

Bible Skills: **The Gospels**

YOU WILL NEED: *Bibles and a Bible Book Chart.*

The Gospels

Ask the students: **Can anyone tell me where the Gospel of John is found in the Bible? Is it in the Old Testament or the New Testament?** (*Refer children to the Bible Book Chart.*) (Answer: New Testament)

Ask the students: **Can anyone tell me what the word “Gospel” means?**
(Answer: Good News)

SAY: Anytime I say “Gospel” I want you to shout, “*Good News!*”
Practice once.

SAY: The Gospel (*Good News!*) of John is the “Good News” of John about Jesus. In fact, there are four—everybody hold up four fingers and say “Four”—Four Gospels (*Good News!*) in the Bible.

Repeat after me: The Gospel (*Good News!*) of Matthew... The Gospel (*Good News!*) of Mark... The Gospel (*Good News!*) of Luke...and The Gospel (*Good News!*) of John.

SAY: These are the first four books of the New Testament.

SAY: Each of these four books is about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. So, even though Jesus only died once (Everybody hold up one finger), the Bible tells the story in four (Everybody hold up four fingers) places—in each of the Gospels (*Good News!*).