

# Spreading the Gospel to the Whole World Lesson Plan

The objective of this lesson plan is to encourage Catholic youth to reflect on the importance of spreading the Gospel to the whole world and explore different ways to share their faith with others.

## Materials for Spreading the Gospel to the Whole World Lesson Plan

- Bible (Mark 16:15-20)
- Game about communication
- Reflection questions
- Small group discussion questions

## Opening Game for Spreading the Gospel to the Whole World

### Silent Birthday Line-up

Start with a game about communication. You can use the one below or a different game.

Tell the group that they must line up by birthday. But they cannot talk, write, use their phones, etc. They will have to communicate non-verbally to accomplish this task. When they are finished, ask them each their birthday to make sure they got it right!

After the game, ask the following questions:

- Did you have to think of different ways to communicate?
- Did some people stand out as leaders?
- What would have happened if nobody had communicated with one or two people?

This task could not have been completed if some people had been left out. Somehow everyone had to be included in the messaging that was going on.

## Scripture Reading for the Whole World Lesson Plan

Read the gospel: [Mark 16:15-20](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. [Mark 16:15-20](#)

## Reflection for Spreading the Gospel Lesson Plan

The Gospel reading from Mark 16:15-20 speaks directly to the importance of spreading the Gospel to the whole world. Jesus commands his disciples to go out and proclaim the good news to every creature. He emphasizes that whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, while those who do not believe will be condemned.

This message is a reminder of our responsibility as Catholics to share our faith with others. It can be easy to keep our beliefs to ourselves or only share them with those who we are comfortable around, especially our youth group friends or our closest friends. But Jesus' message in this Gospel reading calls us to go beyond our comfort zone and share the message of salvation with everyone we encounter.

As we reflect on this Gospel reading in the context of spreading the gospel to the whole world, we are reminded of the importance of communication. Just as the game we played at the beginning of the lesson showed us that there are many different ways to communicate, this Gospel reading reminds us that there are many different ways to share our faith.

Spreading the message of salvation doesn't always require preaching from a pulpit or engaging in formal debates. Rather, we can share our faith through our daily actions, attitudes, and interactions with others. One way to do this is by simply telling our friends that we are going to Mass, or steering the conversation in a positive direction when gossip arises.

This Gospel reading challenges us to reflect on the people in our lives who may need to hear the message of salvation and to consider the best way to share that message with them. It encourages us to pray for the courage and the right opportunity to share our faith with others, and to trust that God will provide us with the guidance and strength we need to carry out this mission.

Overall, this Gospel reading is a reminder of the importance of spreading the Gospel to the whole world and of our responsibility as Catholics to share our faith with others. It challenges us to reflect on our own communication skills and to consider the best way to share our faith with those around us.

## Small Group Reflection Questions for Spreading the Gospel to the Whole World Lesson Plan

- What did you learn from the communication game we played at the beginning of the lesson? How can you apply what you learned to sharing your faith with others?
- How does the Gospel reading from Mark 16:15-20 challenge you to think about sharing your faith with others? What obstacles do you face when it comes to sharing your faith, and how can you overcome them?
- Are there people in your life who you feel comfortable sharing your faith with? Are there others who you find it more challenging to share your faith with? Why do you think this is the case?
- What are some non-verbal ways that you can share the message of salvation with others? Are there specific actions or attitudes that you can adopt that will help you to share your faith more effectively?
- Who is one person in your “whole world” who needs to hear the Gospel message? What is one way that you can share that message with them, either directly or indirectly?

After a few minutes, ask for volunteers to share their thoughts with the larger group.

## Challenge for the Whole World Lesson Plan

During this week, reflect on someone in your life who might benefit from hearing the message of salvation. Brainstorm ways, whether directly or indirectly, that you could share this message with them. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and the courage to take action when the opportunity arises. When you feel called to share, take action with confidence and faith.

## Prayer for the Spreading the Gospel Lesson Plan

Lead the group in a prayer asking for guidance, strength, and courage as we seek to share the message of salvation with others, and encourages us to live out our faith each day.

Heavenly Father, guide us as we seek to share the message of salvation with the whole world. Bless us with the strength and wisdom to reach out to those who need to hear the Gospel. Give us the courage to live out our faith each day and to be a shining example of your love.

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