Good Tidings

UNEXPECTED RESOURCE COLLECTION

Special Delivery

from the Good Tidings Bird



A Note to Teachers and Families

GOOD TIDINGS POST

Small deliveries. Big imagination!

Welcome to *Special Delivery* from the Good Tidings Bird!

The Good Tidings bird has a very important job—delivering unusual assignments to curious children. Each envelope contains something unexpected: a mystery, a question, an act of kindness, a tiny experiment, or a creative challenge. Children never know what the bird will deliver next!

Why You'll Love It

- **Engaging and meaningful** – turns ordinary moments into something special.
- **Flexible and low prep** – ready to use anytime, no special materials needed.
- **Builds important skills** – reading, responding, observation, speaking, and more.
- **Encourages creativity and kindness** – in ways that feel fun, not like schoolwork.
- **Reusable materials** – use again and again throughout the year.

Skills & Learning Goals

- Reading and comprehension
- Written or verbal response
- Observation and noticing details
- Speaking and sharing ideas
- Creativity and problem-solving
- Kindness and empathy
- Curiosity and inquiry
- Collaboration (optional activities)

Suggested Grade Levels

K – 5

Activities are designed to be flexible and easily adapted for different ages and abilities.

CURIOUS MINDS BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

How to Set It Up

1. Print the pages you plan to use. You can print the entire packet or just the deliveries you want.
2. Optional: Create the Good Tidings Mailbox (page 4) to make it feel extra special.
3. Choose when to deliver each envelope—weekly, daily, or whenever you'd like!
4. Let the Good Tidings bird do the rest—and enjoy the surprises!

Suggested Timing

- **Morning work:** 10–20 minutes
- **Classroom transitions:** 5–15 minutes
- **Independent or small group:** 15–30 minutes
- **At home:** 10–30 minutes
- **Flexible:** Use a single delivery or a full set

Differentiation Options

Draw It

Younger children or emerging writers can draw their ideas and label pictures.

Tell It

Students can share their ideas orally with a partner, small group, or as a class.

Write It

Older students can write full responses, add details, and extend the activity with higher-level thinking.

You can use this packet all year long and easily mix in new deliveries for seasons and holidays!

Good Tidings,
where reading feels like fun.

You've Got Mail!



Dear Curious Friend,

I'm the Good Tidings Bird, and I have a very important job! I travel near and far, looking for ordinary places to deliver extraordinary surprises. And now... I'd like to deliver them to you!

Each week (or whenever you're ready), I'll bring you a special envelope. Inside, you'll find something unexpected—a mystery, a question, an act of kindness, a tiny experiment, or a creative challenge.

There are no right or wrong answers. Just curiosity, imagination, and the willingness to try.

All you have to do is read the envelope, follow the directions, and see where the adventure leads! Will you be an official Good Tidings delivery recipient?

Your feathered friend,
The Good Tidings Bird

SMALL ENVELOPES. BIG ADVENTURES!

Curious minds make brighter tomorrows!

MYSTERIES
QUESTIONS
KINDNESS
EXPERIMENTS
CREATIVE CHALLENGES

GOOD TIDINGS POST

YES! I want to be an official Good Tidings delivery recipient!

My Name: _____

My Class or Family: _____

Today's Date: _____

OFFICIAL GOOD TIDINGS RECIPIENT

The Good Tidings Mailbox

A special place for the Good Tidings Bird to deliver unusual assignments!

Keep your mailbox in a special spot and wait for new deliveries!

What You'll Need:



Scissors



Glue or tape



Optional: color

Assembly Directions:

1. Cut out the mailbox along the solid lines.



2. Fold on the dotted lines.



3. Glue or tape the side tabs inside.



4. Let it dry, then place your mailbox in a special spot for the Good Tidings Bird to deliver your envelopes!



Your mailbox is ready for mysteries, questions, kindness, experiments, and creative challenges!

The Good Tidings Mailbox



A special place for the Good Tidings Bird to deliver unusual assignments!

Cut Line
Fold Line
Glue Tab



Assembly Directions:

1. Cut out the mailbox along the solid lines.
2. Fold on the dotted lines.
3. Glue or tape the side tabs inside.
4. Let it dry, then place your mailbox in a special spot for the Good Tidings Bird to deliver your envelopes!



Tips:

- Use cardstock for extra sturdiness.
- You can decorate it with glitter, stickers, or your own drawings!
- Keep your mailbox in the classroom or at home for new deliveries.

Good Tidings,
where reading feels like fun.

The Good Tidings Mailbox

Delivery Envelope Template

Delivery Number One: The Mystery

Instructions:

1. Cut along the solid outer line.
2. Fold on the dotted lines.
3. Glue or tape the side and bottom tabs.
4. Let it dry, then slip the completed activity sheet inside (folded into quarters).

Cut Line
Fold Line
Glue Tab



This envelope is the perfect size to hold the activity sheet folded into quarters!

Glue Tab

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The Good Tidings Mail Delivery

CONFIDENTIAL MYSTERY MAIL

Delivery Number One: The Mystery

For: _____

Official Delivery Record

Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Completed: _____

Curiosity leads to amazing adventures!

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Delivery Number One: The Mystery

Sometimes the best adventures begin with a mystery!

Purpose:

A strange clue arrives. Children infer what happened using evidence and their own thinking.

Activity:

Look closely at the items in the envelope, use the clues to infer what might have happened, and tell the story!

Your Envelope Contains...



These things were found near the Good Tidings Mailbox. What do you think happened? Use the clues to make an inference!

What do you notice?

Write or draw what you notice about each clue.









What do you think happened?

Check the idea (or ideas) that make the most sense. You can also add your own idea!

- ☐ A bird visited the mailbox.
- ☐ Someone (or something) went on a nighttime adventure.
- ☐ A pet ran by and dropped the note.
- ☐ A special delivery was started but got interrupted.
- ☐ It's a clue to a bigger mystery!
- ☐ Something else! _____



Tell the Story!

Use the clues to write (or draw) what you think happened. Be as detailed and creative as you can!

The Good Tidings Mailbox

Delivery Envelope Template

Delivery Number Two: A Tiny Kindness

Instructions:

1. Cut along the solid outer line.
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4. Let it dry, then slip the completed activity sheet inside (folded into quarters).

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The Good Tidings Mail Delivery

CONFIDENTIAL MYSTERY MAIL

Delivery Number Two: A Tiny Kindness



For: _____

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Official Delivery Record

Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Completed: _____

Glue Tab

Glue Tab



Special Delivery from the Good Tidings Bird

Delivery No. 2: A Tiny Kindness

KINDNESS MISSION

Dear Friend,

Kindness is a little thing that can make a big difference!

For your next mission, I challenge you to complete one thoughtful action. It could be a kind word, a helpful gesture, a small act of generosity, or a way to show you care.

Then, take a moment to reflect...

How did your action make someone feel?
What did you learn?

My Kindness Mission

My Action:

_____

_____

My Reflections:

_____

_____

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Small acts of kindness can create a whole lot of happiness!

— The Good Tidings Bird

The Good Tidings Mailbox

Delivery Envelope Template

Delivery Number Three: The Odd Question

Instructions:

1. Cut along the solid outer line.
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The Good Tidings Mail Delivery

CONFIDENTIAL MYSTERY MAIL

Delivery Number Three: The Odd Question



For: _____

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Glue Tab

Official Delivery Record

Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Completed: _____



Glue Tab

Glue Tab

Delivery Number Three: The Odd Question

Good Tidings

Curious minds lead to amazing places!

The Mission:

Today you get to answer an unusual question! There are no wrong answers — just imagination, curiosity, and good reasoning. Think creatively, explore different ideas, and have fun with it!

The Odd Question:

If you could give an animal a new superpower, what animal would you choose and what superpower would it have?

Be creative! Be curious! Think outside the box!

Draw your animal and its superpower:

Tell about it:

What animal did you choose?

_____

What is its superpower?

_____

How would it use that superpower?

_____

_____

_____

Why did you choose this idea?

_____

_____

A Little Reflection:

What did you learn or discover while thinking about this question?

_____

_____

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Strange questions often lead to the most amazing ideas!

CURIOSITY
IMAGINATION
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

The Good Tidings Mailbox

Delivery Envelope Template

Delivery Number Four: The Missing Piece

Instructions:

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The Good Tidings Mail Delivery

CONFIDENTIAL MYSTERY MAIL

Delivery Number Four: The Missing Piece



For: _____

Official Delivery Record

Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Completed: _____



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Glue Tab

Name: _____ Date: _____

Good Tidings

Delivery Number Four: The Missing Piece

Sometimes the best stories are the ones we help finish.



The Mission:

Read the unfinished story below. Use its clues and your imagination to decide what happens next. Draw it, tell it to a partner, or write it. Many endings are possible!

Your Story Starter

The Good Tidings Bird found a glowing puzzle piece beside a locked garden gate. A note on the gate read, 'The missiing piece will show the way.' The piece began to hum. Then something rustled behind the gate...

Use these clues:
a glowing piece, a locked gate, a humming sound.

Draw What Happens Next

Show how the bird solves the mystery.

Tell or Write Your Ending

Explain what happens and how it connects to a clue.

A Little Reflection:

Which clue helped you choose your ending?

What did you add from your imagination?



The Good Tidings Mailbox

Delivery Envelope Template

Delivery Number Five: The Observation Mission

Instructions:

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The Good Tidings Mail Delivery

CONFIDENTIAL OBSERVATION MAIL

Delivery Number Five: The Observation Mission



For: _____





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Official Delivery Record

Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Completed: _____

Delivery Number Five: The Observation Mission

Good Tidings

Amazing things are often hiding in plain sight!

The Mission:

Look closely at the world around you. Find something ordinary that most people might overlook. Observe it carefully, and then use your imagination and curiosity to share what you notice. Ordinary things can have extraordinary stories!

Where to Look:

- [ ] In nature
- [ ] At school
- [ ] At home
- [ ] On a walk
- [ ] In a classroom
- [ ] Anywhere you go!

What to Notice:

- Details (shapes, colors, textures)
- Sounds
- Smells
- Patterns
- Something interesting or unusual
- A question it makes you wonder

Ordinary things often have the most extraordinary stories.

My Observation:

Draw a picture of what you noticed.

Tell About It:

What did you notice?

_____

_____

Where did you find it?

_____

_____

Why do you think most people might not notice this?

_____

_____

What makes it special or interesting to you?

_____

_____

What did you learn or wonder?

_____

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CURIOSITY
OBSERVATION
BIG IDEAS

The Good Tidings Mailbox

Delivery Envelope Template

Delivery Number Six: The Impossible Invention

Instructions:

1. Cut along the solid outer line.
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The Good Tidings Mail Delivery

CONFIDENTIAL INVENTION MAIL

Delivery Number Six: The Impossible Invention





For: _____

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Official Delivery Record

Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Completed: _____





Delivery Number Six: The Impossible Invention

Good Tidings

Big ideas can start with a silly question!

The Mission:

Think of an everyday problem and design an imaginative solution. There are no wrong answers! Let your creativity run wild and invent something new, silly, or surprising to make life a little better.

Think About It:

- What's a problem you or others have?
- How could you make it easier, funnier, safer, or more fun?
- What would your invention do?
- What would it look like?
- Does it need a special name?

My Impossible Invention

Draw a picture of your invention.

Tell About It:

What is the problem?

What does your invention do?

Who would use it?

How does it work?

What would you name it?

Extra Details:

Label the important parts or write/draw more details.

SKETCH
IMAGINE
CREATE
TRY
AGAIN

Every big idea starts with a big imagination!

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Delivery Envelope Template

Delivery Number Seven: A Message from Somewhere Else

Instructions:

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The Good Tidings Mail Delivery

Delivery Number Seven: A Message from Somewhere Else



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Glue Tab

Official Delivery Record

Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Completed: _____



Delivery Number Seven: A Message from Somewhere Else

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Mission:

Read Lumi's letter. Use the clues to imagine this unusual place. Then draw it and send a reply. You may tell your reply to a partner before writing.

Your Mysterious Letter:

Dear New Friend,

I live in a village that floats above the clouds. Our houses sway on silver ropes, and we collect rain in teacups. Yesterday, a tiny blue door appeared in our oldest cloud. It is humming! Should I open it? What would you bring to help me explore? What is one thing I would love about your home?

Your friend,
Lumi

Draw the Place:

Use details from the letter and your imagination.

Write Your Response:

Answer Lumi's questions and ask one of your own.

Dear Lumi,

_____

_____

_____

_____

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Your friend, _____

Extra Touches:

Add a map, a stamp, or a seal to make your reply special!

What I Learned:

Which detail helped you imagine Lumi's home?

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The Good Tidings Mailbox

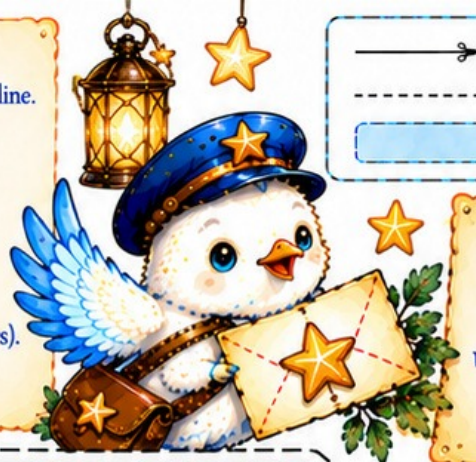
Delivery Envelope Template

Delivery Number Eight: A Surprise Challenge

Instructions:

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2. Fold on the dotted lines.
3. Glue or tape the side and bottom tabs.
4. Let it dry, then slip the completed activity sheet inside (folded into quarters).

Cut Line
Fold Line
Glue Tab



Great ideas happen when we work together!



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The Good Tidings Mail Delivery

Delivery Number Eight: A Surprise Challenge



For: _____

Glue Tab

Glue Tab

Official Delivery Record

Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Completed: _____



Delivery Number Eight: A Surprise Challenge

Good Tidings

Great ideas happen when we work together!

The Mission:

This is a collaborative challenge! Work together with a partner or small group to create something amazing. Use your communication, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Listen to one another, share ideas, and build on each other's thoughts to complete the challenge.

Your Challenge:

Create something new together!
You can choose one of the ideas below or think of your own:

- Design a new place for the Good Tidings bird to visit.
- Invent a helpful gadget for the classroom or home.
- Create a poster, slogan, or logo for a kind world.
- Build a mini story, comic, or play together.
- Design a surprise for someone to brighten their day.
- Or invent your own challenge!

Our Team:

Who worked on this with you?

_____

_____

_____

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_____

LISTEN
SHARE
CREATE
SOLVE
TOGETHER

Our Plan and Creation:

Draw, design, or show what you created together.





Tell About It:

Write or tell about your challenge.

What did you create?

_____

_____

How did you work together?

_____

_____

What was easy? What was challenging?

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_____

What did you learn?

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What would you like to try next time?

_____

_____

The Good Tidings Mailbox

Envelope Template

Create Your Own Delivery

Instructions:

1. Cut along the solid outer line.
2. Fold on the dotted lines.
3. Glue or tape the side and bottom tabs.
4. Let it dry, then slip the completed letter inside (folded into quarters).

Cut Line
Fold Line
Glue Tab



Great ideas happen when we work together!



My Special Delivery Mission

My Mission: _____

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My Message: _____

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Draw a Picture:



IMAGINE
CREATE
EXPLORE
BE KIND
SHARE IDEAS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Official Good Tidings Messenger

Big ideas can come from small messengers like you!

This certificate is presented to

_____

for exploring, imagining, creating, and believing in the magic of ideas. You have completed the Good Tidings Special Deliveries and shown curiosity, creativity, kindness, and a love for adventure!

CURIOSITY
CREATIVITY
KINDNESS
ADVENTURE
GOOD TIDINGS

_____ Signature

_____ Date

My Favorite Deliveries

Look back at all of the Special Deliveries. Write or draw about your favorites below!

1

Why I liked it:

_____

_____

_____

_____

2

Why I liked it:

_____

_____

_____

_____

3

Why I liked it:

_____

_____

_____

_____

What was the most surprising delivery?

_____

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_____

Thank you for being a Good Tidings Messenger!

What would you like to deliver next?

_____

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