

Lesson #5

Lesson Plan

Topic: The Holy Gospel and Its Message

Grade Level: 5th & 6th (Ages 11-12)

Lesson Duration: 45-60 minutes

Lesson Objectives:

Students will learn the main message of the Holy Gospel and be introduced to the four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

1. Opening Prayer (2–3 min)

- Begin with a short prayer asking God to open our hearts to understand His Word.

2. Introduction: What is the Gospel? (5 min)

- Explain that the word "Gospel" means **"Good News."**
- Ask students: *"What is something good you want to share with your friends?"*
- Explain that the Gospel is the best news ever: **Jesus loves us, saves us, and teaches us how to live in God's love.**

3. Main Message of the Gospel (10 min)

- Present the three main messages of the Gospel:
 1. **God loves everyone.**
 2. **Jesus came to save us.**
 3. **We should love God and others.**
- Give an example or short story of Jesus' teaching showing love, forgiveness, or kindness.
- Optional: Ask children to share one way they can show God's love to someone this week.

4. Who Wrote the Gospels? – The Four Evangelists (10 min)

- Explain that four men wrote down the life and teachings of Jesus: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

- Share brief, child-friendly facts about each:
 - **Matthew:** A tax collector who became Jesus' disciple; wrote about Jesus as the King of the Jews.
 - **Mark:** A friend of Peter; wrote a short, action-filled Gospel about what Jesus did.
 - **Luke:** A doctor and friend of Paul; wrote a Gospel showing Jesus' love for all people, including the poor and sick.
 - **John:** The "beloved disciple"; wrote about Jesus as God's Son and focused on love.

Activity Idea:

- Show pictures or icons of the Evangelists.
- Ask students to match the Evangelist with one key fact about him.

5. Reflection / Discussion (5 min)

- Ask questions:
 - *Which part of Jesus' teaching do you like the most?*
 - *How can we share the Good News with others?*

6. Closing Prayer (2–3 min)

- Thank God for the Holy Gospel and the Evangelists.
- Ask Him to help everyone live according to Jesus' teachings.

WORKSHEET: THE HOLY GOSPEL AND THE EVANGELISTS

1. Draw the Evangelists

Each of the Four Evangelists has a specific symbol. In the boxes below, draw their symbols:

- Matthew – Angel
- Mark – Lion
- Luke – Ox
- John – Eagle

(Provide four blank squares with the names under each for students to fill in.)

Matching Game

Draw a line to match each Evangelist with his symbol or fact:

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| • Matthew | • Beloved disciple who wrote about Jesus as King |
| • Mark | • Focused on love, the tax collector |
| • Luke | • Doctor and friend of St. Paul |
| • John | • A friend of St. Peter wrote an action-filled Gospel |

Good News Challenge

Think of one way you can show God's love this week. Write or draw it here:

"This week, I will show God's love by..."

WORKSHEET

Which four Apostles wrote the Gospels? Please write down their names below.


