

# Introducing Jesus

## Evangelism for everyday life

The **Story**: What is Evangelism? (John 1:43-52, John 4:39-42)

Evangelism means "Introducing people to Jesus". Lots of people in the Bible introduced others to Jesus. For example, Philip met Jesus and then went straight to Nathanael and told him who Jesus is, then invited him to come and see for himself. The Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well also told other people about her experience with Jesus before leading them to come and see Jesus for themselves. A good way for us to introduce our friends to Jesus is to share what He has done in our lives.

The **Activities** to do:

**1** Make a cup telephone using a long piece of string and two plastic cups. Simply poke a small hole in the bottom of each cup. Then thread one end of the string through each cup, and tie a knot in both ends. Now you can pull the string tight, and use the cups to talk to each other! See if you can tell another family member our memory verse using the cup phone (Romans 6:23) When you've finished discuss the 'Talk' questions.

**Talk**

What does Rom 6:23 tell us about Us/God?

Summarise Rom 6:23 in your own words  
Do you believe these things are true?  
Have you accepted Jesus' gift of eternal life?

How could you use Rom 6:23 to tell a friend about Jesus?

**2** Around the dinner table or over afternoon tea play a game of Chinese Whispers. You could get different family members to take turns starting off the whisper. It could be something funny or you could summarise your day in one sentence. When you've each had a turn discuss the 'Telling Others' questions.

**Telling Others**

How do you feel about introducing your friends to Jesus? Do you feel confident? Afraid? Somewhere in between?

How can we help each other to introduce our friends to Jesus?  
(Think concretely e.g. mum could talk to friend x's mum about friend x coming to KHC)

**3** Retell the story of Phillip and Nathanael (John 1:43-52) OR the Samaritan Woman (John 4:39-42) using Lego, play dough or pencils. When you've finished discuss the 'Introducing Jesus' questions.

**Introducing Jesus**

What is Evangelism?

How did Phillip and the Samaritan woman introduce people to Jesus?

Why is it important that we introduce our friends to Jesus?

What's one thing you could do this week to introduce one friend to Jesus?

**MY STORY FOR KIDS** + Add yours

One way to introduce your friends to Jesus is to share with them how Jesus has changed your life. Your challenge is to describe in 100 words or less a way that Jesus has changed your life.

The things to **Pray** about:

- Thank God for the people who told you about Jesus.
- Pray for one friends that doesn't know Jesus, that you would be able to tell them about Jesus this week.
- Thank God for one thing you have learned about Him this week.
- Ask God for help with introducing your friend to Jesus.

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### The Story: Who Should We Evangelise? (Luke 19:1-10)

Zacchaeus was a very unpopular tax collector. However, after he met Jesus, his life completely changed. He paid back all the people he had cheated – with interest! Jesus explains that he came to save lost people like Zacchaeus (verse 10) – and like us! Once we have been saved by Jesus we need to tell other lost people about him.

### The Activities to do:

**1** Jesus ate with sinners because he cared for those who are lost – people who did not know God but wanted to change their lives. While you eat as a family, watch the story of Zacchaeus on the link below and then answer the 'Zach' questions.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQWwYwu3F4>

#### Zach

Who do we learn about in today's story?

What do we know about Zacchaeus?

How did he change after meeting Jesus?

What does Jesus say he came to earth for?

How does Jesus seek and save lost people?

**2** As a family discuss and share about some of the people you are praying for and have written on your bookmarks. Discuss the 'My Friends' questions.

#### My Friends

How could we as a family work together to introduce these people to Jesus? (Be Practical and concrete e.g. child could invite friend to kids church, parent could talk friend's parent about getting them there each day)

**3**  
OR

As a family, play a game of Hide-and-Seek as a reminder that Jesus came to seek and save lost people.

Get one family member to hide an object somewhere around the house. The rest of the family must find it. Once you have finished a few rounds answer the 'Lost'

#### Lost

How can we tell if someone is lost or not?

Are you still lost or have you been saved by Jesus?  
How can we be saved by Jesus?

How can we help each other, as a family, to tell others about Jesus at school, work, sport and other places?

### The things to Pray about:

- Thank God that Jesus came to seek and save lost people
- Pray for the people on your bookmark – for God to do a work in their hearts
- Pray for the wisdom and boldness to be sharing Jesus with others
- Pray for a heart that loves the lost (like Jesus does!)

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#### The **Story**: What should I say? (Romans 3:9-26)

There are lots of different kinds of things we could say when trying to introduce people to Jesus. We used the 3 R's to remember a simple gospel outline. **Rebellion** = We have all rebelled against God. Because we have rebelled we deserve death. **Rescue** = God knew that we needed to be saved. He sent Jesus to rescue us. When Jesus died on the cross, he took our punishment and died in our place. **Response** = Now if we have faith in Jesus then we can be rescued from sin and death. If we trust in Jesus, instead of death, we can live with God forever.

#### The **Activities** to do:

**1** Around the dinner table share a story about a time when you were rescued (or if you have people who love making up stories let them tell a story about a time someone was rescued). When you've finished, discuss the 'Rescue' questions below.

**Rescue**

What do we need to be rescued from?

How does Jesus rescue us?

What would you like to say to Jesus today?

**2** How many different words beginning with the letter 'R' can you think of? Put a timer on for 5 minutes and write as many down as you can. Make sure your kids show your list to their Kids Church leaders on Sunday. The family who thinks of the most words gets a prize. When you've finished discuss The 3 Rs questions.

**The 3 Rs**

As a family remind each other of the 3 Rs and what they mean. You could draw pictures or use words, whatever works for your family. Put these up somewhere you see regularly so that you can keep remembering them.

How have you responded to Jesus? Have you said 'Yes' to his rescue?

Who could you share the 3 Rs with this week? How do you feel about sharing the 3 Rs? Is it hard? What's hard about it?

Why do our friends need to hear the 3 Rs?

**3** Take out your bookmarks. Share who you're praying for again as a family. Share what you'd done this week to introduce these people to Jesus? What went well? What didn't go so well? When you've finished sharing discuss the My Friends questions.

**My Friends**

What can you do this week to introduce one of these friends to Jesus?

Have you invited them to kids church yet? Could you do that this week?

#### The things to **Pray** about:

- That God that he has rescued us even though we rebelled against him
- Say sorry for your rebellion
- Pray that God would help you to live his way
- Pray that you would be bold and introduce your friends to Jesus this week



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#### The **Story**: Why Should We Evangelise? (Rev 21, Luke 16)

The Bible (and Jesus himself) teaches that hell and heaven are real so we really want to warn people about hell and point them to heaven.

#### The **Activities** to do:

**1** We tell others about Jesus because there is a huge gap between us and God. Our sin separates us from being friends with God. No matter how hard we try we cannot cross the gap. What do people need to get across a gap? A bridge! After your family meal, follow the instructions attached to reveal the bridge that God has given for us so we can cross the gap and be friends with him. When you've finished discuss the 'Bridge' questions below.

**Bridge**  
What separates us from God?  
Can we cross this gap on our own? Why/why not?  
  
How does God bridge the gap?  
  
Have you put your trust in Jesus? Why/why not?  
  
What would you like to say to Jesus today?

**2** As a family, draw, paint or create (lego, play dough, card) a piece of artwork that captures how the bible describes heaven in Revelation 21:1-7. When you've finished discuss the 'Heaven' questions.

**Heaven**  
What are you looking forward to in heaven?  
  
Why should we tell our friends about heaven?

**3** Set up dominoes and see how long you can make it. Once finished, tip the dominoes and watch them fall one by one. This is how introducing Jesus works! We tell people about him and they will go on and tell others and so on. When you finished discuss the 'Pass it on' questions.

**Pass it On**  
Who have you been trying to introduce to Jesus?  
  
What could you do to tell them about Jesus this week?  
  
Have you talked to them about Jesus yet? Why/why not?

**4** Play a game of charades. Take turns acting out a scene that relates to Rebellion, Rescue or Response. Whoever is watching has to guess which 'R' it is and then what activity it is. For example, Rebellion (what are some ways we show rebellion? Disobeying parents), Rescue (what are some ways that people are rescued? From a burning building), Response (what are some ways we live God's way? Praying). Before you play, discuss the 3 R's: Rebellion = Ignoring God; Rescue = Jesus is God's Rescue plan; Response = Asking God. When you've finished discuss the 3Rs questions.

**The 3Rs**  
How have you responded to God's Rescue plan?  
  
How can you help each other as a family to remember the 3Rs?  
  
Which friend could you tell the 3Rs to this week?

#### The things to **Pray** about:

- Thank God for Jesus who is the bridge that allows us to be friends with God
- Thank God for heaven! That He will be there and that there will be no more grief, crying, pain or death!
- Pray for the people on your bookmark – that you will continue to pray and talk with them about Jesus even after finishing this series.