

7th Grade New Testament (Gospels)**Lesson Plan:** Introduction (Why do we have four Gospels?)**Grade:** Books of Bible Quiz**Learning Goal:** Through a “hands on” activity, students should understand how eye witness accounts can differ slightly in emphasis and detail while still being true. This should begin to help students answer the question of why we have four gospels in the New Testament.**Question:** What makes a good witness?

Prayer.

Review Names.

Begin with Quiz over the Books of the Bible

Observation Activity

Students will watch a 90 second video clip from the movie “To Save a Life” and will write a one paragraph summary describing the scene. Prior to watching the clip, however, students will be asked to choose cards with specific instructions for them as they watch the clip. On each card, the student will be given a specific perspective from which to write and a specific audience to which to write. For example, one student might be given the role of a reporter writing about the scene for a fashion magazine. Another student may be asked to write from the perspective of a preschool teacher who is describing the video to her class of 4 year olds. Another student might be asked to write from the perspective of a time traveler, telling about the scene as though they were explaining it to some living 150 years ago. The students will be told not to share what is on their card with anyone else in the class.

After they have watched the clip and written their description, we will take turns reading our description to the class. It should be obvious that, although we saw the same thing and wrote descriptions of the same clip, the stories are radically different. This will be connected to the Gospel accounts - different authors writing for different audiences. Therefore, their focus will be different and details might be slightly different.

<p>You are a reporter for a fashion magazine. You are writing a report to focus on the styles of clothing presented in this particular scene.</p>	<p>You are a preschool teacher. Write a description of the scene for your 4 year old students. Be sure to write in a way that they would understand.</p>
<p>You are a time traveler from 1864. Write a description of the scene for the people in 1864. Pay attention to things that may be different from then until now.</p>	<p>You are a middle school student in 2014. Write a description of the scene to describe it to your friends.</p>
<p>You are a member of the church youth group mentioned in the scene. Write a description of the scene as you would report back to the youth minister about what was happening at school.</p>	<p>You are a member of the same basketball team as the guys in the scene. Write a description of how you would report what you saw to the rest of the “cool guys” on the team.</p>
<p>You are a reporter for the evening news. Write a description of the scene for an educated, adult audience.</p>	<p>You are an alien from another planet visiting earth. Write a description of the scene to explain what you think are the cultures and norms of the society depicted.</p>