

AMPLIFY: Evangelism

Lesson 1: The God of Relationship

What we want students to learn: That students would understand that God has always had a heart for being in relationship with all of humankind.

What we want them to do with what they've learned: How this truth should impact the way they view other people.

Scripture Focus: Genesis 1:26-31, Genesis 3:1-8, Genesis 12:1-4, Exodus 19:3-6, Deuteronomy 7:6-7, Isaiah 42:6-7, Luke 2:25-32, John 3:16

Overview: Evangelism is simply the communicating of the “good news” of the Gospel, the message that by faith, we may find forgiveness of our sins through Jesus’ atoning death and resurrection. This call to salvation, to a restored relationship with God through Christ, is almost always thought of in New Testament terms. But when we stop and think about it, we realize that God has always been calling people to know Him and to be in relationship with Him. Throughout the next three lessons, your students will see how God has always been calling people to Him, how Jesus tasked His followers with sharing the story of His work with all people, and what role your students play in bringing hope and purpose to the lost in this world. In this first lesson, your students will be challenged to begin to see all people as God sees them: as valuable and worthy of saving.

Lesson 2: God’s Plan for the World

What we want students to learn: That students would see that Jesus desires for us, His children, to be active in sharing the Gospel with those who need to hear it.

What we want them to do with what they've learned: Students would embrace ways that they can be communicators of Christ’s story in their contexts.

Scripture Focus: John 10:14-17, Matthew 9:35-38, Matthew 28:16-20

Overview: Jesus didn’t leave a lot of room for discussion. He made it clear that His plan calls for us to be messengers of the Gospel. This lesson will help your students see exactly where Jesus’ desire for us to share the Gospel comes from (His compassion for the lost and broken), as well as understanding exactly what Christ calls them to do. Jesus put the task of communicating the hope of the Gospel, and the life-transforming nature of a relationship with God, squarely in the Church’s hands. And guess what? Your students are the Church! God desires for your students to be actively pointing people toward Christ. This lesson will help your students begin to think about how they communicate the Gospel in their contexts.

Lesson 3: God’s Plan and You

What we want students to learn: The point of the lesson is that students would understand the right attitude and approach to communicating the Gospel to others.

What we want them to do with what they've learned: That they would begin to identify--and address--some of the hang-ups that keep them from being more active messengers of the Gospel.

Scripture Focus: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Acts 13:13-33, Acts 17:16-31, 1 Peter 3:13-16

Overview: In the last lesson, your students were reminded that Jesus emphatically calls all Christ-followers to be people who are actively pointing other people toward God. Your students were reminded that for Jesus, this was a heart issue: He saw people who were hurt and broken, lost apart from God, and His heart broke for them. This lesson will help your students see what a right attitude and outlook looks like when it comes to approaching others with the hope of the Gospel. Paul and Peter's words ring true today as they did two thousand years ago: there should be nothing that keeps us from telling people about the new life that awaits them in Christ. We should do whatever it takes to communicate this hope. Your students will be challenged to consider what keeps them from having this attitude and to make some changes in their lives to be more active in spreading God's story.