



Using Events, Logic, and Culture – Becoming All Things to All People
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Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Mark 1:17 NKJV

...I have become all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.

1 Corinthians 9:22 NKJV

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols.

Acts 17:16 NKJV

Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the *Gentile* worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.

Acts 17:17 NKJV

Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

Acts 17:18 NKJV

God leads us to go where people are & start conversations

“TO THE UNKNOWN GOD”

Acts 17:23 NKJV

God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

Acts 17:24 NKJV

Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

Acts 17:25 NKJV

for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’

Acts 17:28 NKJV

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

Acts 17:30 NKJV

because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

Acts 17:31 NKJV

God can use current events, logic, & culture to share Jesus

And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this *matter*.”

Acts 17:32 NKJV

So Paul departed from among them.

Acts 17:33 NKJV

However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Acts 17:34 NKJV

God prepares us for all three responses to the Gospel

And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:2 NKJV

This Week’s [New Testament+ reading plan:](#)

1. *Revelation 8*
2. *Revelation 9*
3. *Revelation 10*
4. *Revelation 11*
5. *Revelation 12*
6. *Zechariah 4*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

16 Personal Evangelism Resources:

- [*Words to Winners of Souls*](#) – Horatius Bonar
- [*More Than a Carpenter*](#) – Josh McDowell
- [*I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*](#) – Norman L. Geisler & Frank Turek
- [*The Master Plan of Evangelism*](#) – Dr. Robert E. Coleman
- [*The Soul Winner*](#) – Charles H. Spurgeon
- [*The Gospel and Its Meaning*](#) – Harry L. Poe
- [*God Has a Wonderful Plan for Your Life*](#) – Ray Comfort
- [*Witnessing Without Fear*](#) – Bill Bright
- [*The God Who is Real*](#) – Henry Morris
- [*Contagious Faith*](#) – Mark Mittelberg
- [*Engage!*](#) – Carmen Mayell
- [*The Case for Christ*](#) – Lee Strobel
- [*The Case for Faith*](#) – Lee Strobel
- [*Evidence That Demands a Verdict*](#) – Josh McDowell
- [*On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision*](#) – William Lane Craig
- [*Reasonable Faith*](#) – William Lane Craig

NURSERY

JESUS LOVES ME

JESUS LOVES THE KIDS



Your inquisitive toddler will be surprised and delighted to know that Jesus loves everyone, including kids. This month we will have fun discovering the awe and wonder of Jesus with our toddlers while reminding them that Jesus loves everyone!

Memory Verse: Jesus loves kids. Mark 10:14 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Loves Us All the Time

Parent Connect: Today we made heart headbands to remind us that Jesus loves us all the time. Reinforce this idea all week with your kid. When they do something good say, "Jesus loves you all the time." When they do something bad say, "Jesus still loves you all the time."

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MIRACLES AND MINISTRY

THE LIFE OF JESUS



This month we will continue to learn about Jesus' ministry and more of his miracles!

Memory Verse: "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7 NLT

Heart of the Lesson: Love Others – The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

Parent Connect: Today we learned about the Good Samaritan and how he loved others by helping a hurt man. In class we created our own first aid kits so we can learn to help others too! Help your kid find someone that is sick or hurt to help this week. Can your kid find someone to give their get-well card to? Can your kid find someone to give a band-aid to? We would love to hear your stories! (Use your best judgment, obviously, these items aren't sterile after being handled by so many little people.)

ELEMENTARY

SKINS

SHARING THE GOSPEL IN A VARIETY OF WAYS



In games, you can change your character's skin to have different attributes or skills, but it doesn't change the fact that you are the one playing the game. The Gospel can be wrapped in different ways, or have different skins, but the message doesn't change. In this series we will look at 4 different skins the Gospel can be wrapped in to share Jesus with others.

Memory Verse: "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Heart of the Lesson: Using Culture – 1 Corinthians 9:19-22, Acts 17:16-34

Parent Connect: Choose a movie to watch and afterwards ask your kids if the story reminds them of any stories in the Bible.

Did you think you'd be doing math at church? Forgiveness can be tough sometimes! Jesus taught us that we should forgive not once, twice, or even 7 times, but an infinite number of times, just as He has forgiven us.

Memory Verse: You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. Colossians 2:13

Heart of the Lesson: What if someone doesn't ask for forgiveness? - Matthew 6:14-15, Luke 6:27-31, Ephesians 4:31-32

Parent Connect: What is the hardest part about forgiveness? Journal about it and ask God to help you forgive. Be completely open and honest with God!

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS**BECOMING ALL THINGS
TO ALL PEOPLE**

What tools can you use to share the Good News?

Sharing the Good News of Jesus can look different depending on who we are sharing Jesus with! This series, we are looking at 4 stories in the Book of Acts to see different ways we can share Jesus with others!

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:22b (NIRV) *I have become all things to all people. I have done this so that in all possible ways I might save some.*

Heart of the Lesson: I can use CULTURE & REASON to share Jesus! (Acts 17)

Parent Connect:

- Where is a good place to share Jesus?
- Do you find it hard to share your faith with others?
- What can you use to help others learn about Jesus?
- Who in your life needs to hear about the hope of Jesus?