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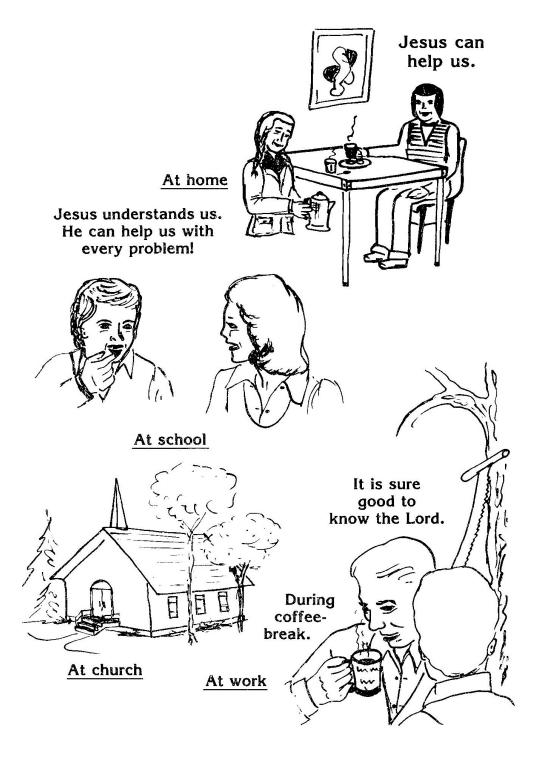
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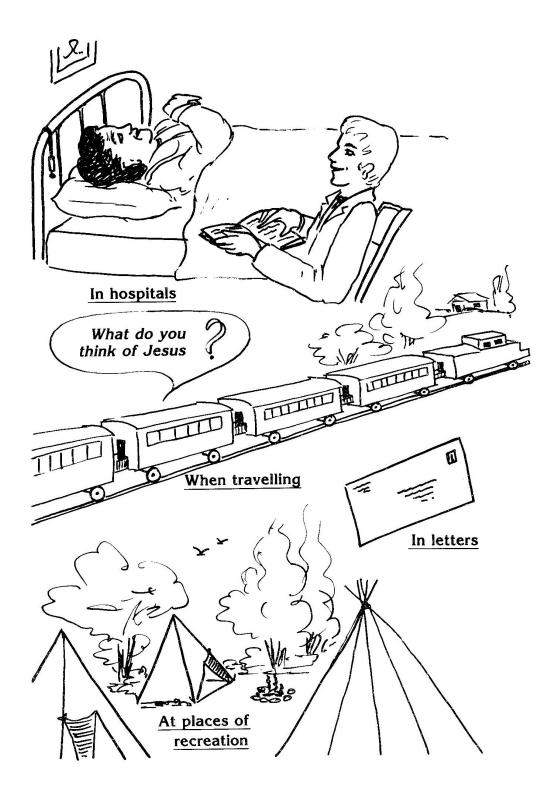
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LESSON 5

Personal Evangelism

Lesson 5 Where to Talk to People About Jesus





Where to Talk to People About Jesus

In this lesson we want to learn:

- 1. Why we should talk to one person at a time about Jesus
- 2. That we can talk to one person at a time about Jesus
 - 1) in our home
 - 2) when we visit in homes
 - 3) at work
 - 4) after a church service
 - 5) in hospitals and jails
 - 6) when we travel
 - 7) at places of recreation
 - 8) in letters

In this lesson we also want to:

- 1. Learn some new words
- 2. Memorize Bible verses
- 3. Do an assignment

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Where to Talk to People About Jesus

1. Why we should talk to one person at a time about Jesus

Some people go to church often, but they have problems which they cannot talk about in church. When we talk to one person at a time, we can help him with his problems. We can also help him understand the things he did not understand in church.

Some people do not go to church. These people should hear the

good news of Jesus. They have problems too. When we talk to one person at a time, he can tell us his problems. We can tell him the good news of Jesus. We can tell him how Jesus can help him.

2. We can talk to one person at a time about Jesus

1) We can talk to one person at a time about Jesus in our home

To our children

Our children should know the good news of Jesus. They do not understand everything the preacher says in church. They do not go to church every day. We should make sure our children understand how they can take Jesus into their life.

Our children are with us many hours each day. We should talk to each child about Jesus. The Bible tells us to do this.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:6,7

"Fathers, do not be too hard on your children so they will become angry. Teach them in their growing years with Christian teaching."

Ephesians 6:4 (NLB)

O ye parents, bring your children, The children the Lord has given you, Bring them to Jesus, the Savior, Pray that He will save them too.

Example

Jimmy was 5 years old. The Sunday school teacher said, "You must receive Jesus as your Savior." Jimmy did not understand these words. He asked his mother about these words.

Mother told Jimmy, "Jesus loves you, Jimmy. Jesus has a beautiful home in heaven. He wants you to be with Him someday. But sometimes you do bad things. You cannot take bad things into Jesus' home.

"Jesus knew you could not take bad things into His home. When

Jesus lived in this world, He let bad men put Him on a cross. Jesus did not do anything bad. But Jesus died for all the bad things people do. Jesus died for the bad things you do. Jesus wants to take these bad things away. He will take these bad things away if you ask Him. When you ask Jesus to take them away, He takes them away and He forgives you. This is what the teacher meant when she said, `You must receive Jesus as your Savior." This is what the verse in John 1:12 says,

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

To our brothers, sisters, parents, and relatives.

We should also talk to our brothers and sisters about Jesus. If our parents do not know Jesus, we should tell them about Jesus.

Example

Jesus set a man free from evil spirits. This man wanted to go with Jesus. But Jesus told him,

"Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' Sothe man went away and told all over town how much Jesushad done for him."Luke 8:39

To our visitors.

People come to visit us. Some people who visit us know Jesus. Some people who visit us do not know Jesus.

It is easy to talk about our work, our children, and the weather. It is easy to tell them news. Sometimes we tell them good news. Sometimes we tell them sad news. **Do we tell them the good news of Jesus Christ?**

Example

Mary came to visit Helen. Mary had lived in another town. They talked about Mary's work.

Then Helen asked, "How come you came to visit me today?"

Mary said, "I came to visit you because I have a heavy heart. I came all this way because I know you can help me."

Then Helen told Mary how Jesus wanted to take away her sin and give her a clean heart. Mary saw that she could know that she was forgiven, and that she was a child of God.

"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:12,13

2) We can talk to one person at a time about Jesus when we visit in homes

Many people have not taken Jesus as their Savior. Some people do not go to church. They do not visit Christian people. How can we tell them about Jesus? One way is to visit in their homes.

The first time we visit a home the people may not tell us their problems. We must show them we want to be their friends. When the people in this home accept us as their friends, we can tell them the good news of Jesus.

When we go to a home, we should tell them who we are. We should tell them from where we come.

Sometimes people ask us in for a cup of tea. This also gives us a good chance to talk to them about Jesus.

It is good for two or three people to go together to visit a home. No more than three people at a time should go to a home. When many people go, the people in the home may be scared. A husband and wife make a good team. Two fellows or two girls make a good team. Two fellows and one girl or two girls and one fellow make a good team. One single fellow and one single girl going together is not a good team, unless they are brother and sister.

3) We can talk to one person at a time about Jesus at work

Sometimes we work alone. Often we work with other people. Sometimes we work with Christians. Often we work with people who have not taken Jesus as their Savior.

The boss does not want his workers to just stand and talk. He pays them. He wants them to work. How then can we tell those with whom we work about Jesus? People watch what we do. A saying says, "What you do talks so loud I cannot hear what you say."

Jesus also says that people will know us by what we do (Matthew 7:20).

When we live to please the Lord, people will ask us questions. We can answer their questions.

Lunch time or coffee-break is a good time to talk about Jesus. Some may laugh at us or make fun of us, but they will always watch what we do and say.

Example

Jane worked in a hospital where the boss said, "You cannot sit and read the Bible to the patients." Jane knew this well. But Jane loved Jesus.

Mr. Bow was very sick. He would not live long. He often asked Jane to give him some water or to fix his bed. Jane was kind to him.

One day, as Jane was taking care of him, he said, "Jane, I am not a Christian. I am not ready to die. You are like my sister. You are happy."

Jane had memorized Bible verses. As she made his bed, she told Mr. Bow how he could take Jesus as his Savior. Mr. Bow asked Jesus into his life.

Mr. Bow was happy. He called his children and his sisters to come and see him. He told them, "Jesus has forgiven me. I am ready to die."

4) We can talk to one person at a time about Jesus after a church service

After a service we should watch for people who want help. The Holy Spirit will show us the person we are to talk to.

It is easy to talk to a person about Jesus right after a service. The person has heard the Word of God. He is still thinking about what he heard. (There should have been much prayer for the service. The Holy Spirit must be talking to this person.)

The person we talk to may not have understood something in the service. Maybe something keeps him from believing in Jesus. Maybe he has problems. People like this person often look for someone to help them.

5) We can talk to one person at a time about Jesus in hospitals and jails

When people are in trouble they often look for help. If they are in great trouble, they take hold of anything.

A person who knows he may not live long thinks, "Where am I going after I die?" Often he is ready to accept the good news of Jesus. But he needs someone to tell him the good news of Jesus.

The person in jail is lonesome. He cannot be with his friends and family. He is looking for a friend. We can tell him about our friend, Jesus. Some people take Jesus as their Savior because someone visited them in jail.

6) We can talk to one person at a time about Jesus when we travel

Many times we have a chance to talk to a person while riding on a train or a bus. The writer has had many wonderful times talking to people about Jesus Christ while riding on a train or a bus.

It is easy to give out tracts on streets, in buses, or on trains. We must be polite! If a person does not want to take a tract do not argue! To argue means to try to tell a person, "I am right and you are wrong!"

7) We can talk to one person at a time about Jesus at places of recreation

Many people come together at treaty days, races, rodeos, or in parks. These are good places to give out tracts. These are good places to talk to people. When a person is interested in talking about Jesus, we should find a quiet place to talk (maybe in a car).

Note: We should ask permission of those in charge of the place before handing out tracts!

8) We can talk to one person at a time about Jesus in letters

We can talk about Jesus in our letters. Have you tried it?

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New words:

- 1. **argue** to tell a person, "I am right and you are wrong!"
- 2. **diligently** very carefully, to do something continuously with all our strength, and the best we can
- 3. **recreation** pleasures that make people happy, usually where people play together and have fun together or just relax

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Verses to learn:

John 1:12

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

1 John 5:12,13

"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

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Assignment:

- 1. Where can we talk to people about Jesus?
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)

 - 4)
 - 5)
 - 6)
 - 7)

8)

- 2. It is important to talk to one person at a time about Jesus. Give two reasons for this.
 - 1)
 - 2)
- 3. John is a Christian. He is a tourist guide (fishing). How could John tell the tourists about Jesus?

- 4. Sam works at the sawmill. He stays with the other men in the bunk house. How can Sam tell the other men about Jesus?
- 5. Write out the verses you memorized in this lesson.

John 1:12

1 John 5:12,13

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