

Theme: with Honors!  
Lesson 2: I Can Make The Grade!

*Team Assignments*

JUMP START!

**Good Grades!**

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BIBLE VERSE

**Philippians 4:13**

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TRUTH!

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PREACH IT!

**Paul Makes a Big Change**

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**Become The Message**

After you have studied and prayed for this message, you shouldn't have to look at too many notes. For your benefit, here is a quick "flow of the message" or "outline" for you to follow (either for your team assignments or your personal outlines.)

Other Notes:

Wednesday: Break into small groups for discussion

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## JUMP START!

### Good Grades!

Start by acting a bit nervous because your boss just gave you your “report card.” “I don’t know why I get so nervous every time I get a ‘report card.’ I guess I just keep remembering back to when I was a kid. One time I guess I decided that I really didn’t need to learn all the stuff that my teacher wanted me to learn. So I just start fooling around each day. Sure enough, one day my report card showed up. Do you think I did very good? Well, actually I didn’t do too bad. I got some Cs on my report card. But, before I had always gotten As and Bs. My parents had a long talk with me. You see, they knew I wasn’t giving my studies my best effort. They told me that I will always be graded on what I am doing for the rest of my life. If I want to succeed, I always need to do my best. Well, ever since then, I have always tried to do my very best. So I don’t think I have too much to worry about with this report card.” (Open up card and read your boss’ remarks.)  
“Thanks for always doing your job with excellence. We appreciate you being one of our employees.’ Yep, that felt good—I always want to make good grades!”

### Needs:

- Report Card

## BIBLE VERSE

### Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

## TRUTH!

### I Can Make The Grade!

- Everybody say, “I can make the grade.”
- With Jesus, you can do anything.
- You will have to work hard at it, but Jesus will see you through.
- You can be a wonderful student in school and in life!

## PREACH IT!

### Paul Makes a Big Change Acts 9:1-9

Highlight the differences in Paul's life before and after he gave Jesus his heart. Show how Paul went from killing people because of Jesus, to spreading the gospel of Jesus around the world.

**Before:** Paul was flunking out by persecuting anyone who followed Jesus.

**After:** Paul meets Jesus and makes the best grades of all by telling everyone he meets about Jesus.

Paul changed his grades so much, that he even changed his name. He went from being called Saul to being called Paul. He just wasn't the same person anymore. When we give our hearts to Jesus, he can change us too, if we're willing. With his power and strength we can change so much, that people will wonder if we're the same person.

## SHOW IT!

### Ingredients!

Bring in the items for making a cake or something.

Say something like, "If I were going to make a cake, what kind of ingredients would I need?" Let the kids give you some answers. "Good. Now here's my ingredients. I have a cake mix, some eggs, some oil... This will make a wonderful cake. Everyone will know I did a wonderful job on this cake."

"If I want to make good grades, what do I need to do?" Again, let the children give you some answers. "That's right. In order to make good grades, I need to listen in class, I need to study hard, and I need to pray. If I do those three things, Jesus will help me to do my best. I can make the grade."

### Needs:

- Items for making a cake