

### Teacher Preparation

Readings: 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 1:9; John 11:25; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23

Lesson Objective: Students should understand that the Gospel or “Good News” is the message of Jesus Christ and the salvation he alone brings.

Materials: Sheets of yellow, black, red, white, and green construction paper, stapler

Memory Verse: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

### Lesson Summary

What happens when we have some good news? Maybe we got a really neat gift for Christmas or our birthday. Perhaps we made really good grades or received a reward for something. When we see our friends or speak with people, what do we do with that news? We have been given the greatest news that mankind has ever known – the good news that Jesus, the Son of the one true and living God, came to Earth. He then died for us on the cross so that we might be saved. Saved from what? Mankind was born into sin. This means we do things naturally against God’s laws, and that comes with a punishment. We cannot live in heaven with the Lord if we are sinners separated from God by our sins and wrongdoings. However, when Jesus died on the cross, he did it to save us from our sins. His blood has the power to cleanse us and take away our sins. He then was buried and on the third day rose again. His resurrection gives us the promise that one day we will rise again to go to live with him in heaven. If we tell Jesus that we are truly sorry for our sins and believe that he is God’s only Son, we can receive his salvation from our sins. Then we can turn from our sins and live a life that follows his teachings. Because of Jesus, we can live in heaven one day! This is great news for all of us! So the Bible tells us that we are supposed to tell everyone about the gospel, or “good news” of Jesus. This commandment was given to us by Jesus and is sometimes known as “The Great Commission.” Missionaries share this good news with people all around the world, and you and I are to share this good news as well. If we love Jesus, we should tell others!

**Bible Point:  
Jesus Is the  
Good News.**



### Ideas to Illuminate:

1. Place the sheets of paper in order (from top to bottom): yellow, black, red, white, and green.
2. Fold the construction paper in half to make a book (you could make two books from each sheet by cutting them in half, then folding); staple to hold pages in place.
3. Yellow represents heaven where we want to go; black represents sin keeping us from heaven; red represents the blood of Jesus; white represents justification by faith in Jesus that removes sin; and green represents new life in Christ. Students can use this book to share the gospel with others.

### Question for Class Discussion:

“What is the gospel?” [Have students to practice answering this question by using their books and sharing the gospel until they can comfortably talk about each color.]

## Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-18; Luke 5:3-11; Matthew 16:24

Lesson Objective: Students should understand following Christ will lead us to new places and to new people.

Materials: Poster board or construction paper, pencils, scissors, markers or crayons

Memory Verse: “Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24).

## Lesson Summary

When Jesus began his ministry, he called twelve disciples, those who would follow him closely and learn his teachings. Then later on, they shared his teachings with others and began building God’s church. When Jesus called the disciples, their immediate response was to leave everything they were doing and literally to follow after him. They did not hesitate to GO when Jesus called. They left their jobs, their family, and all they knew to follow Jesus. They left the cities or towns they lived in and their homes to obey the Messiah. Today, Jesus is still calling disciples. He calls us to accept the gospel and then to follow him. This means we, like the disciples, must be willing to GO wherever he tells us to GO. Some of us may be asked to GO to new places and share the gospel with new people. Others might be asked to GO into the community or town you live in, and to share the gospel with those around you. The most important thing to remember is that when we accept Jesus into our hearts, we must also be willing to follow Jesus and to GO wherever he leads us. There is an old song that says, “I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.” To GO where he leads us is part of being a good disciple. By following and obeying Christ, we show him how much we love him. As we GO with the gospel, he then uses us to share the good news of salvation with others. So let’s follow Jesus, and let’s GO with the gospel.

**Bible Point:**  
**Go with**  
**the Gospel.**



## Ideas to Illuminate:

1. Have students to trace their shoes/feet on the poster board or construction paper.
2. Allow students to cut out the shape of his shoes/feet.
3. Write the memory verse on the cutout (shoes/feet) to remind us to follow Christ wherever he tells us to go.

## Questions for Class Discussion:

1. What did the disciples do when Jesus called them?
2. How is this important for us today?
3. What does it mean to follow Christ?

### Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 24:14; 1 Chronicles 16:24

Lesson Objective: Students should understand that the gospel is meant to be shared with the entire world.

Materials: Map of the world, pushpins or thumbtacks, copy of world handout, crayons

Memory Verse: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matthew 28:19).

### Lesson Summary

[Note: If available, show students a map of the entire world. Ask them if they recognize what it is (depending on their ages). Then ask them to identify the place they live. Have them to look at their spot on the map, and then look at how much of the world remains.] When we look at the Great Commission, Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel.” Have you ever thought about what it takes to share Jesus with people all over the world? What barriers or obstacles must be overcome to share the gospel with people around the world? Jesus commanded that we do just that. We have learned that we have the gospel or “Good News” about Jesus, and we are commanded to GO! Now we have to understand that going means to the whole world. The Bible says in 1 Chronicles 16:24, “Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.” We are to testify of God and tell what he has done in our lives wherever we may go in this great big world—the whole world needs to know about Jesus. When Jesus gave this command, he wanted to make sure we understood that the message was for the whole world. Remember John 3:16 states, “For God so loved the world...” He loves all the people of the world the same. He looks on all of us and wants everyone to have a chance to know about the gift he gave—his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. So God doesn’t love one group of people or one nation more than others. He loves the entire world, and he wants them to know the good news of Jesus and his salvation.

**Bible Point:**  
**The gospel is  
for the world.**



### Ideas to Illuminate:

1. If you have space available, hang a map of the world and then have students help to place pushpins in countries where Zion Assembly has churches.
2. Give every student a copy of the world with countries (if possible).
3. Color the countries that we have reached in Zion Assembly. Count the number of countries we have not reached. Discuss the results.

### Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Why did God say to go into the whole world?
2. What are some challenges we face in spreading the gospel to the world?
3. How do we tell the world about Jesus?

### Teacher Preparation

Readings: Romans 10:13-14; Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 10:5-7; Acts 1:8; Isaiah 61: 1-3

Lesson Objective: Students should understand that we are commanded to preach and teach the gospel, as Jesus did while on Earth.

Materials: none

Memory Verse: “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound” (Isaiah 61:1).

### Lesson Summary

Isaiah the prophet wrote of the work that Christ will do when he comes to Earth. In Isaiah 61, we learn that Jesus is the savior that will save people from their sins. He will heal the brokenhearted, bring freedom to those who are bound to the chains of sin, and then set them free. This is what Jesus came to Earth to do for each of us. As disciples of Christ, we are supposed to be like him. We are to continue what he started while he walked on Earth. We are to preach the gospel. What does it mean to preach? The word “preach” actually means to publicly proclaim or teach. We see that in the gospels, Mark wrote “preach,” but Matthew used the word “teach.” This lets us know that the words mean the same. When we are teaching, we are fulfilling the command Jesus gave before he went back to heaven. We are also doing what Jesus said when we “publicly proclaim” or testify about what God has done for us. When you share what Jesus has done for you, telling people that he will do the same for them, then you are fulfilling the Great Commission. God has called preachers and teachers in his church, but he has commanded all of us to tell who Jesus is and what he has done for us. When we do this and others learn about him, we are truly acting as disciples of Christ. We have the Good News of salvation that everyone needs to hear. Let’s go into the whole world and preach the gospel. This should be our purpose as Christians because it’s the job Christ called us to do.

**Bible Point:**  
**We Must**  
**Preach the**  
**Gospel.**



### Ideas to Illuminate:

1. Ask students to think about what God has done for them.
2. Have them practice testifying in front of the class.
3. If students are old enough, give them a memory verse from this month and ask them to explain what it means.

### Questions for Class Discussion:

1. What does it mean to “preach?”
2. How do we “preach” the gospel?
3. Why are we supposed to share the Good News with others?

### Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 3:6; Romans 10:13-14; John 12:32

Lesson Objective: Students should understand that the gospel is for everyone.

Materials: poster board/paper, pencil, markers

Memory Verse: “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13).

### Lesson Summary

When Jesus came to Earth, he did not come for only one group of people. The Jews thought the Messiah would come for them, but God had a bigger plan. Jesus was for the Jews, but also for the Gentiles. He ate with sinners, rescuing people who had done terrible things. He healed lepers that were considered unclean and not allowed to be part of the community. He dined with the rich, but he also took care of the poor. Jesus rebuked the disciples when they tried to keep him from the children. He ministered to women, men, boys, and girls from all walks of life and all nationalities. For this reason, it is no surprise that he commanded us to preach the “gospel to every creature.” This means we take it to everyone—not just to people we like or are like us. We are to share Christ with the poor, the rich, the sinners, and with people of all nations. Everyone is to be told about Jesus. Luke 3:6 says, “And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” When we look at the Word of God, we realize that it is full of examples where Jesus reached out to those no one else wanted to help. Think about your school or town. Think about the kids you see everyday. Some may not dress like you, look like you, or even act like you. Some might even be mean to you and to others. God’s Word says we are to share the gospel with all creatures, or everyone. How do we share with those who are so different from us? How do we share with those who are not kind? Jesus showed love to men and was moved with compassion for the needs of others. Remember, we are to be like Christ, so we must tell everyone the Good News of Jesus!

**Bible Point:**  
The gospel is  
for everyone.



### Ideas to Illuminate:

1. Have students to brainstorm and to create a list of people they know that need to hear about Jesus.
2. Make a list on a poster board in class. Begin to pray for these people.
3. Discuss how students can share the Gospel with those on the list.

### Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Does God want us to share Jesus with only certain people? Explain.
2. How did Jesus set the example for us?
3. Do we share Jesus with people who are different from us? Why?