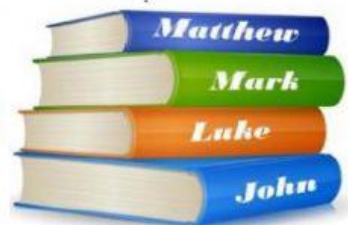


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## THE GOSPELS



**Read the information on "The Gospels." Answer the questions that follow.**

The Bible is divided into two main parts – **the Old Testament** and the **New Testament**. The New Testament is a record of Jesus' life and teachings. It is a collection of **twenty-seven** books written by a number of authors.

The first four books of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are called the **Gospels**. The first three of these are known as the "**synoptic gospels**," because they are similar in the way that they tell the story, often in the same sequence.

The word 'gospel' means "**good news**." The gospel writers were so excited about their "good news" that they wanted to **share it with others**. They wanted people to know that Jesus was the Messiah. They also wanted to preserve the message of Jesus for future generations.

The four gospels teach about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The divine nature of Jesus is revealed in the gospels (Christ, Son of God, Lord, Saviour etc.). The gospels teach that God has power to perform miracles and to forgive sins. Lessons on how to live are included in all of the gospels.

Christians have been given the responsibility to spread the good news about Jesus to others (Matt. 28:19). Individuals can spread the good news by showing love and helping others. The good news can be also spread through the print media, television and the internet.

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**Instructions: Use the words in the box to complete the sentences below.**

Matthew	life	Old Testament	resurrection
miracles	Mark	Luke	twenty-seven
gospels	showing love	good news	helping others
synoptic	New Testament	death	John

1. The Bible is divided into two main sections, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ books in the New Testament.
3. The first four (4) books of the New Testament **in order** are:  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
These books are called the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The word 'gospel' means \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the \_\_\_\_\_  
gospels because they share stories in a similar way.
6. The Gospel teaches us about Jesus \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. We can also find stories of the many \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus  
performed while on Earth.
8. Individuals can spread the good news by  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Why did the Gospel writers wanted to share the "good news?"  
Choose two (2) reasons.  
They wanted to be popular.  
They wanted people to know that Jesus was the Messiah.  
They wanted to preserve the stories for future generations.  
They were the best writers.

10. How can we share the "good news" today? Choose to pictures that show ways to spread the gospel.



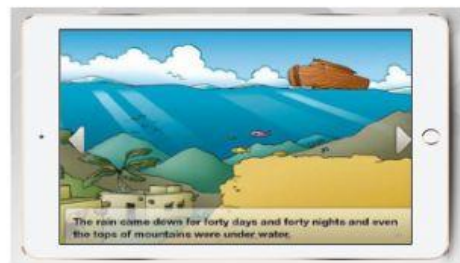
Print media: share the message on a billboard.



By being quiet at church



By dancing and partying with friends



By sharing the good news on electronic devices or social media platform.