

Lesson plan

Main Point: We share this message with others

Basic Idea: This is good news we can share!

How we get there: the message we have heard from Him and announce to you (v5)

Start out with the activity (see below) to establish that good news is hard to keep inside:

Examine 1 John 1:5:

1. What is the message they have heard?

God is light

No darkness at all

2. How is this good news?

God can have nothing to do with sin

He's perfect

He cannot deceive us or be cruel to us

3. Return to the concept of the million dollar bill. Pass these out to everyone.

MAKE SURE YOU EXPLAIN IT IS NOT REAL MONEY!

4. On the back, it asks some questions about our sin.

When we are aware we have sinned, and God is perfect, how could this be bad news?

5. Go on to show them that God has promised through Jesus to forgive our sins, and because He is perfect, we can trust that promise.

6. Encourage your students to share that message with others. (Give them a second million dollar bill to share with a friend that needs to hear about Jesus.)

Activity:

Million Dollar Give-away

Select one kid in advance of the class. (You will want this child to be an extravert, one who is outgoing in the class and you think will share with others.) Once the music time has ended (with Shelly) and your students are entering your room, pull one kid aside and provide him/her a \$1,000,000 bill (provided). Just simply hand it to them and tell them they can keep it. Start class a little slowly and watch around. Does the student show others what they got? Have they told anybody what they received? (Hopefully!)

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1 John 1:5-10, September 23, 2007

