

**Teaching Plan** - Learning more about Jesus in everyday things.  
(Newspapers)

**Aim** - To show that Jesus gives us good news



**Welcome** and time of sharing news since last meeting.

**What's in the bag?** Pass it round and give people the opportunity to feel it and guess what is in it.

**Item:** Newspaper and/or talking newspaper (would be great you could find out if there is a local talking newspaper in your area and get a copy). Take time to look at newspaper headlines and pictures and listen to a bit of talking newspaper. (could use them in prayer time)



**News bulletin followed by quiz**

Get a team member to prepare and deliver a news report on current affairs - keep it realistic and specific - use props/ pictures if you can - most of it will be bad news - typical of our usual news reports - but have some fun with it - the more picture etc you use the better.

Report on

- something international
- something national
- something local
- a sports item
- some TV news
- a weather report

Keep it short and focused but have fun with it.

**Tell people to listen very carefully as a quiz will follow.**

The Brightons group news might be like this - adapt to your own group.

Here is today's news

- In East Africa lots of people do not have enough food. Some may die.
- In Scotland there are lots of holes in the roads and pavements.
- In Brightons the Chinese takeaway ran out of curry
- Falkirk got beat 3 -0 at the football by Hearts.
- In Coronation Street the corner shop may close.
- Weather - today it has been showery - tomorrow it will rain all day.

The quiz questions could be? (Teams or hands up with the answers)

- What is the weather forecast for tomorrow?
- What did they run out of at the Chinese take away?
- What was the score at the football?
- Who beat Falkirk?
- Where do people not have enough to eat?
- Where is the corner shop that may be closing?
- What's wrong with the roads and pavements in Scotland.

**Question: Where can we find good news?** (Bible)



**Talk and Drama**



When we look at the newspapers or watch the news on TV we often hear of only bad and sad things happening. But in the Bible, there is lots and lots of very good news that God wants to share with us.

**Props you will need** - as you tell the story invite people to come forward with their prop to build up the scene.

- Nativity set with relevant individual pieces
- Block of wood
- Nails
- Hammer
- Cross
- Picture of Jesus after the resurrection

We are going to hear about some good news stories from the Bible - the first one was that Jesus was born in a stable. (Need to explain that being born in a smelly stable does not initially seem good news - but that the baby is God's son so that makes it great news!!)

The angels went to the shepherds and said I have very good news for you - Jesus has been born - if you go to the stable you will see him with his Mum and Dad.

The next bit of good news seemed very sad at first, but the ending was good.

Not everyone liked Jesus - some people wanted to kill him, and they did. They used a hammer and nails and nailed him on a wooden cross. Then Jesus died.

But the best news ever happened three days after that Jesus was not on the cross, Jesus was not dead lying in a cave - Jesus was alive - he came and talked to his friends.

We can't see Jesus now, but he is alive in heaven.

What do you think of that news?



Let's look at some of the things Jesus said to people when he was on earth. They are all in the Bible.

You could say this is the news from Jesus. Perhaps different people could read it out or it could be done as a news report.

(You may not want to use them all at one meeting)

All scriptures are from the Easy to Read Version (ETRV) of the bible.

**You can be sure that I am with you always** (part of Matt 28:20)

**But now I call you friends** (Part of John 15:15)

**But I came to give life - life that is full and good.** (Part of John 10:10)

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never live in darkness. They will have the light that gives life. (John 8:12)

Don't be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me. (John 14:1)

I leave you peace. It is my own peace I give you. I give you peace in a different way than the world does. So don't be troubled. Don't be afraid. (John 14:27)



## Prayer Time

Use the newspapers as things to ask God's help with and ask each person to say thank you (verbally, signing or just quietly) for the good news and things in their life.

Perhaps end the prayer time with a quiet piece of music.



## Possible Craft

Cut out coloured paper hearts and slightly smaller hearts from newspaper. Stick on top of the paper heart. Write on the heart - Good News! Jesus Loves You or prepare and stick on one of the verses you have read.



## Possible Songs

- Good news Jesus was born
- O happy day (chorus)
- Do not be afraid (Prospects)
- Come on and celebrate