



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#E2 - The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

Matthew 26, 27, 28

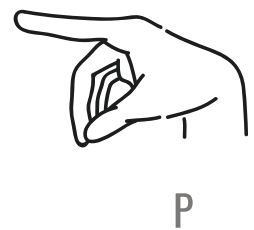
PICTURES NEEDED

- E2-5 Jesus on the cross
- E2-7 Women at the tomb

REVIEW

- Big Question Review: How did Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah?
Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey.
- Lesson Rhyme Review: Who are we to praise?

P—P	Make sign of “P”
Praise	Wave arms in air
Jesus as	Make sign of Jesus
the king	Put hands together on head like crown
P—P—Praise	Same as above
In joyful worship	Cup hands slightly, clap together
Sing	Make “P” with both hands and roll in front of mouth



LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** Show visual (picture E2-5)

What is this a picture of?

The rulers had Jesus arrested. They put him on trial and then hung him on a cross to die. Jesus died on the cross to take on himself the punishment for our sins. If he hadn't done that God would have to punish us for the wrong things we have done.

It was an awful thing for Jesus to die on the cross but he did it because he loves us. Jesus didn't stay dead. His followers laid his body in a tomb but when they went back it wasn't there because Jesus rose from the dead. (picture E2-7)

After he rose from the dead Jesus appeared to lots of people.

We know Jesus is our Savior and able to save us from our sin because he rose from the dead. Only God is able to do that.

Questions: How did Jesus die? Why did Jesus die? What happened to Jesus after he died? Why can Jesus save us from our sin?

The big question for this week is: How important is the resurrection of Jesus to our faith? Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the discussion questions that follow.
Title: What is the Resurrection?

Title 1 – Luke 23:33

(picture of Jesus on cross)

When they crucified our Lord
it was a sad and dreadful day,
But the punishment for all our sins
someone had to pay.
Into his hands and feet with a hammer
nails were driven.
It is through Christ's pain and suffering
that we have been forgiven.

Page 2 – Luke 23:34-35

(picture of Jesus being taken down)

When Jesus died they took him down
and laid him in a grave.
Mockers still were saying,
"His own life he couldn't save."
The disciples were confused
as they knew what he had said.
In three days, he had claimed,
he would rise up from the dead.

Page 3 – John 19:41-42

(picture of tomb with rock)

A rock was rolled across
the opening of the tomb.
His followers were sad
and their hearts were filled with gloom.
But as they went back to their homes
and on their beds did lay,
They put their trust in God
to work things out his way.

Page 4 – John 20:1-2

(picture of women at tomb)

Some women went back to the tomb
his body to prepare.
Imagine their surprise
when they couldn't find it there.
The stone that covered up the tomb
had been rolled away.
The body of our Savior
in the grave no longer lay.

Page 5 – 1 John 4:13-14

(picture of risen Christ)

Jesus rose up from the dead;
they were no longer sad.
He proved that he is God
which made them really glad.
Through his resurrection,
death he overcame.
Now forgiveness and salvation
are found in Jesus' name.

Page 6 – John 20:29

(picture of Jesus)

We are blessed when we believe
what we have not seen,
Thanking God through Jesus
from our sin we are made clean.
We are to trust in Jesus
as God's one and only Son.
Knowing through his resurrection,
death was overcome.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: What does it mean to be crucified? Why was Jesus crucified? Why didn't he deserve to be crucified?

Page 2: What did they do with Jesus' body when he died? What had Jesus told the disciples would happen to him?

Page 3: What was rolled across the opening of the tomb? What were Jesus' followers thinking?

Page 4: What did the women find when they went back to the tomb? Why was that a good thing?

Page 5: What did Jesus prove by rising from the dead? How did the disciples feel about that? What do we receive by believing in Jesus? What does that mean?

Page 6: What does it mean to be blessed? When are we blessed? What does that mean? Why should we trust Jesus? What happens when we trust in Jesus?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

Prayer: Thank Jesus for dying on the cross for your sin. Thank God that Jesus overcame death by rising from the grave. Thank him that through Jesus he forgives your sin. Pray that you would honor what he has done by wanting to please him in the things you do.

The Big Question: How important is the resurrection of Jesus to our faith?

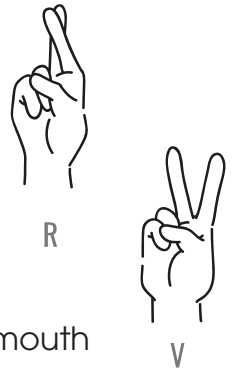
Our faith depends on the resurrection of Jesus.

ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

R—R	Make sign of R
Resurrection	Left palm up, right hand "V" stand in left palm
Rising from the dead	Move hands up in front, palm up Turn hands over palms down
R—R - Resurrection	Same as above.
Just as Jesus	Make sign of Jesus
Said	Move 1st 2 fingers of both hands back & forth from mouth



★ **Activity:** Drawing

Instruction: Draw Jesus on the cross.

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes.
With which sound does Babel begin?

• **Craft:** Empty Tomb Card

As a reminder that Jesus rose from the dead have the children color an empty tomb card to give to a friend or relative.

Instructions: Run off the card on white cover stock paper. Color the hill where the crosses were green. Color the tomb gray or brown. Fold in half and insert in an envelope.

Questions: How did Jesus die? What happened to him after he died?

• **Discovery Activity:** Role play

Have the children act out what happened at the empty tomb.

★ **Song:** Lord I Liff Your Name on High

Lord I liff Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad Your in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

(Chorus:)
You came from heaven to earth
to show the way
from the earth to the cross
my debt to pay
from the cross to the grave
from the grave to the sky
Lord I liff Your name on high

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.