

Teaching Point: God guides us to share our faith,

Games:

Postman. Sit the group in a circle and choose a volunteer to be “Postman”. Give the postman an envelope containing the memory verse, to take round the outside of the circle. At some point, the letter gets dropped in the lap of a child who gets up and tries to beat the postman back to the empty place. If the postman is caught, a new one is chosen. At the end of the game, ask the person with the letter to open it and read out the memory verse.

Pass the message. Stand the children in equal teams one behind the other. Give a piece of paper with a simple instruction on it to the first person in each team. The instructions can be things like; ‘take a left shoe to a leader’, ‘sing Humpty Dumpty to a leader’, ‘shake hands with the person in front of you’, ‘do 5 star jumps’.....

Find the Good News. Get the children into pairs and give out newspapers and a felt tip pen. Give them five minutes to find some good news items and mark them out.

Introduction. Ask the children to take it in turns to give you a piece of good news!

Story. The story is found in Acts 8 v 26 – 39. There is a version of the story in the resources section.

Memory Verse. “ *I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God*” Acts 8 v 37.

See if anyone can remember the verse from the game. Award points for each one who can say it on their own or in teams.

Song. “God loves Me” (Lovely Jubbly CD)

Application. When we have some good news we really want to tell everyone about it! Sometimes we can't wait to see the person so we phone or text them. Or we rush up to tell our friend as soon as we see them.

Philip had the best news ever! Jesus had died on the cross to put everything right with God, so we can be forgiven and be friends with Him. Jesus came back to life and then went to be with Father God in heaven. BUT, he did not leave us alone! He sent the Holy Spirit to help us live God's way.

Philip couldn't keep this news to himself and because of him, the Ethiopian man believed in Jesus and was saved. If we know about Jesus we too can share the Good News!

Question Time: Invite the group to ask any questions that they want about anything to do with Christianity.

Prayer. Roll a ball to each other across a circle and say thank you God for.....

Resources. Story, Funsheet.