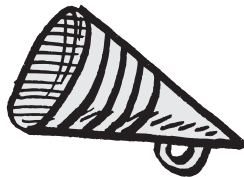


# THE GOSPEL



Paul urged believers to embrace the task before them—to be ambassadors of the gospel in the world. Paul knew that if the message of Jesus' love were to continue, it would have to be told by those who knew God's love!

The **megaphone** symbolizes the power of words. As a megaphone amplifies someone's voice, the Holy Spirit amplifies our words and our actions so that even greater things occur than we alone could make happen.

## 2 Corinthians 5:14–21

Since all had received a new life of grace and forgiveness in Christ, Paul called believers to share the good news of reconciliation. We are ambassadors for Christ, just as Paul had become an ambassador for Christ after his conversion. Motivated by the love of Christ, the reconciled have become reconcilers!

Check out these other Bible passages that connect with the theme of The Gospel!

- > **Acts 8:26-40** What can happen if we share the gospel?
- > **1 Corinthians 11:23-26** How is Holy Communion part of the gospel?
- > **1 Corinthians 9:16** What did Paul say would happen if he didn't proclaim the gospel?

## Talk about it!

Use these questions to connect with each other.

- > What is your favorite thing to talk about? Why?
- > Being an ambassador for Christ sounds like it could be a lot of work, but maybe it doesn't have to be. How could sharing God's message fit into your life?
- > Who is the most significant ambassador for Christ that you know? What could you learn from him/her?

## What are preteens thinking?

Kids this age can be unenthusiastic about religion. It might be hard for them to imagine being an ambassador for faith. Invite them to consider how their influence can reach where an adult's might not.

## Try this!

Talking about the things we love is fun—and easy! Brainstorm a list of at least five things your family loves. Who can be the best ambassador for each of those things in thirty seconds?

## Prayer

God, we are thankful that we know your love. Help us remember to share it with the people we know. Amen.