

Day Five: Tell others about Jesus!

Here is how God showed his love among us. He sent his one and only Son into the world. He sent him so we could receive life through him. 1 John 4:9 NIRV

▶ Today is our last day in the land of Gospeltopia. What a fun and exciting time we're had. Yesterday, we met Sam Sheep, who was a very happy guy because he was so well taken care of by his shepherd. His shepherd had even saved Sam's life. The word "saved" reminds me of what we learned yesterday... Jesus saves me.

Jesus died on the cross for our sins. If we accept his forgiveness, we will live forever with him. That's pretty incredible. That's good news. News so good, I wish the entire world knew it. That brings us to what we're going to learn today. "Tell Others About Jesus."

We might have to stick our necks out a little to share Jesus with others, that's okay. That reminds me of who we're going to meet today.

Say hello to Gina Giraffe! She's always sticking her neck out. She can't help it! Giraffes are the tallest land animals. A giraffe could look into a second-story window without even having to stand on its tiptoes! A giraffe's 6-foot neck weighs about 600 pounds. The legs of a giraffe are also 6 feet long.

We'll say a prayer together and then get on with our adventure through Gospeltopia with Jesus.

*Dear God, Thank you for helping us learn all about Jesus this week. Help us take that good story out to those who don't know you.
In Jesus' name,
Amen*



To learn more about giraffes, visit <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/giraffe/>

▶ **Bible Story: Philip and the Ethiopian**

Part of Gospeltopia is the word “gospel”. Have you ever heard that word before? Do you know what it means? The word gospel gets used in churches a lot. Literally, gospel means Good News. When we talk about the gospel, the good news we have is about Jesus. Jesus knows me, Jesus takes care of me, Jesus is strong, and Jesus saves me. Jesus died for our sins. Jesus rose to life again in power. We can ask Jesus to forgive our sins. We can follow Jesus and live with Him forever. This is the best news possible! We should be excited to share it with others.

Let’s read about a man named Philip. He was a disciple of Jesus, he knew and followed Jesus. After Jesus rose from the dead, Philip was excited to tell others about Jesus.

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:26-39

Philip wanted to share Jesus with other people. So that’s what he did. He explained that Jesus knows us, takes care of us, is strong, and saves us. He died on the cross for our sins. We just have to believe in Jesus, accept his forgiveness, and follow Him. The Ethiopian man was so excited to have Jesus in his life that when he saw some water and he immediately decided to be baptized to show that he now followed Jesus. It’s an amazing story of what can happen when we tell others about Jesus.

Telling others about Jesus isn't just something for important people to do. It isn't just the pastor or the leaders who can share the good news about Jesus. All of us who follow Jesus can tell others about Jesus.

And you don't have to wait until an angel tells you where to go. There are people everywhere who don't know about Jesus. Jesus loves each and every one of them and wants everyone to hear about Jesus and be given the opportunity to follow Him too.

There are many ways to share Jesus with others. We can invite others to church. We can talk to our friends about what we're learning at church or when we read the Bible. We can tell all our classmates about the great time we had doing activities in Gospeltopia, our "virtual VBS" this summer. We can explain to family members what it felt like when we decided to follow Jesus and ask for his forgiveness. Whatever ways you share, I encourage you to share. Ask God to show you when, where, and how He wants you to share Jesus with the world. When we tell others about Jesus, we are introducing them to the one who can change their lives, just like he has changed our lives. That's the good news.

PRAYER: Dear God, Thank you for your love and forgiveness. Let us share Jesus so that others can experience his love and forgiveness too. In Jesus' name, Amen

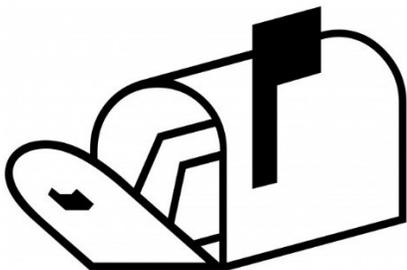
▶ **Song: I Feel Good**

V1: Oh I feel good, good, good
Oh I feel Good , oh yes my Lord
Because there's something' bout the spirit of Jesus
That makes me feel good, good, good, good.

V2: Oh I can sing, sing, sing
Oh I can sing , oh yes my Lord
Because there's something' bout the spirit of Jesus
That makes me wanna sing, sing, sing, sing

V3: Oh I can dance...
V4: Oh I can clap....
V5: Oh I can share...

Craft: Postcards

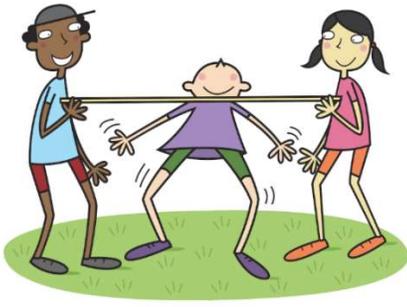


Have you ever received a letter or postcard in the mail? How did it make you feel to know that somebody took time out of their day to write a letter especially for you?

You have some good news to share about Jesus, so for today's craft you can use the crayons provided or your own markers to decorate the postcard included in your packet and tell somebody about Jesus. Fill in the name of the person

you're sending it to, write your own message or draw a picture, and don't forget to sign your name! The postcard already has a stamp on it, so once you write the recipient's address just put it in your mailbox (don't forget to put the flag up!).

Get moving: Giraffe Limbo

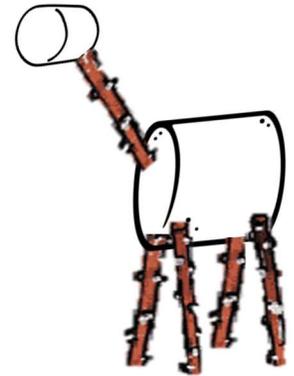


You will need something to be used as a pole that can be held horizontally at various heights (a long cardboard tube or broom handle would work!).

You will play this game just like regular limbo, except instead of bending backward, you're bending forward like a giraffe would have to do! Don't forget to keep those front hooves hands off the ground! How low can you go???

▶ Snack time: Marshmallow pretzel giraffe

For today's snack, you will build a giraffe using marshmallows and pretzels. You will need 5 pretzel sticks, one large marshmallow and one small marshmallow. There are extras in case your break a pretzel or if you want to make more than one! You can use the picture to your right as a guide but be creative and have fun!



Bonus activity: Gospeltopia Word Search

Can you find these words?

- elephant
- giraffe
- kangaroo
- tiger
- sheep
- Jesus
- knows
- loves
- forgives
- saves

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