Kids Church

31st Oct

**Good Gossip: John 1:35-51**

**Big Idea:**

When you know who Jesus is you’ll want to tell others, so they’ll know how good he is too.

**Discuss:**

* Have you ever heard the word gossip?
* What is it?
* What does it look and sound like?

Gossip is when you talk about someone to other people.

And it’s usually unkind and untrue.

But - there is such a thing as good gossip.

Talking about someone to someone else - and it’s all good - it’s all true.

John 1 shows us good gossip in action.

**Read:** John 1:35-51

International Children’s Bible

**The First Followers of Jesus**

**35**The next day John[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A+35-51&version=ICB#fen-ICB-25961a)] was there again with two of his followers. **36**He saw Jesus walking by and said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A+35-51&version=ICB#fen-ICB-25962b)]

**37**The two followers heard John say this. So they followed Jesus. **38**Jesus turned and saw them following him. He asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi, where are you staying?” (“Rabbi” means “Teacher.”)

**39**Jesus answered, “Come with me and you will see.” So the two men went with Jesus. They saw the place where Jesus was staying and stayed there with him that day. It was then about four o’clock.

**40**These two men followed Jesus after they heard about him from John. One of the men was Andrew. He was Simon Peter’s brother. **41**The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother, Simon. He said to Simon, “We have found the Messiah.” (“Messiah” means “Christ.”)

**42**Then Andrew took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked at Simon and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas.” (“Cephas” means “Peter.”[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A+35-51&version=ICB#fen-ICB-25968c)])

**43**The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” **44**Philip was from the town of Bethsaida, where Andrew and Peter lived. **45**Philip found Nathanael and told him, “Remember that Moses wrote in the law about a man who was coming, and the prophets also wrote about him. We have found him. He is Jesus, the son of Joseph. He is from Nazareth.”

**46**But Nathanael said to Philip, “Nazareth! Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

Philip answered, “Come and see.”

**47**Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him. He said, “Here is truly a person of Israel. There is nothing false in him.”

**48**Nathanael asked, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered, “I saw you when you were under the fig tree. That was before Philip told you about me.”

**49**Then Nathanael said to Jesus, “Teacher, you are the Son of God. You are the King of Israel.”

**50**Jesus said to Nathanael, “You believe in me because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. But you will see greater things than that!” **51**And Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth. You will all see heaven open. You will see ‘angels of God going up and coming down’[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A+35-51&version=ICB#fen-ICB-25977d)] on the Son of Man.”

**Conclusion:**

Good gossip!

When you hear something good, something amazing, you tell everyone.

And when you meet someone good, someone amazing, you want everyone to come and meet him too.

Andrew told his brother Peter.

Philip told his friend Nathanael.

And they all came to meet Jesus.

They met Jesus - God’s Son - God’s promised King.

And then they all followed him.

When you know who Jesus is you’ll want to tell others.

You’ll want to tell them so they’ll know how good he is too.

And like these men they’ll follow Jesus all the days of their life.

**Repeated Prayer** (encourage children to repeat each phrase after you) Dear God, – thank you – that because of Jesus – we can be saved. –

Please help us – to tell others – this great news about Jesus. – Amen

**Individual Prayer**

Ask the children to pray for the person they’d like to tell the one good thing about Jesus to this coming week.

**Craft/Construction:**

**Option one:** Recreate the story

* Using Lego or craft materials, build three roads that all lead to a centre point and meet up.
* Use Lego men, dolls, toys etc to retell the story.

**Option two:** Gossip Puppets

* Follow the link below
* Follow the instructions to make two puppets.
* Have fun practicing telling other the good news about Jesus.
* <https://www.favecrafts.com/Papercrafts/Simple-Folded-Paper-Puppets>