

Quarter 2: God the Son — Lesson 26



Year 1—Quarter 2: God the Son

Jesus Was Raised (*Easter*)

Surprise! Jesus is Alive!

What is the biggest surprise you have ever had? In our Bible story today, we will learn about the greatest surprise that ever happened. Have you ever looked forward to an exciting trip or other event and could hardly wait for it to happen? Perhaps you spent weeks planning, BUT then you couldn't go? How did you feel? Well, two men who loved Jesus were very sad and disappointed because of what had happened. But before the day was over there was a big surprise! Listen carefully to today's story to see how two men who thought Jesus was dead reacted when they discovered the surprising miracle that He was alive!

Show a video: Use a segment of a video where Jesus interacts with His disciples after His resurrection. Then, discuss with your class the details using questions and answers.

Teaching With Questions:

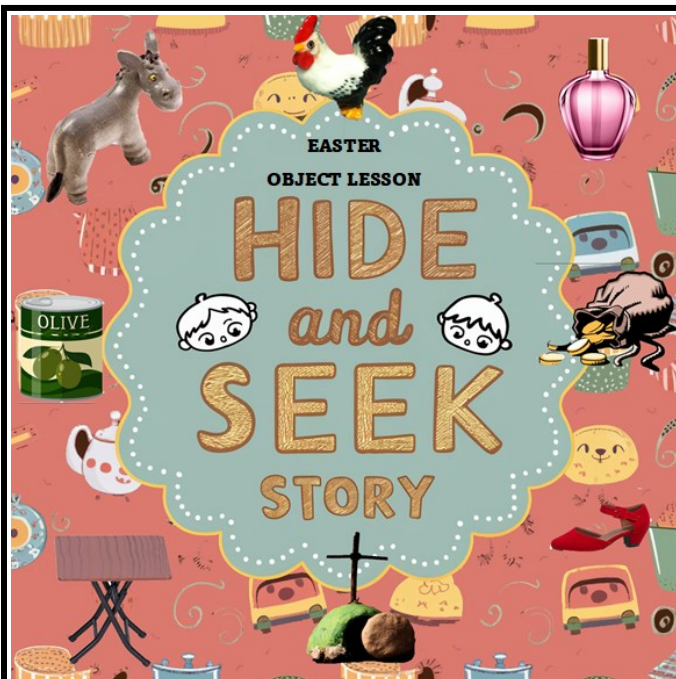
- How did Jesus' friends feel after Jesus died?
- What did the men think about the women's reports that Jesus was alive?
- Why do you think it took so long for the two men to recognize the Stranger?
- What changed their attitude?
- Why is it important that Jesus arose from the dead?

How to be a Child of God: Let's find out together some important things God's Word says everyone needs to know. (*Read some or all of the following verses: Ro. 5:8; Ro. 3:23; Acts 2:38; & Jn. 3:16*) God forgives us. He sent His Son to die for us. He makes us members of His family.

Power Point
**Jesus died
so we can
live.**

MEMORY VERSE:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"
2 Cor. 5:17



Object Lesson: Hide and Seek Story

(**Note:** There is a supplement to this lesson which has the whole story.) Tell your class about the Mother who wanted to let her two kids have the fun of an Easter egg hunt, but also wanted to teach them the true meaning of Easter. She invented a special hide and seek game for them. Gather up all the objects she used in her story and hold them up as you tell about each one.



Object Lesson: Hide and Seek Story

Tell the kids how a Mom made up a special hide-and-peek game for her two kids to teach them about the true meaning of Easter. Say, "It went like this:" *(Consider having these objects to hold up as you tell the story.)*

1. First, Mom hid a little toy **plastic donkey** in the living room. *(In the fireplace)* Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem.
2. Next, Mom said to look in the backyard for a **doll table**. *(In the bird house)* Jesus knocked over tables in the Temple.
3. She hid **perfume** in the kitchen. *(In the refrigerator)* Mom told us about a woman who poured some nice-smelling stuff on Jesus' head because she loved him.
4. She hid two **leftover valentine hearts** filled with Easter candy in sister's room. *(In the doll house & beside the Raggedy Andy doll)*. Jesus said to love God and love people.
5. Then, in the front yard she hid **old red shoes** *(In flower box)*. She told us how Jesus washed his disciples feet.
6. Mom put a **can of olives** in little brother's bedroom *(In one of his slippers)*. She said Jesus prayed in the Garden of olive trees.
7. She said to look outside near the garage for a small **money pouch** with 30 pennies inside *(Inside back window of the station wagon)*. She said Judas led the men to arrest Jesus.
8. Mom hid a ceramic **rooster** in her bedroom *(In her jewelry box)*. She told about how Peter lied and said he didn't know Jesus. A rooster crowed right after Peter's third lie.
9. She made a **small cross** out of three nails wired together and hid it in the family room *(Stuck in the wicker love seat)*. She explained how Jesus died on the cross.
10. Mom drew a **sad face** and put it in the dining room *(In a flower arrangement on the wall)*. Jesus' friends were crying after He died.
11. On Easter morning we had to look for a **tomb** that Mom had made out of playdough in our backyard *(Under some bushes in the side flower bed)*.



Jesus dies on the cross.

Matthew 27:32-56; Mark 15:21-41;
Luke 23:26-49; John 19:17-37



Take-Home

Summary

Bible Passages:

2 Cor. 5:17; Luke 24:1-12

Main Point:

Jesus rose from the dead so I could be a new creation.

Discuss:

Q: How did Jesus' friends feel when He was killed?

A: Sad and discouraged

Q: How did Jesus' friends feel after He rose from the dead?

A: Joyously surprised

Q: Why is it important that Jesus rose from the dead?

A: Jesus died to take my punishment. He rose to show that He has the power to defeat sin and death.

Gospel Connection:

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus has overcome death's power and sting (1 Corinthians 15:55-56), demonstrating God's sovereignty over life and death.

Explore the Bible

Read Luke 24:1-12 together. Ask your family to imagine they're with Jesus' friends, the disciples, when they find Jesus' tomb empty. They were sad and confused because they had seen Jesus die on the cross. But then, Jesus appeared to them, alive and well! This was a miracle that showed Jesus had overcome death and was still with them.

Discussion Points:

- Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? (*He took our sins upon Himself to forgive us.*)
- Why was Jesus' resurrection so important? (*It proved He was God's Son and showed His power over death.*)
- How did Jesus' friends feel when they saw Him alive again? (*They were happy, relieved, and amazed.*)

Journal Time

Have your child/children write answers to the following questions in their journals. (If they have no journals, consider helping them begin one.)

- What does this lesson teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this lesson teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in these passages to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in these passages to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this lesson help me to live on mission better?

Apply and Pray

Ask your family to write a short sentence or phrase about what Jesus' resurrection means to them, such as "Jesus loves me so much He conquered death for me."

Pray: Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to show us your love and power. Help us remember His resurrection and the hope it brings us. Amen.