

Series Introduction

Have you ever heard the “Gospel” and wondered, what is it all about? Simply put, the Gospel is the good news about Jesus. It is a simple yet powerful message. It is a message that has the power to change our lives. A message that can save us from the mess that we often find ourselves in. A message that can give our lives purpose. That is why we have created this series titled, The Gospel In 3 Words. Why three words? Because it shouldn't take a lot of words to communicate the simple Gospel message. Each lesson will focus on just three words that come directly from God in the pages of the Bible. These three words will be taught using various methods for maximum retention and impact. Everyone who studies The Gospel in 3 Words will be forever transformed by the good news of Jesus.

Series Summary

What is the Gospel? It is the good news about Jesus. Let me share with you some of that good news! God created you, “**amazing and wonderful.**” Isn't that great? I also have a little bad news that I need to share. The Bible tells us that everyone has messed up because “**All have sinned.**” Don't get too down. The Bible has much more good news. “**God so loved**” you that He sent Jesus to save you. Jesus defeated sin and death and declared “**I have won!**” Jesus wants to share that victory over sin with you. Your next step is to “**Repent and be baptized.**” When you say you are sorry for those mess ups Jesus forgives you and God comes to live inside of you. Pretty cool! But this isn't the finish line. This is just the starting point of the rest of your life with Jesus. He has a very special job for you. He wants you to “**go and make**” disciples just like he did. That is what the Gospel, or the good news, is all about!

How to Best Facilitate This Series

This is a hybrid series. What does that mean? It incorporates elements of both our video-driven and our traditional PowerPoint-driven styled series. Not sure what that means? No worries! In this series, you will get the best of both worlds.

To be most effective, you will need to weekly use the following three elements: PowerPoint lessons, lesson videos, and sign language memory verse videos. The weekly PowerPoints will guide you every step of the way and let you know when it is time to play the lesson videos and memory verse videos. Due to the size of the videos, they are not built into the weekly PowerPoint lessons and will need to be pulled up separately before you lead weekly.

What can you expect from each lesson and how it will flow? Below is a typical lesson flow:

- Opening question & activity
- Sign language memory verse video
- Video lesson (5-minute video)
- Digging deeper into the lesson
- Review time! See if your group remembers the three words from each of the previous lessons
- Discussion questions
- Prayer time

Series Memory Verse

“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.”

John 3:16 NIRV



During this series, your group will be challenged to memorize God's word. Scripture memorization is a powerful tool that all believers regardless of IQ score can and should do! A selection of keywords from John 3:16 will be taught in sign language to help with engagement and retention. This will be taught in a supplemental video. While working through the weekly PowerPoint lessons, you must pull up the supplemental video and play it at the appropriate time.

Practicing the series memory verse at each of your gathers is essential to ensure maximum retention. The series memory verse captures the main point or idea of the entire series.

Weekly Lessons

Tip for making your lessons stick... Pay special attention to the sign language taught in each weekly lesson video. In each lesson, your group will be taught sign language representing the three keywords of the day. Stop the video if you need and practice each week. Using this multi-sensory approach to learning will dramatically increase retention.



Is Your Class Paying Attention?

Pay attention to each video lesson and look for a visual indicator like the one to the left. These will appear when a specific word is mentioned and can be a fun game for your class to look for and sign the world when it appears.

Lesson 1: Amazing And Wonderful

God makes no mistakes. When God made you, He had a huge smile on His face the entire time. He loves the way He made you. He wants you to look in the mirror and see what He sees. Someone perfect just the way you are. Someone who is both “amazing and wonderful”. Because that is exactly what you are.

- **Main Point:** God made you amazing and wonderful!
- **Main Scriptures:** John 3:16, Genesis 1:26, Psalm 139

Lesson 2: All Have Sinned

A sin is something that you know is wrong and you do it anyway. It is not an accident. The Bible teaches us that when we sin, we miss the mark. We fall short of what God wants for us. We are breaking the rules that God has taught in the Bible. Sin has serious consequences. We all need Jesus because we are hopeless to defeat sin without him.

- **Main Point:** We have all sinned and we all need Jesus!
- **Main Scriptures:** John 3:16, Romans 3:23, James 2:10, Romans 6:23, Psalm 50:15

Lesson 3: God So Loved

God knows we are in a big mess because of sin. God also knows there is nothing we can do about it on our own. The good news today is that God loves us too much to leave us in the hopeless mess we find ourselves in. God makes a way for us to be saved. He didn't have to do this. He chose to because of His great love for us. How does He do it? By sending His one and only Son, Jesus!

- **Main Point:** God loves you so much, He sent His Son Jesus to save you!
- **Main Scriptures:** John 3:16, Matthew 1:23

Lesson 4: I Have Won

When we sin, we lose. We need someone to come and save us from our sins. We need someone who can win. Good news! We have Jesus. He can win the battle against sin and death and save us. And that is exactly what Jesus did! Thank God for sending us Jesus and making a way for us to join him in his victory.

- **Main Point:** Jesus defeated sin and death for us!
- **Main Scriptures:** John 3:16, John 16:33, Matthew 28:6, John 19:30

Lesson 5: Repent, Be Baptized

So, what do we need to do if we want to share the victory over sin and death with Jesus? We need to “repent” and be “baptized.” Repenting is more than just being sorry about the sins we have committed. It means we are turning our back on sin, pledging to do our best never to sin again, and turning to

Jesus for help. Being baptized is a vital part of our faith journey. It is a step of obedience as we seek to do what Jesus himself did, though he did not need to be baptized because he was sinless, he did it anyway to set an example for us. When we are baptized it symbolizes that we are joining Jesus in his death and resurrection to new life. Our sins are washed away, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, God living inside of us! Pretty amazing!

- **Main Point:** We must give our lives to Jesus!
- **Main Scriptures:** John 3:16, Acts 2:38, Matthew 11:28
- **Suggested Resource:** Baptism Decision Workbook

Are You Ready for Baptisms?

Coming out of this lesson you need to be prepared for people who are ready to make a decision for Jesus! Be ready to help them take that next step. Ability Ministry has some great resources for you in several different accessible options to fit any group's needs.



- [Baptism Decision Workbook: Digital](#)
- [Baptism Decision Workbook: Printed](#)
- [Baptism Decision Workbook: Large Print Digital](#)
- [Baptism Decision Workbook Large Print Version: Printed](#)
- [Baptism Decision Workbook: Braille Version](#)
- [Baptism Decision Video Series](#)

Lesson 6: Go And Make

God also has a very specific job that He wants you to do. He wants you to work for Him. Think about that. God, the creator of the universe. The creator of all things amazing and wonderful wants you to work for Him. God is the best boss we will ever have. Want to know what that specific job is? It is the same job that Jesus gave to his disciples before he returned to heaven. He wants us to share the good news about Jesus with everyone we know!

- **Main Point:** God wants us to spread the good news about Jesus to the world!
- **Main Scriptures:** John 3:16, Matthew 28:19-20

Supplemental Activities

Sign Language Video

The series memory verse is presented on video in sign language for your group. Watch it weekly as you commit the bible verse to memory. This can be a great opening or closing activity for your group, whether in-person or online. Feel free to post this video on your social media pages and share it with your group during the series. Encourage your group to work on memorizing the verse outside of your weekly gatherings.



Coloring Pages

Coloring pages are not only for children anymore. Just look around your local bookstore under the section for adult coloring books if you doubt it. Print and make available the coloring pages for anyone interested in your group. If meeting online share the files either electronically or print and drop them off.

Word Searches

Weekly word searches are great for memory retention as they highlight keywords from each lesson. Print and make available the word searches for anyone interested. If meeting online share the files either electronically or print and drop them off.

Group Event Ideas

Baptism Celebration Event

Coming out of this series you may have several people who are interested in being baptized after lesson 5 "Repent, be baptized." Be ready for them by purchasing a [Baptism Decision Workbook](#) that best fits your group.

Have a baptism decision class, group, or study day already scheduled so you can plug people right in following The Gospel In 3 Words series. After that have a baptism celebration event also scheduled so people can plan on inviting their friends and family to this glorious day.

Day of Service and Sharing

Have an event planned after the completion of The Gospel In 3 Words series so your group can put into practice all that they have learned. You know your group best so plan something that everyone can get involved in. During this event encourage people to share the good news about Jesus with others. Below are a few suggestions. With any suggestion below or event idea, you come up with make

sure to get permission from the local business before showing up. Be creative and be brave! Putting your faith in action is the greatest thing that you can do for your group when it comes to making a lesson stick for a lifetime.

- Hand out FREE water bottles at a sporting event or local park. Have invite cards that can also be handed out or attached to the water bottles that both share the good news of Jesus with people and invite people to your church.
- Hand out FREE first-class stamps at the post office on Tax Day. Have invite cards that can be handed out that both share the good news of Jesus with people and invite people to your church.
- Hand out FREE reusable grocery bags at a local grocery store. Have invite cards that can also be handed out or attached to the grocery bags that both share the good news of Jesus with people and invite people to your church.
- Have a FREE car wash in your community. Have invite cards that can also be handed out that both share the good news of Jesus with people and invite people to your church.



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