

News Story Summary

When delivery drivers get the address and direction for their packages, sometimes they will get added instruction, such as “leave package inside trashcan” or “turn into gravel driveway.” However, an Amazon delivery driver got an unusual set of instructions—and actually followed them.

A Delaware woman named Lynn Staffeieri, along with her 13-year-old son, ordered a package from Amazon. In the additional instructions portion online, she and her son challenged the driver to knock three times on the door, yell out “abra cadabra” and run away fast.

The delivery driver went along with the fun and followed the directions to a letter by knocking, yelling the magic word, and running back to her truck. The event was captured on a doorbell camera and the Delaware mom gave a huge shout-out to the driver for making her son’s day.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “Amazon delivery driver follows abracadabra instructions”.)

Focus Attention

To replace the Introduction idea under Focus Attention, invite volunteers to respond: *Do you always follow the directions when you are putting together a piece of equipment or furniture? When making a cake? When driving somewhere?* Encourage them to elaborate on times they do (or don’t) follow instructions. Summarize the story of the Amazon driver who followed a unique set of instructions. Then say: *This is a funny story about silly instructions. However, today’s lesson will focus on a far more serious topic.* Complete the step as written, adapting the Explain idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the ideas under Summarize and Challenge, begin by reminding the group about the Amazon driver. Ask: *What factors went into her following the instructions given for the delivery? What factors do we consider when faced with a decision about following God’s instructions?* Invite volunteers to name times when they followed God’s instruction and wisdom and they were blessed because of it. Complete the step as written, using the Ask idea.