

FOLLOW MY GECKO

The Social Media buzz is hitting Terrene! And everyone is on board...except Lucille. She doesn't see the point, until she meets the website's creator!

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Spreading the Good News.

- 1. One of the last things Jesus told his disciples before he went back to heaven was to "Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world" (Mark 16:15). Do you know everyone in the world? How many people do you know?
- 2. In <u>2 Samuel 28</u>, King David was waiting eagerly to hear how his army was doing in a far-away battle. In verses <u>24-30</u>, David saw a runner coming from the battlefield to tell him, "We won! We won!" That runner was called an "evangelist"—someone who brings good news. That term is now used for someone who tells others the good news about Jesus. The news is the same: "We won! We won! Jesus died to make us right with God!" As you listen to this episode, think about how it feels to bring people good news.

Memory Verse

¹⁵ Then he told them: Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world.
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After You Listen

In this episode, Lucille finds the best reason of all to join the Gecko craze: sharing the gospel!

Imagine that everyone on the planet, including yourself, became sick with a life-threatening disease. What if you discovered a medicine that cured you and could heal everyone else as well? Would you stay quiet and keep what you knew about the medicine to yourself? Hopefully you said no! If you care about other people, you would want to share the cure with the whole world. Well, everyone's heart is very sick with a life-threatening disease called sin: the desire to do what we want instead of what God wants. Without the "medicine" of the gospel—the good news that Jesus loves us, died for us, and saves us from sin if we truly follow Him—we will be destroyed by this disease.

Today it's estimated that there are over two billion people in the world who haven't heard the gospel yet. God loves each and every person, and he wants his followers to keep spreading this life-saving good news. Jesus told his disciples to "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." If you are a follower of Christ, these words apply to you!

Want to dig deeper and learn more about sharing the good news? Check out <u>Acts 8:26-38</u>, <u>Romans 1:16</u>, and Colossians 1:6.

Challenge

Do you know how to tell someone about God's plan of salvation? It's good to review so you're ready whenever you have the chance. Write down the steps, or draw pictures if it helps you remember.

- 1. Start with God. God created everything. God has never sinned, and because of that, he will not allow sin in his presence.
- 2. Then go to us. We all sin. Our actions, our words, and our thoughts are full of sin. There is absolutely nothing we can ever do to be good enough to come before God. We can't have a relationship with God because of the huge ditch of sin that separates us from him.
- 3. Go back to God. He knows we are sinful, but he loves us anyway. He created us, and he wants to spend eternity with us, but his perfection can only be satisfied by a perfect sacrifice to pay for our sins.
- 4. Now introduce Jesus. Jesus is God's son and has a relationship with God that is so wonderful, we can't fully comprehend it. Yet Jesus willingly came to Earth, lived a perfect life as a human, and went to the cross to pay for our sins. Then he rose from the dead and conquered sin and death!
- 5. If we believe Jesus is our Savior and our Lord, we are reunited with God our Father. Our sins' penalty has been paid! We can talk to God at any time right now, and we look forward to a perfect relationship in heaven, where sin won't be able to destroy anything.

That's the gospel: the good news of God's rescue plan for us!

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: Who first introduces Lucille to My Gecko?

Answer: Julia.

Question 2: Why did Mrs. Trollscales invent My Gecko?

Answer: To have an easier time talking to other lizards.

Question 3: Who did Cole forget to invite to the radio studio?

Answer: Scooter.

Question 4: What does Lucille want to do with My Gecko?

Answer: She wants to use it to spread the news of Jesus' love with others.

