

# Delivering the Good News



**Theme:**

Telling others about Jesus.

**Object:**

A newspaper

**Scripture:**

As you go, teach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Matthew 10:7 (NIV)

Do you ever read the newspaper? I read it every day. That's how I keep up with what's happening in the world. Every morning, before I eat breakfast, I walk out my front door and pick up the newspaper which has been delivered to my doorstep by a person **whose job it is to deliver the news**. A lot of people like to watch the news on TV or on a computer device. But I like the old fashioned news paper.

When I open my newspaper, the first thing I look at is the front page. That's where they put the most important stuff. Next, I look at the sports page. I like sports and like to see if my favorite teams won. Some days they do, and some days they don't. Finally, I turn to my favorite part -- the comics! Why do I save the comics for last? Well, sometimes, some of the news might not be good news, so I like to finish reading the newspaper with a smile on my face! The person who delivers the newspaper to my doorstep each day helps me to get my day started with a smile. You know, I don't even know that person. He, or she, gets up very early in the

morning while I am still asleep, rolls the newspapers, and drives all around the town delivering the news.

The Bible tells us that Jesus traveled all around the countryside. He went to many different towns and villages, and everywhere he went he saw crowds of people who were lost and helpless. It broke his heart.

In those days, there were no newspapers or television or computers etc. to share the news with others. The only way to share any kind of news was to **walk to another village** or city and stand in the center park and begin **to shout out** what you want the people to know. **It was everyone's job to deliver the news.**

One day, Jesus turned to his followers and said to them, "There are so many don't know the good news and who need help, but there are not enough people who are willing to help them. Get on your knees and pray that the Lord will send people to teach them and to help them."

When they had finished praying, Jesus called twelve of his followers to come to him. "Go, **its your job it is to deliver the good news** " he said, "heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons." Do you know what else Jesus told his disciples? He said, "As you go, preach this message: **'Get Ready! The kingdom of heaven is near.'**"

Wow! That's **good news**, isn't it? Think about it. "The kingdom of heaven is near." It isn't some far off place where we will go at some far off time. In fact, you might even say, "It's right here -- right now."

Wow, that's good news that everyone should hear!

My newspaper carrier has been given the job of delivering the news. When I go out to get my newspaper, I expect it to be there. If the carrier doesn't do his job, I don't get the news. Just as Jesus called the twelve to deliver the good news, he has also called you and me **to take on the job to deliver the good news**. If we don't do our job, someone won't get the good news today.

Father, there is no better news than the good news that you love us and sent your Son and the Holy Spirit to help us to faithfully share that good news with others. Amen.

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## Group Activities

Interactive Group Activities

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**Sermon Title:** ["Delivering the Good News"](#)

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 9:35-10:8

**GOOD NEWS FLOWER POTS:** Let children plant a small flower in a mini pot and glue a small piece of paper on the pot or attach it with a pipe cleaner and stick the note in the dirt. The note will say - THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR.... SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS, etc. Encourage children to share their potted plant with someone.

**DELIVER THE GOOD NEWS:** Let children make scrolls or banners rolled up that will say ; SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS! GOD LOVES YOU, etc. Let children deliver a banner to each Sunday School classroom during their S.S. hour. The other classes (all ages) will enjoy receiving their banner/scroll and reading it during their class!! For extra fun, children could pass out candy

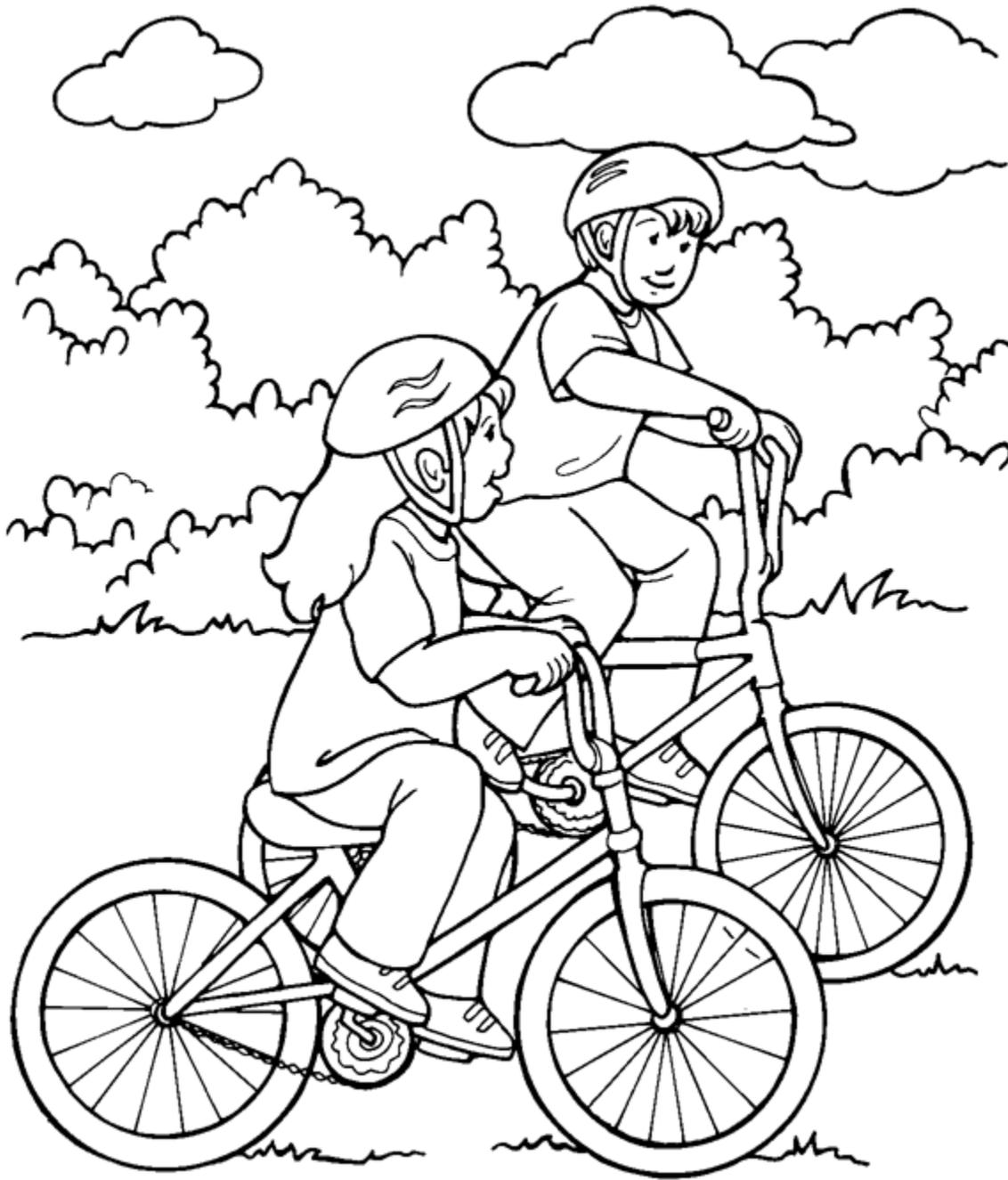
**TRAVEL "GOOD NEWS" WALK SIGNS:** Before your daily walk, have the children make little lawn signs (4x6") and glue a popsicle stick on the back. "Plant these messages of the Good News along the path or in a park. ( eg. GOOD NEWS! God created the grass, God created this tree. God created you and God created me. God loves all of us!!) This could be seven signs placed 6 feet apart. Let children tell today's Bible story once again in their own words and using their signs on the wall!

**" Produce a News Paper of your own;** Call the paper GOOD NEWS! Use the headings: The Kingdom of heaven is near, Jesus heals the sick, Jesus raises the dead, Jesus cleanses the lepers, Jesus casts out demons, God loves us and sent His Son, to give us a wonderful life. Write a story under each heading as if you were there watching it happen. Draw pictures to show what was happening then. Discuss what miracles are happening now in 2020.

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# I Can Tell My Friends About Jesus

## Coloring Page



# Jesus Calls For Workers

## Multiple Choice

# Jesus Calls for Workers

"As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'" Matthew 10:7 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- \_\_\_ 1. To restore health to the sick  
A. heal B. few C. helpless D. preach
- \_\_\_ 2. Suffering from illness or disease  
A. sick B. tired C. heal D. crowd
- \_\_\_ 3. A large number of people gathered together  
A. worker B. few C. crowd D. news
- \_\_\_ 4. Unable to care for yourself  
A. helpless B. sick C. crowd D. news
- \_\_\_ 5. An employee, as opposed to an employer  
A. sick B. crowd C. twelve D. worker
- \_\_\_ 6. A small number, not many, or not enough  
A. crowd B. few C. sick D. helpless
- \_\_\_ 7. The original number of disciples of Jesus  
A. ten B. eleven C. twelve D. thirteen
- \_\_\_ 8. Information about recent events or happenings  
A. news B. heal C. crowd D. sick

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## Word Search

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HEALING	TOWNS	GOOD	NEWS	HELPLESS
VILLAGES	HEAVEN	SICKNESS	NEAR	SHEEP
WORKERS	JESUS	COMPASSION	SHEPHERD	PREACHING