

Lesson 10 / February 5, 2012

What Jesus Did For Me

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for use as

STEP 1



Lesson 10 Focus:

Share what Jesus has done for you.

Lesson 10 Bible Basis:

Acts 25:13–26:32;
Matthew 10:16-20

Students will discuss how exciting it is to share with others when someone does something wonderful for them and explore being ready to share Jesus with others.

Materials:

- Internet access

Our parents and others who love us express their love in the things they do every day. But sometimes it's not as obvious as this (show the following clip from *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*):

<http://www.wingclips.com/movie-clips/cloudy-with-a-chance-of-meatballs/cals-birthday>

Imagine if your parents could surprise you on your birthday with something like that! That would be so memorable you'd tell everyone you could all about it! Now, you won't get something as dramatic as ice cream falling from the sky, but sometimes something small can hold very special meaning.

Discuss:

- ▶ Can you name a time when your parents—or someone else who loves you—did something to show how much they love you? (*Give your students an opportunity to think and share.*)
- ▶ What was memorable about what they did? What was your favorite moment?
- ▶ Why do we like it when people do something nice for us? (*Answers might include: it makes us feel special or loved, it shows they thought about us, etc.*)

When someone does something that surprises us, or makes us feel special or loved, it's hard not to contain it. Sometimes we can't wait to call our friends—or text them—and let them know what just happened.

- ▶ Why do you think we enjoy telling other people about something wonderful or special or surprising? (*Answers will vary.*)

When someone goes a long way—like the dad in the movie, or with some

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—Matthew 10:19-20

of the examples we shared this morning—to show us they love us, we usually want others to experience it, too. We can’t wait to tell others about it! Today, we’ll see how the apostle Paul wanted to share the way God showed His love for him; he wanted others to experience it, too.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher’s guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- Kid-friendly stationery
- Envelopes
- Internet access (optional)

Before class, purchase or print out some fun, kid-friendly stationery. You can find several appropriate options to print at:

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/stationery4.htm>

When something wonderful happens to us, we want to tell others. Whether it's a great birthday surprise or a memorable vacation, we can't wait to let others know about our experience.


Paul was excited to tell King Agrippa and Governor Festus about his experiences with Jesus, and we should be excited to tell others about what God has done for us.

Most of us have no trouble telling others about a favorite movie or book or song, but we struggle with knowing how to tell them about Jesus who has done more for us than anyone else ever could!

Hand out the stationery—one sheet of paper and one envelope per student. Today, we're going to write a letter to someone we know who needs to hear all that Jesus has done in our lives.

Now don't worry, this can be just a practice letter to help us get a feel for what we can say to them! It may be someone in our family or a friend from school, but think of someone you know who needs to hear all about the wonderful things Jesus has done for you. Who do you know that needs to hear the Good News?

Let students compose their letters any way they want. After they have had a chance to work on their letters, discuss:

-  **Did you have trouble figuring out what to say?** (*Answers will vary, but most students will say yes—it's not always easy to share the Gospel, even when we're excited about it.*)

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It’s okay if you did. Remember, you can mail these if you want, but you don’t have to. What’s great is that God promises to give us the exact words to say to the people we talk to! Remember what it says in Matthew 10:19-20! The Holy Spirit will speak through us—God Himself will help us know what to say.

All we have to do is to be ready to share Jesus with our friends. What He has done is greater than anything our parents could do—better than any movie we can see—or anything else. Whether you decide to mail your letter, or tell them in person, be sure to share what He has done with the people He brought to mind.

Close in prayer, thanking God that He will help us know the right time and moment to share what Jesus has done for us.

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