

Grades 3-5
Session 18 and Final

We are Called to Spread the Good News

Start with the sign of the cross and the Nicene Creed.

Lesson Goals

- To explain that Jesus sent his disciples to spread the Good News
- To state that we spread the Good News by talking about Jesus and living his teachings
- To affirm that Jesus is with us always as we live as his disciples and lead other people to him

First, set the stage so your child understands where we are in the story of Jesus in the Gospels. Please use the word Gospel and explain what the Gospels are as well to help this word to become a normal part of their vocabulary. This part of the story happens after Easter, or the Resurrection of Christ.

Invite your child to find Matthew 28:16-20 and read it together. (page 1519)

Discuss the reading with your child and check for comprehension. Then move to pages 1520-1521 and go over those pages.

For the “Live It!” section, use the cardstock paper to make the thank you card mentioned in the activity.

After going over the featured story, ask your child how they think the disciples did what Jesus commanded them to do. Then ask him or her how they think you live out Jesus’ command to share the Good News. Follow up with how they can share the story of Jesus, reminding them that even though they are young, they are old enough to be God’s disciple.

There are many ways that we can spread the Good News through our words and actions. There may be someone who needs to hear about God’s forgiveness. Someone else might need to know about the courage and awe we gain from the Holy Spirit. Yet another person might benefit from unconditional love being shown to them, mirroring the way that God loves us.

Another good discussion point is to remind them that they were baptized, just like Jesus said they should be. Discuss with your child his/her baptism day, maybe look at a picture or 2 of that day and talk about why you wanted to get them baptized and what that means. Then lead into their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. That because of Jesus and the Good News in the Gospels, we know that Jesus is with us all the time (verse 20). Reconciliation helps us to be closer to Jesus and follow what he wants for us and the Eucharist is Christ really and physically with us and in us.

Here is a good song for kids to listen to
Never too young
Carey Landry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnrmmFwb7sE>

Never Too Young

Verses

1. Nev-er too young to preach the Gos - pel; nev-er too young to
 2. Nev-er too young to feed the hun - gry; nev-er too young to
 3. Nev-er too young to sing to-geth - er; nev-er too young to

1. bring Good News!
 2. help the poor.
 3. pray as one.

Nev - er too young to work for jus - tice;
 Nev - er too young to care for oth - ers;
 Nev - er too young to praise and wor - ship;

1. nev-er too young to be God's Light!
 2. nev-er too young to be God's Love!
 3. nev-er too young to be God's Song!

We are

Refrain
Choir/All

nev-er too young to wit - ness, we are nev-er too young to serve;
 we are nev-er too young to be dis - ci - ples of our Lord!

We are nev-er too young to wit - ness, we are

nev-er too young to serve; we are nev-er too young to be

1, 2: to Verses 2, 3
 3: to Bridge

dis - ci - ples of our Lord Je - sus Christ!

The YouTube is not good, just a cover screen, but the lyrics are very good. They are on the bottom of this lesson.

Who is St. Gabriel the Archangel?

St. Gabriel is an archangel, one of God's messengers. He told Zechariah he would have a son, John the Baptist. Gabriel was the angel sent to Mary, to ask her to be the mother of the Son of God. Gabriel can help us share the Good News of Jesus! We celebrate the Feast of the Archangels on September 29.

Finish with an Our Father, the Prayer to St. Michael, and a special prayer by both you and your child thanking Jesus for the people who shared the Gospel with each of you.

For an additional activity, you can watch or do this little experiment.

Object Lesson on sharing the Gospel

YouTube, 2:31

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VUyn9SBS4I>