



Activities for 1-5 yr olds

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Good news march Using Luke 2:1-20

Firstly read the story from a suitable child friendly bible.

Then

- Teach the children this simple 'good news' phrase:

Hurry, hurry, pass it on!
There's good news. Jesus is born!

- When they know the words, ask them to stand up and march on the spot, as they speak together. Encourage the children to march round the room, as they continue saying the 'good news'.
- Ask the children to imagine they are the shepherds walking back from Bethlehem. They have seen the baby Jesus. They have got some very good news to pass on now!
- Say the good news together again, marching round the room. Can you make the words louder and louder?
- Remind the children that the angels told the good news to the shepherds. The shepherds told the good news to everyone they met. And we can tell each other, our families and friends the good news too: 'Jesus is born!'



Sing good news Using Matthew 1:24, 25, Luke 2:7-21

Read the stories to the children from a child friendly version of the Bible. Then learn and sing this song to the tune of 'Jingle bells'. The 'angels' sing the second verse and the 'shepherds' the third and so on.

Sing good news, sing good news, sing a happy song.
When we have good news to tell, we sing it loud and long.
Sing good news, sing good news, happy news we bring,
Let's do what the angels do, let's sing, sing, sing, sing, sing!

Angels

'Off you go,' the angel said, 'off to Bethlehem.
Go and look until you find, a newborn baby king.'
Sing good news, sing good news, happy news we bring,
Let's do what the angels do, let's sing, sing, sing, sing, sing!

Shepherds

'Here we go, here we go, off to Bethlehem!
We have looked and we have found,
Jesus the baby king.'
Sing good news, sing good news, sing a happy song.
When we have good news to tell, we sing it loud and long.

Wise men

Wise men then saw a star, over Bethlehem,
Had to go a long, long way to see the baby king.
Sing good news, sing good news, sing a happy song.
When we have good news to tell, we sing it loud and long.

'Here we are, we have come, now to Bethlehem,
We have come to give our gifts, to the baby king.'
Sing good news, sing good news, sing a happy song.
When we have good news to tell, we sing it loud and long.



Bible rhyme and promise Using Luke 4:16-21

Read the story to the children using a suitable child friendly version of the Bible.

Or read the following:

‘Good news in the Bible

In Nazareth, where Jesus grew up, everyone went to the synagogue each week to worship God. Every week, someone opened God’s book, the Bible, and read it out loud. Each week they

would think, "When will God send someone to help us?"

One day, Jesus came back to Nazareth. He went to the synagogue to worship God. And when

someone gave him God’s book, he read it out loud: "God’s Spirit is with me because God has

chosen me. I will give poor people good news, set prisoners free, make blind people see, and

take away people’s hurts."

"Those words were written long ago," thought the people of Nazareth. "When will God send

someone to help us?"

Jesus closed the book. "Today," he said, "God’s message has come true. You heard about God

sending someone to help you and here I am." The people of Nazareth were amazed! They had

found out about Jesus from God’s book. ‘

Luke 4:76-27

1 Tell the children that you are going to write down some ‘good news’ and see if it comes true before the end of the session. Write on some paper, ‘We will share some fruit today’ (or another ‘promise’ that you can keep at the end of this activity).

2 Say the following rhyme together:

Thank you, God, for your wonderful book,
Pick it up and take a look.

Here are stories about your Son,

How Jesus cared for everyone,

How Jesus brought good news to all,

How they followed when he called,

How Jesus helped the blind men see,

Good news for them, good news for me!



3 Read what you wrote on the piece of paper. Tell the children that the good news you wrote will come true today and share out the fruit. (Be aware of allergies.)

Passing on the Good News Using Acts 8:26-40

You will need:

- A child friendly version of the story.
- A copy of the Bubbles Big Sheet for each child.

Read the story.

1 Remind the children that Philip told the important man the best news he knew - all about Jesus. Encourage one or two children to say something about today's story, emphasising that they are telling the best news to each other.

2 Who else tells us about Jesus? Perhaps family members, friends, others in church, you? Show the children the 'Bubbles *Big Sheet*'. What good news can they see there? Not much - there are empty spaces! Explain the spaces are for people to 'tell' the children good news about Jesus, in words or pictures. This can be done at home or you could arrange to have one or two invited visitors to your group.

3 Pray together, 'Thank you, God, that you always know what is best for us. Thank you for the good news about Jesus.'



Bubbles Big Sheet

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My name

"Jesus" is the best news

Who tells you about Jesus?

talk about

Philip told a man from Africa about Jesus.

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Bubbles

Explain to your child that this Big Sheet is to help them find out about Jesus. They need to ask you or another friend or family member to tell them good news about Jesus. The news can be drawn and written in one of the spaces.

Your child may like to fill in one of the spaces themselves.

See, thank you to God for Jesus and for all the people who help us know about him.

Help children take their first steps into Bible time by using this page for the story of Philip.

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Pass on the good news. Using Acts 13:1-3 Acts 15:1-35



Read the passages from a child friendly version of the Bible.

1 Ask the children, 'What do you think Paul and Barnabas said when they talked about Jesus?' There are lots of possible answers to this, so listen to what the children say and try to remember some of their responses.

2 Sit in a circle and say that you are going to pass on some of this good news. Turn to the child next to you and say some good news about Jesus, such as: 'Jesus loves you'. Pass the message round the circle. Repeat this with other messages.

3 Paul and Barnabas passed on the good news to lots of people. Help the children to count how many people there are in your group. Say, 'Ten people have heard the good news today.' Can you pass the good news on to a friend or someone in your family too?

4. Make a list of people they might tell and pray for them together.