Lesson #71: Jesus Is Alive! Mark 16:1-8

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/aj1bT040CNs

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/7pc8HXTadYl

Worship Theme: Jesus is alive.

Memory Verse:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (John 11:25)

Songs (Youtube links):

- 1. Alive https://youtu.be/NGQXTg3Uogg
- 2. Christ Is Risen https://youtu.be/kzg10u5bil4
- 3. He Is Alive https://youtu.be/Ux9ClfRcNSw

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Heaven and Hell

- 1. We divide the children into 2 or 3 groups and stand in a line.
- 2. When the teacher shouts "Heaven," children will jump to the right and when the teacher shouts "Hell," the children will jump to the left.
- 3. If the teacher continues to shout "Heaven," the children continue to jump to the right. Sometimes the teacher pretends to jump differently to what they're saying, in order to confuse the children.
- 4. After the game, teacher will explain that Jesus died for us so that we don't have to go to hell. Instead, we can now go to heaven and live with Jesus forever because Jesus came back to life after death. Jesus is alive!

Introduction:

On Good Friday 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, was killed by crucifixion. It was painful and brutal death that makes us tremble today—especially when we realize that Christ died in our place. We deserve the death that Jesus experienced. But on the third day, Christ resurrected, victorious and triumphant over death! Through his death he redeemed us from our sins; through his resurrection he proves his power to save us from death. Today, we will learn about how because of Christ's death and resurrection, we can live with him forever.

Bible Story:

When we sin, the punishment is death. Because we have all sinned, we all deserved to die. But Jesus didn't want us to have to die for our sins. Jesus died to take the punishment for the sins we committed. He died on the cross for our sins!

The Bible tells us that the women went to the tomb on the third day after Jesus died on the cross. They were shocked to find the tomb empty! Then an angel told them that Jesus was alive. Mary was afraid to tell anyone until Jesus appeared to her. Then she told the disciples, but some of them didn't believe her until he appeared to them. When the disciples saw that Jesus was alive, they were excited, joyful, frightened, and even confused.

Before Jesus' death, he told the disciples that he would die and rise again on the third day. However, the disciples didn't seem to understand completely. They were a little confused by what Jesus said. But we don't have to be confused because we have the whole Bible to read. The Bible clearly tells us that Jesus would die and then come to life again. And that's exactly what happened.

Jesus rose from the dead to show everyone that he is our powerful and glorious God. There is nothing more powerful than Jesus! Because Jesus died and rose from the dead, our sins can be forgiven. We can live with Jesus forever in heaven.

And he offers us salvation as a free gift. We don't have to pay anything for salvation. We just have to believe in Jesus and accept his gift of salvation. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to people so they would know he was alive. He loved them very much and wanted them to believe in him.

Jesus loves you just as much. He wants you to believe in him, too. Believe that Jesus, our King, is alive today!

Questions to discuss:

- 1. What is the punishment for sin? (death)
- 2. Who died for your sins? (Jesus)
- 3. What happened after Jesus died on the cross? (Jesus came back to life)
- 4. How do we get saved through the power of Jesus? (by believing that Jesus died for our sins and came back to life to save us)
- 5. Are you saved? (let the children answer)

Game: "Seize the Bottle of Water"

- 1. Ask the children to find a partner.
- 2. Provide a bottle of water for each group.
- 3. The partners stand opposite from each other after placing the bottle of water in the center of the room.
- 4. When the teacher shouts, "Ready, get set, go!" they will challenge each other and run to grab their bottle.
- 5. The one who can grab the bottle of water first is a winner.
- 6. After the game, explain to the children that our lives are like the bottle of water. Satan will always try to take us away from God. But Jesus died to save us from sin and death, and anyone who believes this can live with him in heaven forever.

Memory Verse:

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Craft:

Materials Needed: Print from below, crayons, scissors



- 1. Print and give a copy to all children.
- 2. Children should cut out the 3 shapes and color the circle with Jesus.
- 3. Tape the circle with Jesus to the back of the tomb.
- 4. Glue the stone to the top or the side of the tomb to show an open tomb with the resurrected Jesus inside.

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

We don't serve a dead leader like most other religions. Jesus is alive! Because he lives, we can each have a dynamic and growing relationship with him! Consider how you can thank God for the indescribable gift of Jesus and the amazing power of his resurrection. Make this Easter Sunday special. Focus on the true gift of Easter: new life through Jesus' death and resurrection. And don't be shy to tell others, "He is risen!"

Jesus Is Alive!





