

Unit 1 Grace Group (Sunday School) & Children's Church Activities

K-2nd Grace Groups, PreK-2nd Grade Children's Church

Memory Verse for This Unit:

Psalm 119:89-90: Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Date & Lesson	Grace Group Activity Options	Children's Church Activity Options
January 4, 2026 Lesson 1: <i>God's Word is Our Foundation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 1/2 Coloring Sheet • "Reading the Reference" Activity • Come On In Activity • Memory Verse (And Activity) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • "Better Than" activity
January 11, 2026 Lesson 2: <i>Attributes of God</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Sheet • "Attributes Matching Game" • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • Binoculars Craft • "Let's Measure" Activity
January 18, 2026 Lesson 3: <i>We Can Know God Exists</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Sheet • "Creator Hanger" Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • "Eternal Chain" Activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • "Circle Up" Activity • "Created Things" Coloring Sheet
January 25, 2026 Lesson 4: <i>The Trinity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • Take-Home Page Activity or Class Notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Sheet • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity
February 1, 2026 Lesson 5: <i>God's Word Guides Us</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Five Questions Signs • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • Coloring Sheet • Take-Home Sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • "Guide Me" Activity or "God Guides Footprint" Activity
February 8, 2026 Lesson 6: <i>God Preserves His Word</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • "Roll a Scroll" Activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • Coloring Sheet • "Preserve the Word" Relay

February 15, 2026 <i>Lesson 7: God's Word is Complete</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Something's Missing" Activity • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • Coloring Sheet
February 22, 2026 <i>Lesson 8: Don't Change God's Word</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • Class Notes • Take Home Sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Sheet • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • "Whisper the Truth" Activity
March 1, 2026 <i>Lesson 9: The Gospel is Good News</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • Class Notes • Coloring Sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • Gospel Beads Bracelet Activity
March 8, 2026 <i>Lesson 10: Unit Review</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • Take-Home Sheet Lesson 7 and 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Puzzles • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity

Unit 1

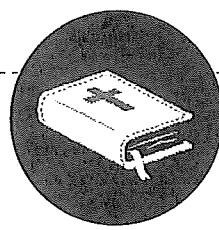
Lessons 1–10

**OLD TESTAMENT • (120 LESSONS)**

Lesson	Lesson Title	Key Passages
1	God's Word Is Our Foundation	Psalm 19:7–11, 86:11, 119:105; Proverbs 30:5
2	Attributes of God	Exodus 20:2–6, 34:4–8; 1 Samuel 2:2; Psalm 36:5, 86:5; 90:1–6, 96:13, 115:3; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:7–21
3	We Can Know God Exists	Genesis 1:1–2; Exodus 3:13–15; John 18:1–6; Romans 1:18–23; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31
4	The Trinity	Genesis 1:1–3; Psalm 33:6, 104:30; Isaiah 44:23–24; Matthew 3:13–17; John 1:1–5, 1:14; Colossians 1:15–17; Hebrews 11:3
5	God's Word Guides Us	2 Timothy 1:1–2, 2:9, 3:16–17; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:13–18; 2 Peter 1:19–21
6	God Preserves His Word	Jeremiah 36; Luke 24:13–32
7	God's Word Is Complete	Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32; Proverbs 30:6; John 14:25–26, 21:24–25; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; Revelation 22:18–19
8	Don't Change God's Word	Deuteronomy 18:17–22; Acts 17:10–11; Galatians 1:6–9; Revelation 22:18–19
9	The Gospel Is Good News	Genesis 1:31–2:4, 3:6–7, 3:21–23, 6:5–8, 8:1, 8:15–17, 11:1–9; John 1:14–17, 3:16; Romans 3:19–26, 5:8–19; 1 Corinthians 15:1–5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Revelation 21:1–8
10	Unit Review	

This scope and sequence is an overview based on the ABC adult lesson titles and Bible passages. Selections of scripture vary by age level. For each age level's scope and sequence, see the syllabus in the teacher guide introduction or on the back of the teacher guide cover.

Lesson 9



The Gospel Is Good News

Jesus brings good news to sinners.

Lesson Focus

Salvation from sin is the main message of the Bible. It is because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we are able to come to God as pure and holy. Our sins are forgiven in Christ if we repent and trust in Jesus as Savior.

Key Passages

Romans 3:23; John 3:16

Memory Verse

Psalm 119:89–90 Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Lesson Preparation

Come On In

Choose one of the following activities and print/gather necessary items.

Come On In Game:

- Bible Book Match
- Flashcard Take Away
- I Have You Have
- Popcorn*

Review Coloring Sheet*

Turn on some lesson/memory verse songs for students to listen to while they play with play dough, puzzles, blocks, etc.*



The required lesson and supplementary materials can be accessed from the **Teacher Digital Resources** under *Lesson 9*. Game instructions are also included in the *Appendix* in the back of this Teacher Guide.

Lesson Time

You will need the following items:

- Lesson Flip Chart
- Bible
- Stuffed animal for prayer time
- Heart Papers printed and cut out (one for you and each student)
- One paper bag to hold the Heart Papers

Lesson Review Game

Print one copy of the Review Questions.

Choose a Lesson Review Game and print/gather necessary items:

- Basket Toss*
- Bible Baseball*
- Board Game
- Bowling*
- Goofy Golf
- Toss for It*

Story Time

Read the Justin and Jessie story on the back of the picture provided in the Teacher Kit or print a copy along with a coloring sheet for each student.

Memory Verse Game

Choose a Memory Verse Game and print/gather necessary items:

- Balloon Bop and Pop
- Echo Echo*
- Egg Hunt
- Follow the Leader*
- Freeze*
- Funny Voices*
- Popcorn*

Find extra verses to practice in the Additional Memory Verses list.

Song Time

Remember to use the downloaded music to learn the songs. Lyrics can be found on the Song Sheet at the end of this lesson or on the Flip Chart Song Time Lyrics Page.

- "Tell the Gospel News"
- "Oh, Be Sure to Read the Bible"
- "Psalm 119:89–90"

Find extra songs to the tunes of favorite nursery rhymes in the Additional Songs list.

All Lesson Preparation suggestions may be used for Pre-K (3–4 years old) and Kindergarten–1st Grade (5–7 years old) classes.

Suggestions with an **asterisk (*)** are specifically recommended for Pre-K.

Prepare to Share

Scriptural Background

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages for this lesson along with this background.

In past lessons, we have introduced our students to the Bible—where it came from, how to study it, and why we can believe it. These are all critical areas of learning, but what is the central message of the Bible? Let's start at the beginning in the garden of Eden where Adam's fall into sin affected us all. In Genesis, we hear of God's plan of a Redeemer who would crush the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15). Jesus the Messiah fulfilled this prophecy—revealing God's plan of redemption.

To truly understand the good news of the Bible, we must first grasp the bad news. Because God is a holy God, he cannot dwell with sinful man, and his perfect justice demands that he punish disobedience. The Bible tells us that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), and that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). This is the bad news—that all people are separated from God, born spiritually dead (Ephesians 2:1), under his just penalty, and destined for an eternity in hell.

There is absolutely no way that we can work our way to God or ever be good enough to merit eternal life. In fact, the Bible makes it clear that there are no

good works that will commend us to God. Isaiah 64:6 likens our righteousness to filthy rags.

The good news is that God sent his Son, Jesus, to live a sinless life and die on the cross to pay the penalty of death that we all deserve (2 Corinthians 5:21). Through the death of Christ, we see the justice of God satisfied and the love of God demonstrated (Romans 5:8).

Jesus' death for our sins, his burial, and his resurrection are the heart of the good news. So, what are we required to do to receive forgiveness and gain eternity with our Creator? Repent of our sins and believe the gospel (Mark 1:14–15; John 3:16; Acts 16:30–31; Acts 20:20–21). The Bible promises that those who repent and trust in Christ as Savior will be saved. And when that occurs, we are adopted by God as sons, joint heirs with Christ (Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:16–17); we are born again to a new and living hope (1 Peter 1:3); we become new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17); and we have the sure hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2).

It is not until we grasp the bad news—we are sinners in desperate need of a Savior—that we will appreciate the good news—we can be reconciled to God by the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Historical/Apologetics Background

In today's pluralistic society with its many religions and insistence on tolerance, it is important we understand that the good news of the Bible is not just one way among many. Rather, the Bible clearly teaches that faith in this gospel is the ONLY way to be reconciled to God. Jesus is the ONLY mediator between man and God (1 Timothy 2:5). In John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." And Acts 4:12 confirms that there is no other name but Jesus' by which we must be saved.

Why is Jesus the only way? Because, as Dr. Bruce Ware puts it:

- Christ alone was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin and as such, he alone qualifies to be Savior (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38).

Christ alone is God incarnate and as such, he alone qualifies to be Savior (John 1:1–18; Hebrews

1:1–3, 2:14–18; Philippians 2:5–11; 1 Timothy 2:5–6).

- Christ alone lived a sinless life and as such, he alone qualifies to be Savior (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15, 7:23–28, 9:13–14; 1 Peter 2:21–24).
- Christ alone died a penal, substitutionary death and as such, he alone qualifies to be Savior (Isaiah 53:4–6; Romans 3:21–26; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- Christ alone rose from the dead, triumphant over sin and as such, he alone qualifies to be Savior (Acts 2:22–24; Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3–8).¹

No other person or man-made religion offers the true path of salvation and reconciliation with God. Merely acknowledging that God exists or believing

¹ Bruce Ware, "Only One Way? The Exclusivity of Jesus Christ and the Gospel," www.christianity.com/god/jesus-christ/only-one-way-the-exclusivity-of-jesus-christ-and-the-gospel-11602124.html

there is a God does not save anyone. Scripture tells us that even the demons believe (James 2:19). It is only through repentance and faith in Jesus and his work on the cross that anyone can be saved.

The early church preached this true gospel amid much opposition. For the first two centuries, Christians were persecuted, killed, and ostracized. Yet, the gospel spread, and the blood of the martyrs only seemed to validate the message, increasing its power.

In AD 312, the Roman Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity and commanded official toleration of Christianity and other religions. Then in AD 380, Emperor Theodosius made Christianity the official religion of the empire. From this point on, Christians could worship openly, and they enjoyed the protection and favor of the government.

Throughout the following centuries, segments of the church began to include doctrines and practices that were not found in the Bible. These included the special authority of the Pope, the concept of purgatory as a place for after-life purification of sins, the immaculate conception and assumption of Mary, the doctrine of transubstantiation (that the bread in the Eucharist becomes the true body of Christ and the wine becomes his blood), and the general belief that

one's good works had to outweigh the bad in order to attain eternal life.

While the true gospel had been corrupted by officials in the church, God always preserved a remnant who believed the truth of his Word. And in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, this remnant courageously began the movement known as the Reformation. God used these believers to restore the gospel of justification by faith in Christ alone, by grace alone—through the truth of the Bible alone.

Today, we again find the professing church corrupted and moving away from the truth and simplicity of the gospel message. Many churches are distorting the Word of God to attract more people to their services. These false messages can range from prosperity preaching (God wants us all to be healthy and wealthy), to "easy believism" (just say a few words and you will be saved for eternity), to counseling sessions based on secular psychology (come see us and we can fix your life), to universalism (anyone can get to heaven as long as you are sincere in what you believe), and the list goes on. As Christians, we are called to be discerning about what we hear and to stand on the authority of God's Word alone.

Around. I want everyone to count with me up to the number _____. (You may also choose to recite the books of the Bible, sing one of the lesson songs, or recite the memory verse as you do this activity.) As we say each number (or word), you will carefully pass the Bible to the person beside you. Remember, we don't want to drop it or tear it. Then when we get to the last number (or word), whoever has the Bible will hold on to it until we are ready for it in our lesson. *Hand the Bible to the first student.* Here we go!

K–1st Lesson continues next. Go to page 130 for the Pre-K Lesson.

K–1st Lesson

Introduction

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- Turn to the Lesson 8 Flip Chart Page. We've been learning a lot about God's Word. What's another name for God's Word? *The Bible.*
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- Right! And how much of the Bible is true? *All of it. Every word.*
- ?
- Right again! Take a look at the Flip Chart from the last lesson. God gave us a warning about his Word. What are two things we should never do with God's Word? *Do not add to it or take away from it.*

Yes. We can't change God's Word! The truth never changes. But some people try to change it by adding their own ideas or taking things out. God does not like that! His Word is perfect just the way it is.

- ?
- God's Word is all true. It's a great book. But why is it so important to study the Bible? Who does it tell us about? *Allow discussion.*

The Bible is about Jesus Christ and what he did when he came to earth. It tells us a very special message we call the gospel. The word gospel means "good news."

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- Did you hear that? What does the word gospel mean? *Good news!*

Yes! Jesus brings good news to sinners!

But wait a minute—sometimes when we have good news, there's also some bad news. And that is true in the Bible. There is really good news, and there is really bad news.

Bring out the bag with the Heart Papers in it. We're going to do a little activity together just to help us understand this good news and bad news. Inside this bag there are pieces of paper with little hearts on them. Each of you will reach in and take out a heart without looking at it or peeking into the bag!

► Don't forget!
Review the Optional Supplements and determine where you can use them.

We'll say that heaven is over there on that side of the room, and everyone who takes out a white heart is "good" and gets to go and stand over there with God. *Keep it a secret that there are no white hearts.*

► Have the bag with the hearts ready.

But whoever gets a black heart is a "sinner" and must be separated from God and stand over here.

So, everyone take one heart out of the bag. Don't look at it! *Take out one heart for yourself, keeping it secret, then have each student reach in and pick out one.* When I say, "Go!" you need to look at your heart and stand over there on the "heaven" side if it's white or over here if it's black. Ready? Go! *Have students look at their hearts and move to the proper area. (No one should go to the "heaven" side since all the hearts are black.)*

Wait a minute! Why are you all over here? Do you all have black hearts? Show them to me. *Show your heart.* No one has a white heart?! No one is good enough to go to the "heaven" side with God? That is bad news! Hmm. Let's all sit back down and see if we can figure this out. *Put hearts back in the bag.*

- ? This is really bad news. No one got a white heart. Why did we all get black hearts out of the bag? What book will help us answer our question? *The Bible!*

The Bad News: We Are Sinners

- ? Yes! Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. We are going to read from God's Word now. *Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note.*

Romans 3:23

Inside every person, there is a part of us that helps us decide what we love, what we hate, what we choose to do, and how we choose to act. We call it the heart. I'm going to read something from God's Word that will help us understand something about our hearts. *Read Romans 3:23 emphasizing the word "all."*

- ? Who has sinned? *All have sinned.*

That's right! All of us—you and me and everybody in the world. Sin means to disobey God. The Bible says that we have ALL sinned. That is why we ALL got black hearts a few minutes ago. We are all sinners. And that's a big problem for us!

You see, God hates sin. And because we have sinful hearts, we can't go to heaven. Sin keeps us apart from God, and we can't get to God on our own. That's the bad news about sin!

The Good News: Jesus Came

- ? But guess what? There is also good news! Do you remember the word we used a few minutes ago that means good news? *The gospel.*

Right! The gospel is the good news about Jesus and what he did for us! Jesus brings good news to sinners! He made a way for us to come to God so we don't have to be separated from him.

John 3:16

Let's read about how God made a way for us to come to him. *Read John 3:16 with expression!*

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- Who is this verse about? *God.*
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- What did God love? *The world.*
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- Who did God send? *His only Son.*
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- Who is God's Son who came to earth? What is his name? *Jesus!*
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- What is given to whoever believes in Jesus? What will they have? *Eternal life.*

This is the good news! This is the gospel! God sent his only Son, Jesus, so that whoever believes in him will be saved from God's punishment and have life with him in heaven forever.

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- Was Jesus a sinner like me and you and everybody else? *No!*

Refer to Lesson 4 Flip Chart Page. Remember the Trinity? Jesus is God! Jesus is perfect! He never did anything wrong. He doesn't have a sinful heart. And because Jesus is perfect, he is the only one who can take away sin and death.

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- Turn back to the Lesson Flip Chart. How did Jesus do that? How did he take away sin and death? *Point to the cross in the picture. He died on the cross.*

Jesus took away sin and death by dying on the cross for our sins.

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- Do you know why it is good news that Jesus died on the cross? *Allow answers.*

It is good news because we are sinners. And when Jesus died on the cross, he made a way for sinners to be forgiven. The Bible tells us that everyone who believes and trusts in Jesus will live forever with God in heaven one day. Now that's super-good news!

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- But that's not all! After Jesus died on the cross, his body was placed in a tomb. What is a tomb? *Allow answers.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. In Bible times, a tomb was where the body was placed after a person died. A tomb was a lot like a cave. A big stone covered the entrance, like a huge, heavy door shut tightly, so no one could get in.

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- Three days later, something happened. Do you know what happened? *Allow discussion.*

Jesus came alive again and rose from the dead—he was not in the tomb anymore! And Jesus is still alive in heaven!

Because Jesus died and rose again, sinners can be forgiven of their sins and live in heaven with God forever—if they turn away from their sin and turn to Jesus and believe in him through faith! This is the gospel. The Bible tells us all about it. It is really good news!

Continue with the Lesson Review Game on page 132.

Pre-K Lesson

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The Bible is about Jesus Christ and what he did when he came to earth. It tells us a very special message we call the gospel. Say that word with me: gospel. Gospel means "good news."

? What does the word gospel mean? *Good news!*

Yes! Jesus brings good news to sinners! There is really good news, but there is also really bad news.

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But whoever gets a black heart is a "sinner" and must be separated far away from God and stand over here.

So, everyone take one heart out of the bag. Don't look at it! *Take out one heart for yourself, keeping it secret, then have each student reach in and pick out one.* When I say, "Go!" you need to look at your heart. If it's white, then you should go and stand over there on the "heaven" side. If it's black, you have to stay over here. Ready? Go! *Have students look at their hearts and move to the proper area. (No one should go to the "heaven" side since all the hearts are black.)*

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Right! The gospel is the good news about Jesus and what he did for us! The Bible tells us that God loves the world so much that he sent his Son.

? Who is God's Son who came to earth? *Jesus!*

? Was Jesus a sinner like me and you and everybody else? *No!*

No, Jesus is perfect! He doesn't have a sinful heart. He is the only one who can take away our sin.

? Refer to the Flip Chart. How did Jesus do that? How did he take away sin? *Point to the cross in the picture. He died on the cross.*

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Continue with the Lesson Review Game below.



Lesson Review Game

We all learn best with review and repetition! We encourage you to play a lesson review game.



Story Time

? Do you remember what happened last time in the story? *Allow discussion.*

Justin and Jessie found out that there are people who try to change God's Word. They take things out that they don't like and add in their own ideas. But God has already made his Word exactly how he wants it. And we can't change it!

Let's find out what Justin and Jessie are doing in today's story. *Read the Justin and Jessie story as you show the picture.*

Justin and Jessie love the Bible, and they don't know why Matt doesn't love it. But Justin's dad helped them understand. Maybe Matt needs to hear the bad news so the good news will make more sense to him.

? What's the bad news we learned from the Bible? *We are all sinners.*

That's right. God's Word says we are ALL sinners. Our sins have separated us, or kept us apart, from God.

? So, what's the good news? *God sent Jesus to make a way for sinners.*

Yes! God made a way so we could be forgiven of our sins. God sent Jesus to live a perfect life without any sin. Then he died on the cross for OUR sins! And he was put into a tomb.

? But what happened three days after Jesus died? *He rose from the dead.*

Yes! Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus came back to life, winning over sin and death!

God has made a way through Jesus for sinners to be saved from the punishment of sin. This is the gospel—the good news of Jesus to sinners! Those who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus will be saved.

Review Questions

K-1st Review Questions

1. What is the bad news we read about in the Bible? *We are all sinners.*
2. What does sin mean? *Disobeying God.*
3. What does sin do? Does it make us closer to God or does it separate us from God? *It separates us from God.*
4. Who did God send to the world because he loved the world? *Jesus. God's Son.*
5. What does the word "gospel" mean? *Good news.*
6. Who made a way for sinners to be forgiven? *Jesus.*
7. What does God promise to all who believe in Jesus? Where will they live forever? *In heaven.*
8. What happened to Jesus on the cross? *He died.*
9. Where did they place Jesus' body after he died? *In a tomb.*
10. What happened to Jesus three days after he died? *He rose again!*
11. How can sinners be forgiven of their sins? *Turn from their sins and turn to Jesus in faith. Believe in Jesus. Believe the gospel.*
12. What is the most important book that has ever been written? *The Bible!*
13. What is in the Bible? *God's Word to man!*
14. All of God's words in the Bible are what? *True!*
15. Who can say/sing the memory verse? *Allow students to recite the verse.*

Pre-K Review Questions

1. What is the bad news we read about in the Bible? Who is a sinner? *We are all sinners.*
2. What does sin mean? *Disobeying God.*
3. What does the word "gospel" mean? *Good news.*
4. Who made a way for sinners to be forgiven? *Jesus.*
5. What does God promise to all who believe in Jesus? Where will they live forever? *In heaven.*
6. What happened to Jesus on the cross? *He died.*
7. Where did they place Jesus' body after he died? *In a tomb.*
8. What happened to Jesus three days after he died? *He rose again!*
9. How can sinners be forgiven of their sins? *Turn from their sins and turn to Jesus in faith. Believe in Jesus. Believe the gospel.*
10. What is the most important book that has ever been written? *The Bible!*
11. What is in the Bible? *God's Word to man!*
12. All of God's words in the Bible are what? *True!*
13. Who can say/sing the memory verse? *Allow students to recite the verse.*

Gospel Beads Bracelet or Zipper Pull

Materials

- Several pony beads of each color for each student: light blue, red, green, yellow, black, white
- Beading string cut into 6 inch lengths for each student
- Optional: split key rings for zipper pulls
- One bead color card for each student (following page)
- Tape
- Scissors



Instructions

Print and cut out one bead color card for each student. Have students tape one end of the string to the table to hold it in place. String the first bead and talk about what the color means. Continue stringing all six colors and discussing each one according to the bead color card.

When all the beads are on the string, help students tie the ends. Make a loop large enough to put over their hand for a bracelet or tie the string to a split key ring for a fun zipper pull.

Have students take the bead color card home with them so they can explain what each color means.

Suggested Discussion

You can use these bracelets/zipper pulls to share the gospel with your friends and family. The bead color card will help you remember what each color stands for.