

Family Page



This week, help your children learn more about Jesus so that they can be joyous witnesses of God's love.



Read to the children from the New Testament. Tell them about the parables and how Jesus loved to teach through stories. Read to them about the marvelous miracles: curing the blind and deaf, walking on water, multiplying the loaves and fish.

Talk to the children about becoming witnesses to the wonderful news of God's love. Remind them how lucky they are to know Jesus. Explain to them how they can become "witnesses" to God's love by sharing God's words with others.

Have each child make a button. You can use a plastic can

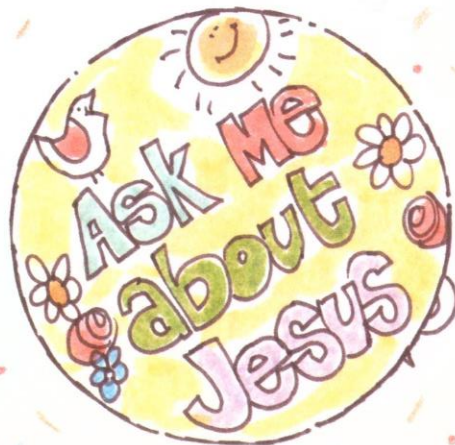
cover or a jar lid. Cover the lid with paper and decorate it with smile faces, flowers, or whatever makes the child feel happy. Add the words, ASK ME ABOUT JESUS. Tape a small safety pin to the back.

When the children wear their buttons, they might be surprised at how many people will ask them about Jesus. They can share the stories you had read together earlier in the week.

There is a chain reaction to this week's project. As parents, you will be witnessing to your children so that they may go out and witness to others.



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explaining GOD'S WORD

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Good News!

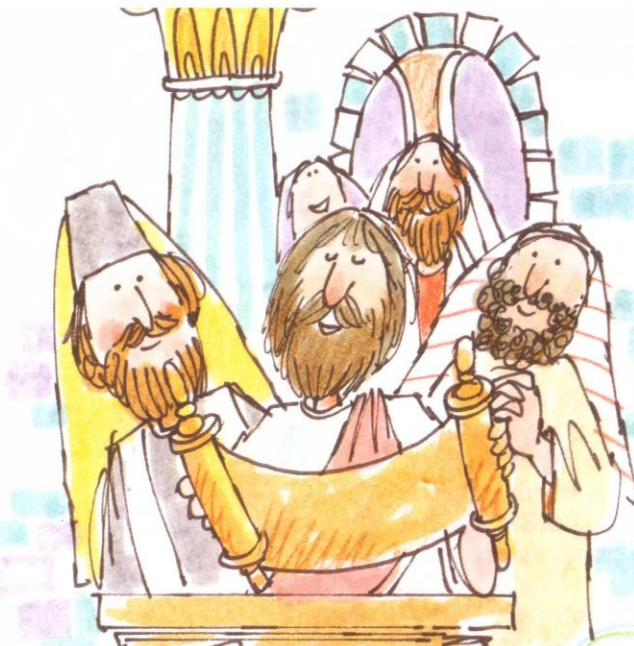
Jesus came to bring good news to the people. He brings good news to you today. In the petals of this flower, write some of the happy things Jesus has brought you (love, family, friends, and so forth).

Jesus Teaches in His Hometown

What if you had never heard about Jesus, the Son of God? What if he should come to your church and introduce himself? Would you believe him when he told you about all the things he would do while he was on earth?

In this week's gospel story, Jesus has just begun his work. The people did not know who he was. He went to the temple in Nazareth, the town where he grew up. He read to the people from a "scroll," a big roll of paper with words on it. The words were God's words. They had been written many years before. The words said Jesus would come. And they told all the wonderful things that Jesus was going to do.

Then Jesus did all those things that God's words had told about. He touched the eyes of the blind, and they were able to see. He prayed for the sick and lame, and they were healed. And the people learned about God's love. These were the GLAD TIDINGS, the GOOD NEWS that Jesus had come to bring. Now it's your turn — share the GOOD NEWS about Jesus.



GOOD NEWS SCRAMBLE

In these balloons are some of the happy things Jesus brings to you every day. How many can you unscramble?

