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CARD GAME

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Good News! Card Game

For 2 to 8 players

Ages 10 and up

Proclaim the Good News!

Setup

Shuffle the deck and deal 9 cards to each player.

Place the remaining cards in the center to form the draw pile. Turn over the top card and place it next to the draw pile to form the discard pile.

Objective

Be the “Proclaimer of the Good News!” by being the first to collect 9 cards, one from each of the following categories:

- Apostles
- Gifts of the Spirit
- Fruits of the Spirit
- Corporal Works of Mercy
- Sacraments
- Parables
- Beatitudes
- Miracles
- Woman Disciples

Play

If you are to the left of the dealer, you go first. Draw a card from either the draw pile or the discard pile, and then discard one from your hand onto the discard pile. As you discard, tell what you know about what is written on the card. If you do not have something to say, other players should chime in. Then it becomes the next player's turn.

Gospel Writer Cards

There are 4 Gospel Writer cards in the deck. These are wild cards and may be used to replace any other cards in your hand.

Winning

Continue taking turns, drawing and discarding. If you are the first one to collect one card from each of the nine different categories, shout, "Good News!" You win!

Alternative Ways to Play Good News! Card Game

Good News! In Kind

For 2 to 8 players

Setup

Shuffle the deck and deal 7 cards to each player. Place the remaining cards in the center to form the draw pile. Turn over the top card and place it next to the draw pile to form the discard pile.

Objective

Score the most points by collecting sets of the different kinds of cards.

Play

This game will be played in four rounds, each round requiring you to collect cards of the same kind:

Round 1. Three of a kind

Example: three Sacraments

Round 2. Four of a kind

Example: four Beatitudes

Round 3. Four of a kind plus one pair

Example: four Corporal Works of Mercy
plus two Apostles

Round 4. Four of a kind plus three of a kind

Example: four Fruits of the Spirit plus
three Woman Disciples

If you are to the left of the dealer, you go first. Draw a card from either the draw pile or the discard pile, and then discard one from your hand onto the discard pile. Then it becomes the next player's turn.

There are 4 Gospel Writer cards in the deck. These are wild cards and may be used to replace any other cards in your hand.

When you assemble the cards required for a round, lay them down on the table, ending the round.

Scoring

If you are the first to complete a round, score as follows:

Round 1: 3 points

Round 2: 4 points

Round 3: 6 points

Round 4: 7 points

Winning

After the completion of all four rounds, the player with the most points wins.

Team Play

For 2 to 12 players in 2 teams

Divide into two teams. Separate the Gifts of the Spirit and Fruits of the Spirit cards from the deck, and set the rest of the cards aside, out of play. Shuffle the Gifts and Fruits cards and place them in the center between the two teams.

One team member draws a card and reads its description. If, on the first try, any members of the other team can guess which gift is being described, they keep that card. Then it becomes the other team's turn.

Teams continue to take turns. When the cards are exhausted, the team with the most cards wins.

Chance

For 4 to 7 players

Shuffle the entire deck and deal 10 cards to each player, face-down in a pile. Players should not look at their cards. All players simultaneously turn over the top card. As long as your card's category matches that of another player, you may put it aside, out of play. If your card's category does not match anyone else's, take it and put it face-down at the bottom of your card pile. Then everyone simultaneously turns over a new card. Continue to play this way until one player exhausts his or her card pile. If you are the first to get rid of all your cards, you win.



The Apostles

Simon Peter

One Who Is Sent

- The one who became the first Pope

Matthew 26:69–75

Mark 14:66–72

Luke 22:54–62

John 18:15–18,25–27



The Apostles



The Apostles

Matthew

One Who Is Sent

- Also called Levi
- The tax collector

Matthew 9:9

Mark 2:13–17

Luke 5:27–32

The Apostles





Gifts of the Spirit

Wisdom

We see God at work in our lives and in the world. The wonders of nature, historical events, and the rhythm of our lives take on a deeper meaning and purpose.

Isaiah 11:2

Gifts of the Spirit





Gifts of the Spirit

Understanding

We comprehend how we need to live as a follower of Jesus Christ. A person with understanding is not confused by all the conflicting messages in our culture about the right way to live.

Isaiah 11:2

Gifts of the Spirit





Fruits of the Spirit

Love

Open to giving unselfishly of ourselves without limit, and willing to receive the goodness and gratitude of others.

Galatians 5:22

Fruits of the Spirit





Fruits of the Spirit

Joy

The happy spirit and positive attitude, which flows from loving others.

Galatians 5:22

Fruits of the Spirit





Corporal Works of Mercy

When I was hungry, you gave me
food to eat.

Matthew 25:35

Corporal
Works of Mercy





Corporal Works of Mercy

When I was thirsty, you gave me
a drink.

Matthew 25:35

Corporal
Works of Mercy





Sacraments

Marriage

Marriage is an exclusive, permanent, and lifelong contract between a baptized man and a baptized woman in which they commit themselves to care for each other and to procreate and raise children.

Matthew 19:1–12

Ephesians 5:31–33

Sacraments





Sacraments

Baptism

Baptism is the first of the Seven Sacraments, by which one becomes a member of the Church and a new creature in Christ.

Matthew 28:19

Sacraments





Parables

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

A Pharisee and a tax collector went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee thought he was better than the tax collector, and told God all the great things he did, while the tax collector asked for God's mercy. We must be humble before God.

Luke 18:10–14

Parables





Parables

The Sower

A sower threw seed on the ground. The seed sown on the *path*, on *rocky ground*, and among the *thorns* was lost. But when the seed fell on *rich soil*, it grew, bearing fruit a hundredfold.

Matthew 13:3–17

Mark 4:3–9, 14–20

Luke 8:5–8, 11–15

Parables





Beatitudes

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:3

Beatitudes





Beatitudes

“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.”

Matthew 5:4

Beatitudes





Miracles

Healing of the Blind Man

A man was blind from birth and Jesus gave him back his eyesight. Jesus smeared mud on the man's eyes and told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. The man went and washed and came back able to see.

John 9:1–41

Miracles





Miracles

Wedding Feast of Cana

Jesus performed his first miracle at his mother's request. He changed the water that was in six stone water jars into wine at the wedding in Cana in Galilee.

John 2:1–12

Miracles





Woman Disciples

Phoebe

Follower of Jesus

- A deaconess
- Courageous
- Trusted by Paul
- Served as Paul's messenger to Rome

Romans 16:1–2

Woman Disciples





Woman Disciples

Suzanna

Follower of Jesus

- Associated with Mary Magdalene and Joanna
- Provided for Jesus out of her own resources

Luke 8:3

Woman Disciples





The Gospel of Matthew

This Gospel emphasizes Jesus as a teacher and prophet like Moses; Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah, and Lord.



The Gospel of Matthew



The Gospel of Mark

This Gospel emphasizes Jesus as the Suffering Servant of God, Son of Man, Son of God, Messiah, and Lord.

The Gospel of Mark

