

Good News, Bad News

Parents, please paraphrase and modify to meet the age-appropriate needs, attitudes, and safety concerns of your family. Younger children can watch parents enjoying this activity to model healthy family life.

- #1 Say to your family members, "Let's take turns making up a silly story. Who wants to go first?"
- #2 One family member begins your story with a bad news situation. Another family member adds a good news twist to the story.
- #3 A family member might start with, "Bad news, there is a snake in the car." Someone can follow with, "The good news is it's not poisonous." Then someone could say, "The bad news is he looks cranky."
- #4 Continue the story in this fashion getting sillier as you go. End your story with some good news.
- #5 Say something like, "The bad news for us is that we can't do anything to save ourselves from sin. It is only through God's grace that we are saved (see Ephesians 2:8-10).
- #6 Now talk about the Good News of Jesus Christ. Say something like, "The Good News is the incredible message of salvation of sinful people through the death and resurrection of Christ. Jesus declared that the Kingdom of God was near. He preached that we should repent of our sins and believe in him. That's Good News!"
- #7 Answer the questions to the right.



Family Good News Questions:

- How does God's Good News make you feel?
- What did God save you from?
- Who, in your life, needs to hear the Good News of Jesus' love and forgiveness?

"Jesus went all over Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the good news about God's kingdom."
Matthew 4:23 (CEV)

"By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, we have peace with God."
Romans 5:1 (CEV)