

KeyVerses05 Good News

Love follows knowledge. A new Believer needs to be fed, fed, fed until they can feed themselves. Here's the 5th of 11 KeyVerse series, each of them with 35 verses (7 weeks worth) to show care and content to a young Christian. This series features verses about the Good News of Jesus.

Examples:

Week 1 Day 1: a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. (Mark 1.1)

The Good News is all about Jesus, (name). He stepped into our world of suffering, troubles and confusion to bring God's life to us. Take time today to thank him for this good news, that God loves you and has given you a new start. Now you're forgiven and adopted into his family!

Week 2 Day 2: Is 61.1

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. (Isaiah 61.1)

The Good News comes into the mess of life, the brokenness of people, and gives us hope, (name). Now we can experience new life, because of Jesus. We can know God, be warmed by his love. He'll break the hold of habits and bad memories that have trapped us. God especially wants the poor to hear this. Tell God you want to be part of this powerful movement, to bring hope to broken people.

Verses to use Choose any verses you feel give insights about the Good News. Here's a sample list for your consideration (there are many more):

Week 1: Mark 1.1; Psalm 96.2; Isaiah 40.9; Isaiah 40.11; Isaiah 52.7

Week 2: Romans 10.15; Isaiah 61.1; Matthew 1.20-21; Matthew 1.23; Matthew 2.2

Week 3: Matt 2.11; Matt. 3.17; Matt. 4.23; Matt. 11.5

Week 4: Matt. 24.14; Mark 1.15; Mark 8.35; Mark 10.29-30; Mark 16.15

Week 5: Lk 2.10-11; Lk. 16.16; Acts 8.4; Acts 8.35; Acts 10.36

Week 6: Acts 20.24; Rom. 1.2-3a; Rom. 1.16; Rom 1.17; Rom. 2.16

Week 7: Rom. 10.16; Rom. 10.17; Rom. 15.20; Rom. 16.20; Rom. 16.25

To do: Copy the verse from a website like biblegateway.com, add a comment, and email it to a new Believer, Monday – Friday. If you can, pick the same time each day – make it something they anticipate.

Or if you wish, use/modify the 35 KeyVerses below.

Small things done in great love will change the world, one person at a time...

* this is the 5th series of KeyVerses; see also 1st series: *Believer – 35 Basic KeyVerses*; 2nd series: *Believer – 35 God KeyVerses*; 3rd series: *35 Jesus KeyVerses*; 4th series: *35 Spirit KeyVerses*

Series #5: Key Verses about the Good News of Jesus – English only
35 Verses to help a young Believer understand the Good News

Names of those getting the series (move name down one day at a time)

1. John Doe, started Jan 1/11
- 2.
- 3.

Week 1

Letter to introduce:

We'll start a new series of KeyVerses today, (name). These ones will help you understand how God brought us the best news, when we heard about Jesus. This news changes our life, and when we share it with others, they get changed too. I hope the new KeyVerse series encourages you!

Day 1: Mark 1.1

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Day 2: Ps. 96.2

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

Sing to the Lord; praise his name. Each day proclaim the Good News that he saves. (Psalm 96.2)

It's such good news, when you're in trouble beyond your ability to handle, that Jesus can rescue you, (name). Once we understand all he did to connect you with God, it's worth talking about to others!

Day 3: Is. 40.9

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

O Zion, messenger of Good News, shout from the mountaintops! Shout it louder, O Jerusalem.

Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, *Your God is coming!* (Isaiah 40.9)

Isaiah, a man of God, told the people of God Jesus was coming, hundreds of years before he was born. They had to look forward and believe God would keep his promise. Now we know he did. God has come to us, in Jesus. It's worth celebrating today, (name), that God keeps his promises.

Day 4: Is 40.11

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

He [Jesus] will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart. He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young. (Isaiah 40.11)

When you belong to Jesus, how is he going to care for you? Like a shepherd with his flock of sheep. You're really valuable to him, (name). He will feed you, carry you along, lead you forward. And hold you close to his heart. So great to be loved by God!

Day 5: Is. 52.7

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings Good News, the Good News of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns! (Isaiah 52.7)

Someone had to tell us, so we could know the Good News, (name). They didn't just keep it to themselves, they decided to bring it to us. Let's be the same way, going to others, showing them Jesus will make them a friend of God.

(List three people you want to hear the Good News about Jesus, so they could become Christians. Pray for them once a day, six days a week. Make it your 3•1•6 prayer plan)

Week 2

Day 6: Rom. 10.15

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

And how will anyone go and tell them [about Jesus] without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring Good News!” (Rom 10.15)

This is the same verse as last time, (name). Now it can become part of our personal life, the chance to bring Good News to others. Everyone has a career in life - that's important to us. We also get to have a calling from God, to take his message about Jesus to others. It's just as important. Ask God to help you obey his call and show you how.

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Day 8: Matt. 1.20-21

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

“Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son,

and you are to name him Jesus, for he'll save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1.20-21)

The Good News isn't something we dream up, (name). It's not something we create. No, it's God's gift to us, starting with a miracle baby. Only one who is all God and all human, Jesus, could ever free us from the prison of sin we're in. He did! Thank God today, he cared enough to send his son to us.

Day 9: Matt. 1.23

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means *God is with us.*" (Matthew 1.23)

Before the Good News, you were an outsider, God's enemy. You had no hope of connecting to him – none of us did. Then Jesus came to where we were, outside, and invited us back to God. Now we're insiders, belonging to God. Now God is with us, our forever-companion. Take time today to consider God's humble love, (name), that he'd be willing to become your friend.

Day 10: Matt. 2.2

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[the wise men asked] "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." (Matthew 2.2)

We all worship something, (name). Perhaps it's ourselves – *I'm God!* – or it's money. Or a love-romance. God made us to worship him, to be awestruck with his greatness. Because God's son Jesus has come, we must make a choice: will Jesus be my King, with the right to rule my life? Or will I stay in control? Will I worship him, giving him the awe and respect he deserves? Today tell God, *Yes, I want Jesus as my King. I join these wise men, to worship him. (What did you "worship" before you became a Christian? What made you change, to worship Jesus?)*

Week 3

Day 11: Matt. 2.11

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[The wise men] entered the house and saw the child [Jesus] with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2.11)

The Good News starts when God gives us his son, Jesus. The Creator of everything comes to us as an infant! So amazing, (name)! And we get to love him, give him gifts, like the wise men did. What will you give him today?

Day 12: Matt. 3.11

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[John the Baptist:] I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He'll baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (Matthew 3.11)

Before Jesus went public, John announced his coming: the Greatest One of all. He alone has the power to change us, to give us a new life, new Spirit, and put passion in our life for God and for his kingdom. Ask God to give you more "fire", (name), more passion for him, more of the Spirit.

Day 13: Matt. 3.17

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[after Jesus' baptism] A voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." (Matthew 3.17)

Finally a human would be all God created us to be! Jesus would be totally obedient, would delight to follow God his Father, would be full of love and light. There's never been anyone like Jesus, (name). He's the one who introduces you to God, and brings you back into friendship with him. This is what we want God to say about us: dearly loved... brings me great joy. Ask Jesus to give you the power to be like him, to obey and delight in God.

Day 14: Matt. 4.23

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. (Matthew 4.23)

God is interested in every part of us, (name). Ultimately he will reverse any consequence of sin, including sickness and death. It started with Jesus. When he returns, there will be no more sickness or suffering, no more death. How great! Today ask God to care for those around you who are struggling, suffering, sick.

Day 15: Matt. 11.5

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Jesus] The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor. (Matthew 11.5)

No one really cares about the poor, (name). The banks want their money, the politicians use them. They're the first to suffer in a famine, in a disaster, in a war. They're nobodies. But not to God. He showed his love for the poor, by sending Jesus to them. If we are followers of Jesus, we should care for the poor too. How can you do that today? Ask him... **(How can you and your Christian friends be more involved to care for the poor?)**

Week 4

Day 16: Matt. 24.14

[Jesus] And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come. (Matthew 24.14)

Jesus has told us plainly, he will return for us, and he'll bring an end to world history. Before that, the Good News must get to all the nations, (name), so everyone has a chance to find God and follow Jesus. Ask God what you can do to be part of this great challenge.

Day 17: Mark 1.15

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

“The time promised by God has come at last!” [John the Baptist] announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!” (Mark 1.15)

God has decided to bring his way of living close to us, (name). That’s what the Kingdom of God is, living like Jesus did, in the messy world we’re in. It means we must stop sinning – being independent of God – and start depending on him to live a new way. Tell God this is what you want, to live like Jesus, more and more, starting today.

Day 18: Mark 8.35

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Jesus]: If you try to hang on to your life, you’ll lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you’ll save it. (Mark 8.35)

If we are to carry the Good News to others, (name), it will cost us something. We will have to give up our own desires and plans, and ask God to train us and motivate us, so we can be his partner to help others come to him and become like Jesus. Are you willing to give up your life to Jesus?

Day 19: Mark 10.29-30

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

“Yes,” Jesus replied, “and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life. (Mark 10.29 – 30)

When we give up everything to God to be a follower of Jesus, he gives back to us, (name). We get many good things from him, including a world-wide family of brothers and sisters. But Jesus warns us: we’ll also be persecuted. Because people hate the Good News of Jesus, they’ll hate us too. Ask God to make you willing to give up your life for him, no matter what happens.

Day 20: Mark 16.15

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

And then Jesus told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. (Mark 16.15)

Whatever we’re doing, wherever we’re going, Jesus wants us to take the Good News with us. This is our privilege, (name), to be his ambassador, showing the change he’s made in our life, and inviting others to turn away from sin and start believing in him. Tell Jesus you want to be this kind of person, representing him wherever you go. **(What would it be like to be the ambassador for your country? What would be similar, being an ambassador for Jesus?)**

Week 5

Day 21: Luke 2.10-11

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

But the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you Good News that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! (Luke 2.10-11)

This is part of the Christmas story, (name). Usually we don’t think of it except at Christmas. But it’s worth reminding ourselves, God plans to give us great joy in life, because of Jesus. Joy because we’re loved, because we can connect with God, because we can finally know what life’s about. Don’t miss this great joy! Ask God to help you enjoy life, because Jesus, the Messiah, has come.

Day 22: Luke 16.16

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Jesus] “Until John the Baptist, the law of Moses and the messages of the prophets were your guides. But now the Good News of the Kingdom of God is preached, and everyone is eager to get in. (Luke 16.16)

There are people around us who want to find God. They’d respond to him, if they only knew the Good News, (name). That’s what Jesus is telling us – they’re eager to come to him. Ask God to show you how to find them. We want to help them believe in God and follow Jesus.

Day 23: Acts 8.4

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

But the believers who were scattered [because of persecution] preached [gossiped] the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. (Acts 8.4)

This is often how the Good News gets spread, (name). These people had to leave their city, because they were being persecuted as Christians. But that didn't stop them from telling others.

Even in their troubles, they talked about Jesus. Let's do the same, finding ways to introduce people to Jesus, even if our life has lots of troubles.

Day 24: Acts 8.35

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him [the treasurer of Ethiopia] the Good News about Jesus. (Acts 8.35)

Philip, a Christian, met a man reading part of the Bible. The man had questions. Philip answered them, then told him about Jesus. When someone starts asking spiritual questions, (name), you can tell they're a Seeker. Ask God to help you point them to Jesus, so they can trust in him.

Day 25: Acts 10.36

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Peter] This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. (Acts 10.36)

The message is for us too, (name), even if we're not Israelis. God wants to become our friend. Jesus takes us to him and makes peace for us. Now we're not his enemy, at war against him. No, we get adopted into his family! Thank God today, Jesus made peace with God for you. **(Imagine you're an orphan, unloved, unwanted. Then someone adopts you! How would you feel? How should those same feelings affect you, being in God's family now?)**

Week 6

Day 26: Acts 20.24

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Paul] But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. (Acts 20.24)

How would you finish this sentence, *My life is worth nothing to me unless...* Paul shows how a mature Christian would finish it, (name). They don't measure success by the possessions they have, or their career, or their family. No, they'd waste their lives if they didn't help others hear the Good News about Jesus. Ask God to give you this kind of attitude to life.

Day 27: Rom 1.2-3a

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Paul] God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. The Good News is about his Son. (Romans 1.2-3a)

Many would say that Good News must mean money, or good health, or success. But God says it's a Person, Jesus. If we have Jesus, (name), we are connected to God, and all his goodness to us. Take time today to consider how Jesus is Good News to you.

Day 28: Rom 1.16

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Paul] For I'm not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It's the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. (Romans 1.16)

It doesn't matter who a person is (name). If they will open their life to God's Good News, it will transform them. It's very powerful! Let's not be ashamed to talk about Jesus, so others can experience life change too.

Day 29: Rom 1.17

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Paul] This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It’s through faith that a righteous person has life.” (Rom 1.17)

Most people try to do good works to get right with God. It’s like climbing a ladder, with God at the top. No one can do it – it takes perfection. Jesus came down the ladder to us, and lived the perfect life. Faith means we depend on him, not our own goodness. Thank God today that he sent Jesus to live and die for us, and rise again. Ask God for more faith, (name), more dependence on him.

Day 30: Rom 2.16

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Paul] And this is the message [gospel] I proclaim—that the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone’s secret life. (Romans 2.16)

Part of the Good News is bad, (name). It’s not good news to those who hate God, or reject him.

God will pick a day when their secrets will be revealed, and God will throw them away, if they have refused to follow Jesus. Before that comes, let’s do all we can to help people see the bad news, and respond to the Good News of Jesus.

(Imagine not being a Christian, standing before God the Judge. He reviews everything – thoughts, motives, words, actions – all your life. Now imagine your friends facing this. They will! Why is this a good incentive to tell them the Good News about Jesus?)

Week 7

Day 31: Rom. 10.16

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Paul] But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, “Lord, who has believed our message?” (Rom. 10.16)

This shouldn’t make us mad, (name), that some reject the Good News. It should make us weep. They’re missing the chance to start again in life. They’ll not get the one true Friend, Jesus. And they’ll miss God’s Dream for their life. What a tragic waste! Yes, ask God to help you weep because people reject Jesus.

Day 32: Rom .10.17

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Paul] So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. (Rom. 10.17)

What gives us faith? We become more confident to depend on Jesus when we hear the stories in the Bible, and his teachings, (name). That's why it's so important for you to read the Bible and "feed" yourself spiritually. The more you hear God speak to you through the Good News, the stronger your faith is. Tell God, *that's what I want!*

Day 33: Rom 15.20

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Paul] My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else. (Romans 15.20)

Many Christians consider themselves lucky they got to hear the Good News. So many haven't even heard. There are no churches nearby, no Christians to tell them. They can't respond because they don't know. Let's do something about this, (name)! What can you do?

Day 34: Romans 16.25

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Paul] Now all glory to God, who is able to make you strong, just as my Good News says. This **message about Jesus Christ has revealed his plan for you Gentiles, a plan kept secret from the beginning of time.** (Romans 16.25)

For each of his children, God wants his Good News to become *my Good News*. It's no secret to us, the message about Jesus, but it is to many others, (name). Ask God to help you own the Good News, and make it an open secret to friends around you.

Letter to conclude series:

This is the last verse in the KeyVerse series about the Good News, (name). Next

week we'll start a series on God's Word. I'll be glad to send them to you. But if you're too busy to read them, let me know, k. I'll not send any more. Thanks!

Day 35: 1 Cor. 3.5

a KeyVerse for you about the Good News:

[Paul] After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We're only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. (1 Cor. 3.5)

This is how the Good News comes to others, (name). We each do our part. Tell God you want to be in this great, world-wide team of Christians, planning and praying and working so others can hear the Good News. Not only hear, but believe! This is the Grand Adventure of life! Don't miss it! **(What's your part right now, giving the Good News to others? Are you satisfied you're serving God well? What else could you try to do?)**