



"And now I am no more in the world,  
but these are in the world..." (John 17:11).

Use this recent news story to help your students see the relevance  
of this week's lesson from the Standard Lesson Commentary®  
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### **PROVIDING DISINFORMATION**

Washington D.C. was abuzz this week with speculation about the extent of Russian president Vladimir Putin's involvement in the hacking of American computers. One view is that Putin ordered Russian hackers to spread disinformation that would affect the outcome of November's presidential election, and thus the future of the U.S. for years to come. Equally serious was the speculation about how America ought to respond. One suggestion is that the U.S. should manipulate—provide "digital disinformation" to—the code Russia uses in designing its cyberweapons.

### **RESPONDING WITH THE TRUTH**

When the angel appeared to the Bethlehem shepherds, Satan had been spreading disinformation for thousands of years, starting with the serpent's lies to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The coming of Jesus into this world was God's response to Satan's campaign of spreading falsehood. The angel's words were the good news of Jesus' birth, a truth that would affect the history of the world through all eternity.

1. Why should America be concerned about whether or not Russia has hacked our computers?
2. How should America respond to the threat posed by cyberattacks from Russia and other sources?
3. Give some biblical examples of how Satan used disinformation in the battle for human hearts in ancient times.
4. In what unique ways is spiritual disinformation being spread today?
5. What encouragements and cautions would you offer regarding how Christians should fight untruth and spread the good news in the electronic age?

—Charles R. Boatman

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