

“I Know It Sounds Crazy...” - LESSON 1

“Don’t Keep It To Yourself!”

Main Focus:

Christians must share the truth of God’s love with everyone



Power Verse:

“...Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.”

– Mark 16:15



Watt’s Up:

“I Will Share God’s Love With The World!”

LEADER’S INFO

As Christians, we have found the greatest gift the human race has ever known: salvation. God’s love is something that every Christian should hold dear.

In this lesson, the children will learn through the story of the lepers in 2 Kings 7 that we should never keep this amazing gift to ourselves. We must recognize that God gave us the gift of salvation in order for us to share it with others.

We must never be guilty of keeping God’s love to ourselves. We must do everything we can do to tell the world about the great gift we have found: God’s amazing love!



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CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “**Chuck Foo**” (*a wanna-be Karate instructor with a slight Minnesota accent; he is more accident-prone than fearsome*)

CHUCK: (*comes out running, kicking and karate chopping like he’s in the middle of a kung-fu movie*)

Leader: WHOAH! Are you alright?

CHUCK: Of COURSE, I’m alright! I’M CHUUUUUCK FOO! Kung Fu EXPERT and amateur STUNTMAN!

Leader: Your name is (*spelling it out*) “chuuuuuuuck foo?”

CHUCK: No, no, no. My name isn’t that long! It’d be ridiculous to have a name with that many letters in it! Think about how long it’d take to write it down! It’s just CHUCK FOO! And I am here to KARATE CHOP some SENSE into all of these critters!

Leader: Critters??

CHUCK: Yes, CRITTERS! Young’uns, rugrats, LITTLE PEOPLE!

Leader: Oh, you mean the KIDS!

CHUCK: Sure, those too! Now LISTEN UP! I hear you all telling the kids how they’re supposed to be telling the WHOLE WORLD this GREAT TRUTH about the BIBLE and whatnot!

Leader: That’s right! We’ve got the GREAT TRUTH of the Bible and need to share it with the ENTIRE WORLD!

CHUCK: Ah, I see okay – (*pauses, then gets in the leader’s face*) AREYOU CRAZY?!

Leader: Excuse me?

CHUCK: NUTSO! BONKERS! LOOPY! GOOFY! EL PRESIDENTE DEL CRAZYTOWN!

Leader: What are you TALKING about??

CHUCK: Listen; do you SERIOUSLY want these kids to actually SHARE the good news about JESUS?? Do you know what happens when people SHARE stuff?! IT GETS MESSED UP! It’s like letting your little SISTER borrow your comic books! The corner’s get bent, the cover gets scratched, SPIDERMAN GETS PINK RIBBONS DRAWN ON TOP OF HIS HEAD! And you want the kids to actually SHARE the good news about Jesus? DO YOU WANT PINK RIBBONS DRAWN ONTO THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS?! I DON’T THINK SO!!

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Leader: But Chuck, the good news about Jesus is AMAZING! It’s the greatest truth the world has ever known! And, there are people out there STARVING for truth! They haven’t heard the good news of God’s love through Jesus yet!

CHUCK: Well, if they’re so HUNGRY for truth why don’t they just go out and get it themselves?

Leader: Well, maybe it’s because they need US to DELIVER the good news TO them!

CHUCK: DELIVER?? You mean like the newspaper boy?? *(mimes ringing a doorbell)* DING-DONG! Here’s your truth! That’ll be fifty cents, please!

Leader: *(laughs)* No, I mean we are to bring the GOOD NEWS of Jesus to them by our words and actions! Read your bible, learn from God, then tell the WHOLE WORLD about it! If Jesus has done something amazing in your life, don’t keep it to yourself! It’s way too amazing and BIG for just one person!

CHUCK: I guess that makes sense, but I’ll tell you one thing!

Leader: What’s that?

CHUCK: If I share this truth with anybody and my bible comes back with pink ribbons and hearts drawn all over it I’m holding YOU responsible!

Leader: You must be joking.

CHUCK: I’m not joking! I’m Chuck! CHUUUUUUUCK FOO! KICK IT!! *(Chuck’s theme music starts to play, Chuck kicks and karate chops the air wildly and exits)*



GAME ON!

“Bucket Heads”

Items Needed For Game:

two boys and two girls; six tennis balls; two small buckets

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Preparation:

Choose two boys and two girls to compete in this game.

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How To Play:

Choose one person from each team to be the “thrower” and one person from each team to be the “Bucket Head.” The “Bucket Heads” hold the bucket on top of their head. They are allowed to bend and sway, but their feet must remain planted on the ground. The “throwers” stand approximately eight to ten feet away from the “Bucket Heads.”

When you say, “Go!”, start some high energy music. The contestants have one minute to try to get all three balls in the bucket. If a ball misses the bucket, the “thrower” can run to retrieve it, but they must return to the “throwing line” before attempting to throw it in the bucket again. Once a ball lands in the bucket, it should remain there until the end of the game.

The first team to get all three balls in their bucket OR the team that has the MOST balls in their bucket at the end of the one minute countdown - is declared the winner!



Bible Story

“The Lepers Who Shared”

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (as shown)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in 2 Kings 7; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

In the book of 2 Kings chapter 7, we find the story of four lepers. Lepers are people with the disease called “Leprosy.” It was a terrible disease that was very contagious. So, the people of the city would make the lepers stay outside the city walls by themselves. They were not allowed into the city at all. The people didn’t even treat the lepers like they were human beings. It was awful.

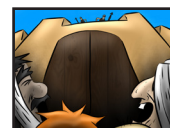
The particular city these lepers were from was called Samaria. Samaria was being attacked by a large army called the Arameans. The Arameans had set up camp outside Samaria and blocked the roads so that no one could leave and no one could enter Samaria. *(show pic)* The people had no food. People were dying of starvation. That’s where the lepers come in.

(show pic) The lepers said to themselves, “Why stay here and die? If we go into Samaria, we will die of starvation. If we sit here, we will die of starvation. We ought to at least go and offer ourselves to the Aramean army. Maybe they will give us some food. If not, we are going to die anyway.”

So, the lepers walked over to the camp of Arameans. When they got there, they got a huge surprise. They found that the entire camp was empty. Not a person around. Better yet, they had left ALL of their supplies and food behind.

The Bible says that God had made a large sound to frighten the Arameans. They thought they heard the sound of chariots and horses and a great army coming to attack them. So, they freaked out and ran off. *(show pic)* The lepers found the food and they ate and they ate and they ate. They went from tent to tent gathering food, gold, and all kinds of amazing things. There was more food than could ever have hoped to have – and they had it all to themselves. Then, one of the lepers spoke up...

(show pic) He said, “We are not doing the right thing. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves.” *(show pic)* So, the lepers ran to the city and told all the people about what they had found. The people came running out of the city, went to the Aramean camp and had the biggest feast you can ever imagine! Today, you are going to learn how WE can apply this story to our lives as Christians.





Call To Action

“Don’t Keep It To Yourself”

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; an empty pizza box; a black permanent marker

Preparation:

Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Don’t Keep It To Yourself”; use the marker to write the word “JESUS” on the inside of the pizza box

The Message: *(title slide)*



Today, we have heard an incredible story from the Bible. The lepers in our story made a very important decision. They had discovered something amazing – food. Food is definitely amazing when you are dying of starvation.

These lepers decided that they couldn’t sit there eating all of this amazing food when an entire city is starving. Do you remember what they said? They said, “It’s not right for us to keep this to ourselves.” You know what? They were RIGHT!

They did the right thing by taking the GOOD NEWS of the food they had found to the starving people in the city. They didn’t have to. They could have kept it to themselves. But, they chose to share the GOOD NEWS with others. Because they did, many lives were saved. The lepers in this story remind me a lot of us.

We Have Been Given Some Amazing Good News *(slide)*



We have been given some amazing GOOD NEWS – it’s called the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have accepted Jesus as our Savior. He has forgiven our sins, and we are going to Heaven. This is the greatest single bit of news that the world has ever received. The sad thing is...

The World Is Starving For Truth *(slide)*



There is a whole world full of people who are STARVING – not for food, but for TRUTH. They haven’t heard the GOOD NEWS of God’s love yet. We have a big choice to make. Will we keep the GOOD NEWS to ourselves? Or will we be like the lepers and say, “It’s not right to keep this to ourselves?” We can’t just hear and receive, we MUST share. We can’t keep it to ourselves.

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Call To Action

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We Must “Deliver” The Truth To The World *(slide)*

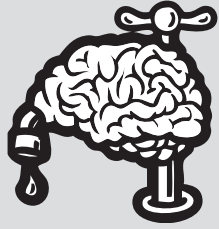


(hold up the pizza box - make sure it is closed) Have you ever been really really hungry, and then someone shows up with a nice, hot pizza? It is an amazing feeling, isn't it? You really appreciate that pizza delivery guy when he arrives, huh? Well, you and I are the “delivery people” when it comes to the rest of the world. What are we delivering? Not pizza, of course. *(open the box to reveal the word written inside)* We are delivering “JESUS” to the world.

Today, let's make a decision that we will be the ones to share the GOOD NEWS with the kids in our school, our family members who don't know Christ, and anyone we talk to. It's OUR job to share the GOOD NEWS. Let's ask God for boldness and power to share the GOOD NEWS of His love with the world!

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray with the children that they will NEVER keep the good news of God's love to themselves. Pray that they will be led by the Holy Spirit to the people who need to hear about Jesus the most. Pray that they will have the boldness to share every chance they get.



BRAIN DRAIN

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; The DVD

Preparation:

Play the “Brain Drain” Video Intro off the DVD; Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

1. Watt’s Up today?

Answer: “I Will Share God’s Love With The World!”

2. What was the name of the “know it all” in our video today?

Answer: Noah Lottz

3. Who taught us our Power Verse today?

Answer: Ginny, the record keeper

4. What disease did the four men have in today’s Bible Story?

Answer: leprosy

5. When the lepers got to the Aramean camp, what did they find?

Answer: the camp was empty

6. What did the lepers decide to do about all the food they found?

Answer: share it

7. As Christians, what should we do with God’s “Good News?”

Answer: share it with others

8. If we don’t share the “Good News,” what may happen?

Answer: Others may not ever hear about God’s love

9. Should we share God’s “good news” even with those who treat us badly?

Answer: Yes

10. Where was today’s Power Verse found?

Answer: Mark 16:15