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APRIL

Too Young to Save Lives?

They began shouting praise to God for all the powerful works they had seen. They said, "God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord! There is peace in heaven and glory to God!" Some of the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell your followers not to say these things!" But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if my followers don't say these things, then the stones will cry out." Luke 19:37-40, EB.

If you live in Darien, Connecticut, you rely on teenagers to save your life. For 25 years Explorer Post 53, a division of the Boy Scouts of America, has had total responsibility for the town's ambulance service. Sixty teenage volunteers provide 24-hour emergency medical service. They're pretty busy, too, answering more than 1,000 emergency calls every year.

When the volunteers turn 14, they are given extensive first-aid training and are supervised by adult volunteers and paramedics, who do the tough medical procedures and give the medications. The teens train to be radio dispatchers, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), drivers, and crew chiefs.

The people in the town of Darien count on teenagers to help them in an emergency. In the same way, the people of your town and school rely on you to save them.

"But I don't have any medical training," you say.

Maybe not, but you have something even more important. You have training in eternal lifesaving skills. You know Jesus in a way that many people don't. You can help them to know Jesus too. You can answer their questions and rescue them from the disease of sin by bringing them to the Great Physician.

Won't you join God's volunteer lifesaving rescue squad now?

What does witnessing mean to you? When do you feel like you're witnessing? What kinds of witnessing are there? How is witnessing like being a volunteer in a rescue squad?

Ask your pastor about getting some information on friendship evangelism. Maybe he or she will teach a class especially geared for you and your friends.

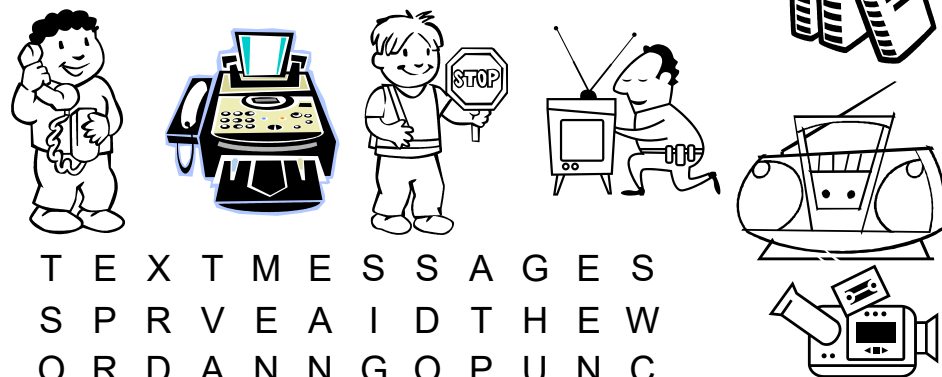
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Spread the News!

Sabbath

What do people do these days when they want to tell a lot of people about something?

Use the clues and then find the answers in the puzzle.



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Refer: Luke 2:8-21; Leviticus 12; The Desire of Ages p50-58; The Bible Story vol7 p35-46

Sunday

The same night that Jesus was born, shepherds were staying in the fields nearby, looking after their sheep. Suddenly, the sky became bright, and they saw an angel in front of them. They were scared, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you. News that will bring great joy to everyone! The Saviour, Jesus, has been born today in Bethlehem! And you will find him as a baby, in the stable lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a great choir of angels all praising God and singing, "Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace on earth, goodwill to all men!"

When the angels left, the shepherds hurried to the village of Bethlehem, to the stable. There they found Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus lying in the manger. When they left, the shepherds told everyone what the angel had said to them and what they had seen.



Now the Law of Moses said that eight days after a baby boy was born, he would be named, and thirty-three days after that the mother must bring a lamb as a sacrifice to the temple or if she could not afford a lamb, she could bring two doves or pigeons. At the required time, Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus to Jerusalem with two birds for the required sacrifice.

On the same day, a man named Simeon was waiting for them in the temple; he had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. When he saw the baby, he took Him in his arms and praised God, "Lord! You have done as You promised! Now I can die in peace; I have seen Your salvation, the glory of Israel and a light to the Gentiles." An old woman named Anna who was a prophet also saw them and praised God.

Then Mary and Joseph returned to Bethlehem.

Friday

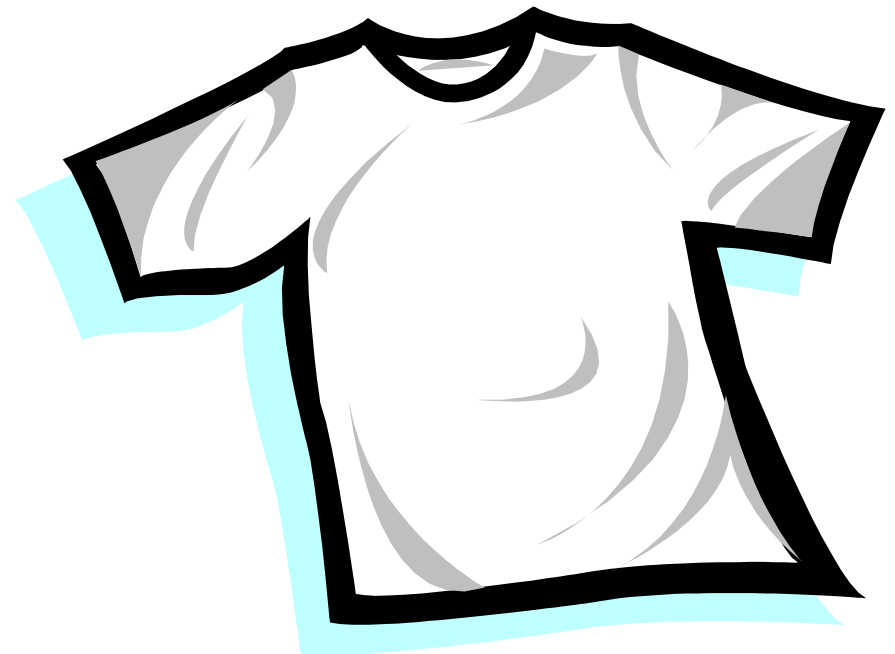
When you experience God's inner peace – you will be amazed too. And like the angels, you will want to share it too.

Here are some suggestions for advertising Jesus:

- ✚ Wear a T-shirt with a Christian logo – if people ask about it, tell them.
- ✚ If people ask what you did on the weekend – tell them you went to Church. They might ask more questions and then you can talk some more and maybe even invite them to come some time.
- ✚ Listen to Christian music on your ipod or MP3 player.
- ✚ Invite a friend to Sabbath School or Church, or to a Church social.

The best thing that you can do to share Jesus is to spend time with Him every day and ask His Holy Spirit to live in you and show you what to do.

Design a Christian t-shirt that would make people ask questions so that the person wearing it could tell them something about God.



Thursday

The angels were so amazed that Jesus, God's own Son, would lower Himself to come to earth to be born and that Jesus loved us so much that He was born in a stable, and grew up to die, so that we can be united with Him one day, and no one on earth even noticed! The angels were so amazed they had to tell someone and so they came to the shepherds, watching their flocks of sheep in the fields outside of the town.

Jesus commanded His followers to help Him return. Decode Matthew 24:13-15 to find out how.

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Monday

Everyday we are bombarded with advertisements telling us things like: "Buy this exercise machine and you will be fit!" "Buy this medicine and you will be healthy!" "Buy these clothes and you will look beautiful!" "Do this or do that and you will make lots of money!" ...and so on.

If you do what the ad says, will you be happy, or healthy, or rich, or beautiful? Sometimes. And sometimes, people are a bit happy for a while. But usually the feeling wears off, and then they are looking for something else to make them happy, healthy, rich, or beautiful.

Why do ads work? - Because people are not happy or satisfied on the inside; they don't have the inner peace that comes from God, they know that something is missing inside them, and they hope that they can buy something to fix it.

Last week we learnt that inner peace comes from the armour of God, particularly, the shoes of peace, which protect us from the annoying things around us. The formula from Philippians 4:6 & 7 reminds us that:

Ask + Thanks ⇨ Peace



When we talk to God about everything and thank Him for everything, He will give us His inner peace, which is greater than anything we can imagine.

And when we have this wonderful inner peace - like the shepherds, we will want to spread the news to others.



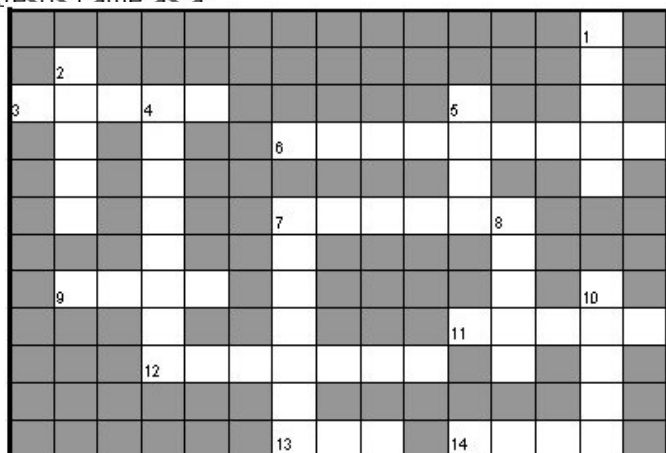
Tuesday

In music, each line or space between lines is a different note. Write the names of the notes in the spaces below to find out how the news was spread.



Answer these questions to solve the crossword. The answers are at the bottom if you get stuck.

- 1 Baby _____ slept in a manger
- 2 We live in the _____
- 3 Jesus came because He _____ us
- 4 Jesus loves _____
- 5 We can _____ others about Jesus
- 6 The Angels had _____ news
- 7a The _____ sang to the shepherds
- 7d _____ things happened the night Jesus was born
- 8 We can _____ the good news just like the Angels did
- 9 The Angels said they had _____ news
- 10 The shepherds were very _____ to see Jesus
- 11 The shepherds had a _____ story to tell everyone
- 12 The shepherds were _____ to hear about Jesus
- 13 _____ sent Jesus because He loves us very much
- 14 Jesus came as a _____



Wednesday

When you see or hear an advertisement for something, what makes you want to buy it?

- ☐ Catchy Music
- ☐ Flashing lights
- ☐ Pictures of people who look happy
- ☐ Promises or guarantees
- ☐ Discounted prices or sales
- ☐ Limited time offers
- ☐ Vouchers
- ☐ Pictures of good looking people
- ☐ Cute animals
- ☐ Someone telling how great it is
- ☐ Beautiful scenery
- ☐ Sparkles
- ☐ Something else _____
- ☐ I never want to buy anything

Design an ad to invite people to come to something at your Church.
(Like a special service or a social night)

Wonderful, everyone, amazing, excited, Angels, great, happy, Jesus, loved, share, world, good, tell, God.