

middle school



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Sharing Good News

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STEP 1 

Lesson 3

Focus:

Tell the Good
News!

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Bible Basis:

Luke 2:1-20

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Memory Verse:

“Today in the town of David a
Savior has been born to you; he is
the Messiah, the Lord.” —Luke 2:11

Students will come to the understanding that good news can and should be shared.

Materials:

- Internet access

After most of the students have arrived, get their attention and ask students to raise their hands if they have any “good news” to share; encourage them to tell others about something amazing that has happened to them or someone they know in recent weeks. Invite as many volunteers as possible to share their “good news.” Be prepared yourself to share at least one good thing that has happened to you or to your family.

Mention that good news can be a great score on a test, a friend who has moved away who is now moving back to the area, a parent’s job promotion, a birthday card with money in it that came in the mail from grandparents, etc. **Good news comes in many shapes and sizes but has one thing in common...it’s good to share with others!**

The couple who made this video is spending time during the holidays with family, and they want to surprise everyone with some good news of their own. Let’s watch and see how they pull this off.

Play the following short video clip for your students:
PREGNANCY REVEAL: How We Told Our Parents
https://www.youtube.com/shorts/SpFa6G3_vq0

➤ **How might the couple who made this video, but are waiting to surprise their family at the end of it, be feeling as they wait expectantly to share their surprise?** (Invite various students to share, some ideas might be: excited, nervous, anxious, happy, expectant, giddy, etc.)

➤ **Do you know anyone personally who has ever told good news in a creative, unique way? How did this person (or people) share their good news?** (Invite students to share. Help them keep stories short.)

➤ **In your opinion, how did this good news surprise go over?** (Answers will vary. Most students will say this surprise of good news was a success.)

In today's lesson, we'll see that nothing is better than the Good News of a baby that was born over 2,000 years ago! Let's dig in and see how this Good News can and should be shared with others!

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- Whiteboard and marker (or screenshared document)
- “Helping Someone Understand Salvation” page from the teacher’s guide
- Paper
- Pens/pencils

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies with them to class

Have a volunteer share today’s memory verse that explains this good news, “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:11).

Have your students think about ways this Good News can change their lives and future as well as change the lives of their friends and family or neighbors who may not truly know that this Good News is for them.

Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). Using the whiteboard (or screenshared document) and information on how to share the gospel from your teacher’s guide, write out verses and key ideas your students would want to mention when sharing the Good News. Have students jot down these key points.

The good news of Jesus’ birth is life-changing and will change a person’s future destiny. Jesus came as our Savior so people can be saved forever and inherit eternal life. That is the Good News that some people don’t know. How can you change the fact this week that some have never heard this Good News? How might you share this message with all who need to hear?

Give your students a few minutes of quiet time where they can ask God to help them make a concrete plan about sharing the good news of Jesus this week. Remind them to be open to ideas such as inviting a friend or family member to an event at your church; going singing door-to-door in the neighborhood and inviting a few friends who might not attend church events; having a seasonal party or bonfire and inviting the entire street over to socialize, etc.

- **What are some obstacles that can get in the way of sharing about Jesus’ birth?** (Students may say, “Everyone knows this already; why do I have to share it?” or “I don’t want to offend someone,” or “Since we don’t know what time of year Jesus was born, should I avoid talking about Jesus’ birth at this time of year?” etc.)

Encourage your students by saying, **“If it is truly Good News, then it is for everyone all year long. We often hear John 3:16 but John 3:17 finished the story.** Have a volunteer read both verses. **There is no condemnation for those who believe. That is truly the Good News!**

Close in prayer encouraging your students to follow through to make good on their plans to reach out to a neighbor, classmate, or family member. Remind your students; **“Everyone needs to hear it!”**

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