

# GOD'S GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!

(Foundational Lesson)

SCRIPTURE: Various N.T. Scripture

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, "...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

VISUALS: Foundation Flashcard Lesson

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## \*Note to Teacher

*Purpose of this lesson:*

1. *To help children to understand why they are attending a Good News Club.*
2. *To help children understand who God is, the Trinity, the basic purpose of the Bible, and who they are in relationship to God and the Bible. To help children understand God loves them and God has a purpose for them.*
3. *To help them to understand salvation through Jesus Christ.*
4. *To help them to understand that as believers, God will give them that which they need to grow towards Him.*
5. *To help them to understand that God helps us through His Word and the Holy Spirit.*

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Introduce to the children that they are attending **Good News Club** and that throughout this time together, they will be learning a lot of **good things** that God has done for them, and that's **good**. But there is one **very good thing**, and that is the **Good News of the Gospel**, and so today and throughout this time together we will be learning what this **Good News** is.

\*Introduce the Good News Song and sing it together.

## A. BEGINNING STATEMENTS

We find this good news in a book called the Bible.

### FLASHCARD #1

The Bible, which is God's written Word and where we learn about God, teaches us that before there was anything - no earth, no stars, or planets - there was just God. But God has never been alone, because God is three persons but one God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They have always been together.



### FLASHCARD #2 (Point to pictures)

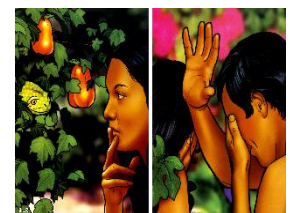
This God in three persons, who is wise, perfect, and great in His creativeness, created the world we see today. This earth, the stars you see at night, the sun you see during the day, they were all created by a very loving God.



Because God is a creative Being, it gave Him joy to create things like giant whales and the tiniest of insects. And because God is a personal Being, it gives Him pleasure to have other people like you He can have a personal relationship with. So, God created the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. God gave them a beautiful garden to live in. But just like there is good news (like in our club), there is also sometimes bad news. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and they let Satan, God's enemy, talk them into doing something that would displease God: this is called sin. Because they sinned, their relationship and closeness to God changed; sin separates us from a holy God. From then on, we have all sinned. **Romans 3:23: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.** This is the bad news.

### FLASHCARD #3

Because of Adam and Eve's sin, they could no longer live in this beautiful and perfect garden. After this, Adam and Eve found it difficult to live to please God; and like them, we also have a hard time being good, kind, and caring. It is hard for us to put God and others first because of our nature (our want to) to sin. We find it very easy to just want to please ourselves.



Sin not only keeps us from being with a holy God, but our sin also needs to be punished.

Thankfully God is all loving and you are very special to Him, so special in fact, that He wants you to live with Him forever in a wonderful place called heaven.

But if sin is so serious to God, and it is, can God just forgive sin without it being punished? No, every sin of every person must be rightly punished. (Not so good news)

#### FLASHCARD #4 (Point to pictures)

Throughout the entire Bible, we see that God had a plan to save us from our sins. Here comes the **good news!**



He sent people like Moses to not only save His people out of slavery in Egypt, but to help us understand how we can please God; He gave Moses the 10 Commandments, rules to live by.

God gave the people He cared about Judges and Kings to guide them in the right way, but they were stubborn and didn't listen.

He gave them Prophets, people who would speak for God, but again they didn't listen.

But God never gave up on loving His people and He will never give up on loving you. We know this because He did something extra special.

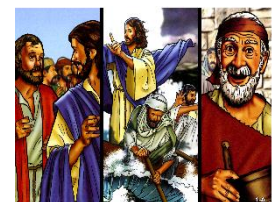
#### FLASHCARD #5

Remember earlier we talked about God being three persons, but one God? Well, God the Father sent God the Son [Jesus] from heaven to earth. He did not come as a mighty king or as a great warrior, though He could have. He came to be born as a baby to Mary and Joseph in a small town called Bethlehem. Jesus was born for this **good news**: He was born to die for our punishment of sin. This was God's way of showing His great love for us! ***John 3:16, 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.***



#### FLASHCARD #6 (Point to pictures)

Jesus grew up just like you with a family, with friends, and with fun things to do. But one thing was very different about Jesus: He grew up and lived a perfect life; He never said one bad thing; He never thought one bad thought; He never sinned, not even once.



Because He was God in the flesh (with skin on,) He taught things that only God could teach. He did things called miracles, things that only God could do. He helped others, such as when his friends, the disciples were in a storm, and Jesus lovingly and with power stopped the storm around them, saying "peace be still." Or making a man that never could walk, to walk again. When doing these miracles, Jesus always pleased God, His heavenly Father.

## B. BRIDGE

Now here comes the reason you are here at Good News Club. You see, the Bible tells us that the **Good News** is the gospel, and the gospel [or **Good News**] is explained in the Bible. Our memory verse today tells us so. **1 Corinthians 15:3, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures..."**

### FLASHCARD #7

Even though Jesus did nothing wrong, He willingly fulfilled God's loving plan for you by taking your punishment for sin upon Himself on the cross. Because He loves you so much, Jesus died for your sins. **Romans 5:8: But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**



And when you say in your heart, "this **good news** is for me," God forgives your sins and treats you as if you never sinned, just like the life Jesus lived.

After dying on the cross for our sins, Jesus' body was placed in a tomb (grave) for three days, but God raised Him from the dead and Jesus went back to His home in heaven. **1 Corinthians 15:4, "...He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."**

God's home, called heaven is not just a place for God and His Son Jesus; it's also a place for you to live forever with God if you receive God's gift of forgiveness. But you must be willing to accept this very special gift.

## C. INVITATION

You accept this gift called eternal life, first by believing that only Jesus could die in your place and that you believe He came back to life again.

When you accept this gift, you receive Jesus as your personal Savior. This means that you agree with God that you have done wrong things and that only Jesus can forgive you. Then ask Him to come to live in your heart (life) today. **Romans 10:9, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.** I want you to think about this important decision. If you are ready to trust Jesus as your personal Savior, please come talk to me after I pray. I will be standing in the back and will show you through God's Word how you can be saved from your sins. Pray.

\*End Bible Lesson time by singing the "Good News" Song again.