

Theme

Sharing the Good News with others

Object**Scripture**

John 1:29-42

Today I need you to be eyewitnesses for me. Can you do that? Here's all you need to do. When you hear me say any word that has to do with seeing, put your hands on your eyes like a pair of glasses. Let's try that. (Practice with kids.) So, you'll listen for words like see, saw, watch. Ready? It is important for us to keep up with what is happening in the world, isn't it? One of the best ways to keep up is by watching the news. (Pause for kids to make glasses.) A typical news broadcast may have several live, on-the-scene reports. The announcer might say something like, "Fire destroyed a downtown business today. Channel 13 Eyewitness News reporter, Marci Brown, is at the scene. Marci?"

Marci would say, "Thank you, Bob. I am talking to Caleb Smith who witnessed the fire. Caleb, can you tell us exactly what you saw?" (Pause for kids to make glasses.) The eyewitness would then tell everyone what he saw. (Pause for kids to make glasses.) It really helps us to understand what happened when we have an eyewitness report, doesn't it? Even though there was no TV during the time that Jesus lived, eyewitness reports were still very important. One day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him. (Pause for kids to make glasses.) He said to the people with him, "Look! (Pause for kids to make glasses.) There is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one I told you about. I didn't know he was the Messiah, but when I baptized him, I saw (Pause for kids to make glasses.) the Holy Spirit coming down from the heavens like a dove. It came down and landed right on his shoulder. I saw it (Pause for kids to make glasses.) with my own two eyes and I tell you, this is the Son of God." When the people heard John's eyewitness report, it helped them understand and believe that Jesus was truly the Son of God. Okay, great job being eyewitnesses. You can stop making glasses now. Most people come to know about Jesus because someone else tells them about him. Perhaps it's their parents, a Sunday school teacher, a pastor, or a good friend. Who is someone who has told you about Jesus? Maybe your parent, a friend or a teacher. (Allow time for responses.) These people whom you named have given an eyewitness account of how Jesus changed their life. God wants all of us to be a part of his "Eyewitness News Team." What would you tell someone about what Jesus means to you? (Allow time for responses.) Whatever Jesus has done for you, tell others so they can know Him too.

Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son. Help us be witnesses so that others will come to know Your love as we do. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

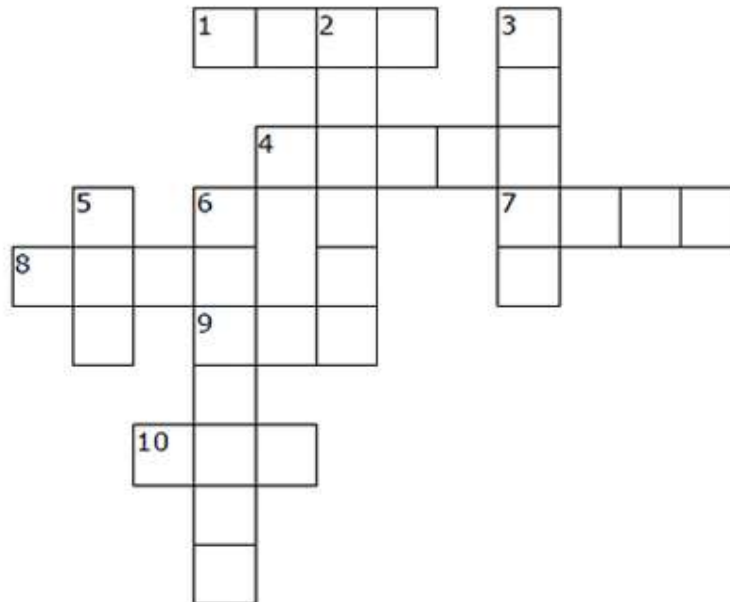
I Can Tell My Friends About Jesus
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God's Eyewitness News

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." John 1:32,34 (NIV1984)

Based on John 1:29-42



ACROSS

1. The man who baptized Jesus
4. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid; H₂O
7. A young sheep
8. A bird that is a symbol of peace
9. A male descendant
10. To break one of God's commands

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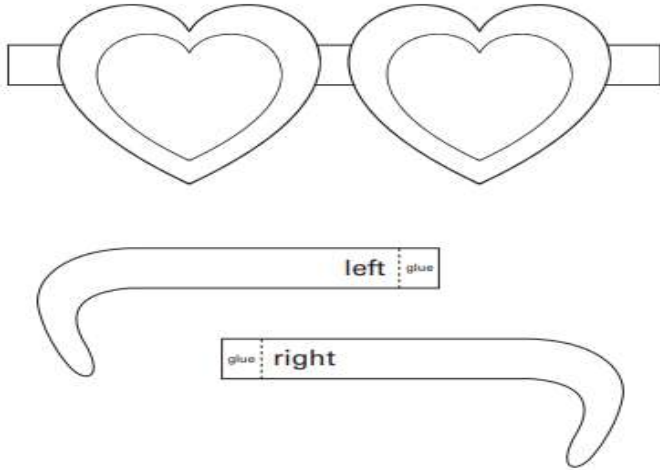
2. The place where God is
3. The earth and everything on it
5. The creator of heaven and earth
6. To make a statement based on personal knowledge

SIN	HEAVEN	LAMB	JOHN	WATER
GOD	DOVE	TESTIFY	WORLD	SON

Sunday School Crafts Activities: "Eyewitness Glasses"

Key theme: God's Eyewitnesses

EYEWITNESS GLASSES



Materials:

-Scissors -Markers -Small stickers -Stapler -Clear tape

How to Make It

- Cut out your glasses.
- Decorate your glasses with markers and stickers.
- Staple the earpieces to the glasses.
- Fold.
- Cover the staples with clear tape.

Lesson of the Day:

"God is at work around us all the time. This week, use your Eyewitness Glasses to look for things that God is doing. Once you see those things, you can be God's witnesses by telling others about what you see."