37*]
- How did Jesus show to them that he had a real body? [*39-43*]
- Where in the Bible can we find prophecies about Jesus? [*44*]
- What did the Scriptures say would happen to the Christ? [*46*]
- What did Jesus tell us to proclaim to all nations? [*47*]

- What did Jesus promise that His disciples would receive from 'on high'? [49]
- What did the disciples do after Jesus ascended to heaven? [52]

Dramatize parts of the story of the Good News.

Use your time with the children to prepare this drama. You may shorten it.

Let **older children** or adults play the parts of ...

- **Narrator.** Summarize the story and help the children remember what to say.
- **Jesus.** Have a table or chair ready, and something simple to eat.

Let **younger children** play the parts of the **Disciples**.

Drama, Part 1, Luke 24:36–43

Narrator: Tell the first part of the story (verses 36–43). Say, "Hear what the disciples say."

Disciples: "Can Jesus be alive?" "Did he rise from death back to life?" "Peter said he saw him." "The two disciples from Emmaus said that they saw him!" "I do not believe it!"

Jesus: "Peace be with you!"

Disciples: Act frightened. Scream. Say, "Oh, no!" "It's a ghost!" "I am afraid!"

Jesus: "I am not a ghost. Touch me! Look at me. Give me something to eat. A ghost does not eat, for it has no body! I have a body."

Disciples: Give Jesus something to eat. Say, "Look, he is eating fish. He cannot be a ghost!"

Drama, Part 2, Luke 24: 44–53

Narrator: Tell the second part of the story (verses 44–53). Say, "Hear what Jesus says."

Jesus: "Why are you surprised? The Bible told you this would happen to me. I had to suffer, die and rise again."

Disciples: "How wonderful! We did not understand!"

Jesus: "Now you are to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins in my name to people in every country. But wait until my Father sends his Spirit so that you can witness with his power. Come, let us go."

All: Walk together for a moment.

Jesus: Raise your hands to bless the disciples, and then go up into 'heaven' (climb up on a chair or table).

Disciples: Kneel on the ground and sing a verse of a worship song to God. Rise and say, "Jesus is Lord!" "We will worship and serve Him with all our hearts!" "We will tell everyone about him."

Narrator or older child: Thank everyone who helped with the drama. Thank the adults for listening.

Arrange with the leader of the congregation for the children to:

- Present the drama to the adults during the worship time.
- Ask the adults the questions that are listed near the beginning of this study.
- Present the poem, show their pictures and anything else that they have prepared.