

### Discussion & Application:

1. The word “**Gospel**” means “**Good news.**” Discuss different religions that you are aware of and their views on how people get to heaven. Do those views qualify as good news? Why or why not?
2. Answer the following questions: 1) If you were to die today, are you absolutely sure you would go to heaven? 2) If you were to die today and stand before God, and He asked you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?
3. On Easter, people often say, “**He is risen!**” followed by “**He is risen indeed!**” Why is the resurrection of Jesus important? What did it accomplish?
  - Rom. 1:1-4 – what does it prove about Jesus?
  - 1 Cor. 15 – list what would be true if Jesus didn’t rise from the dead. Then list what is true because He did.
  - Acts 2:22-36 –
  - Acts 17:30-31 –
  - Rom. 4:24-25 –
  - Rom. 5:10 –
  - Heb. 7:23-25 –
  - 1 John 2:1-2; Rom. 8:34 –
  - Phil. 3:20; Rom. 8:11 –
4. Review the **hand illustration**. What are the five main points? Note there is bad news mixed in with the good news. How is this message ultimately good news?
5. Practice sharing the Gospel with one another using the hand illustration. Keep doing it until you can do it from memory.
6. Pray about specific people you know that don’t yet understand the Good News of Jesus. Plan a time to share the Good News of the Gospel with them using the hand illustration.
7. Spend time today praising God for His free gift of salvation through Jesus. Celebrate the resurrection and all that it means.

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Selected Scriptures

### Easter 2026 – The Gospel

“The LORD is risen!” [*“He is risen indeed!”*]

The Gospel [Hand Illustration – Evangelism Explosion]

1. **Thumb** = \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 2:4-9; Acts 15:11; Titus 2:11; 3:4-5)
2. **Index finger** = \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 3:10-23; Eph. 2; Gen. 3; 6:5; Ps. 51:5; 2 Chron. 6:36; Eccl. 7:20; Jer. 17:9; Is. 53:6; 64:6; Is. 59:2; Rom. 5:12; James 4:17)

3. **Middle finger (longest)** = \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 2:17; Ex. 34:6-7; Nah. 1:2-3; Hab. 1:13; Prov. 17:15; Rom. 2:14-16; 6:23; Heb. 4:12-13; 13:4; 9:27; Rev. 20:11-13)

5. **Pinky finger (small / weak)** = \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 3:16; Acts 16:31; Mt. 3:2; 4:17; Mk. 1:15; Lk. 24:46-47; Acts 17:30-31; 20:21; 26:20; James 2:19; Mt. 7:21-23; Ps. 51: Lk. 15:17; 1 Thess. 1:9-10; 2 Cor. 7:10; 2 Pet. 3:9; Rom. 2:4; 10:9-10)

#### **10 Commandments Test (Ex. 20; Mt. 5; James 2:10)**

- 1: No other gods before Me.
- 2: No idols.
- 3: Not take the Lord's name in vain.
- 4: Keep the Sabbath holy.
- 5: Honor your father and your mother.
- 6: No murder.
- 7: No adultery.
- 8: No stealing.
- 9: No bearing false witness (lying).
- 10: No coveting.

**So what?**

4. **Ring finger** = \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 1:1-3, 14; Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 2:14-18; Phil. 2:5-8; Jn. 15:13; 1 Pet. 3:18; Rom. 3:21-26; 2 Cor. 5:14-21; Heb. 10:10, 14; Eph. 5:25-27; Rom. 8:1; Rev. 19:7-9; Acts 17:31; Heb. 10:26-31)

**“He is risen!”**