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Lesson 4 – Footprints of Victory

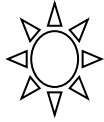
- In today's lesson the children will follow Jesus to the tomb and learn about the importance of Christ's resurrection and what He accomplished.
- This month's Life Point: *I am saved by GOD's Grace.*

Scripture Study

Luke 24:1-12,

Story: *Jesus' Resurrection*

Matthews 28:1-10



Prayer:

Father God, thank you for your Son's sacrifice. Bless our class with your presence and with a spirit of gratitude for the price you paid for our redemption. Let us always be aware of your amazing grace towards us. In Jesus name, amen.

Memory Verse

Ephesians 2:8

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."



Memory Verse Song:

Seeds Family Worship –
Ephesians 2:8
"Grace"

You Tube Link

https://youtu.be/1Ku99SX_sX8

The Redemption Story

(10-15 min.)

The point of this activity is to present the salvation message in brief at each lesson.

Instructions: Follow the pictures on the board or Power Point slide to tell the children about God's plan to restore our relationship with Him. Invite children who are familiar with the pictures to describe the images to the class. Always have someone ready in the classroom to pray with a child who desires to accept Jesus as his Savior or to be available to pray for any needs a child may have.

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Object Lesson

(15 minutes)

Supplies:

33 AD costume -

A bed sheet or long piece of fabric and a scarf. Wrap the piece of fabric as a robe and the scarf on the head. (This will be used each week this month)

Chair

Head scarves for:

Jesus, Mary, Mary, two guards, and one angel.

Rewards for the actors.

(Wear the 33 AD costume) Good Morning kids! Last week we followed Jesus's footprints to the cross, today we follow Jesus' footprints to his resurrection.

I need six volunteers who like to play pretend! (Give scarves as you give them the roles to play) Jesus, Mary, Mary, guard, guard, and one angel.

All right, as I read to you the story of the resurrection you guys need to act out what you hear happening in the story. Have fun with it.

in front of the class. 'Jesus' please lay down on the floor. This chair in front of Jesus is the stone blocking the tomb. 'Guards' please stand by the chair. Mary and Mary if you would stand against the left wall and 'angel' please go to the back of the classroom. Everyone else pay close attention. Everyone ready? Good.

In Matthew 28 we read that Mary and another Mary **came to the tomb** where Jesus had been laid. (**Jesus gets up and walks out of the tomb, AS IF NO ONE CAN SEE HIM, and goes back to his seat**). Suddenly, there was a **great earthquake** and an **angel of the Lord came down from heaven**. The guards were **very afraid**. Mary and May were **very afraid too**. The angel **rolled the large stone** from the door and **sat on it!** - (mmm... I wonder if he was tired?) - The guards **fainted!** – The angel looked like lightning, his clothes were white as snow.

The angel **told** the women "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus. But, he is not here! He is risen from the dead!"- Mary and Mary were **afraid, surprised and excited!** They **ran** to tell the disciples. (mmm... I wonder how do YOU run when you are afraid, surprised and excited at the same time??)

Then the guards got up, **still afraid**, and **ran to town** to tell the authorities what had happened. - Thank you kids! That was some awesome action! Thank you for bringing the story to life! Let's give them a hand class! You can pick a prize and go back to your seats.

Kids! We worship a risen savior! We have eyewitness accounts of His resurrection! No other GOD has come back from the dead, except the true living GOD, Jesus Christ!

Teaching Tips:

- Pray on behalf of the children and the families that attend your church. Seek the Lord's blessing for them.
- Do not be afraid of making mistakes. Do however accept your errors before the class and make the appropriate corrections. (2 Timothy 2:15)

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The Message

Supplies:

33 AD costume for you and two other volunteers.

*After the *Message* play a worship song.

Have children turn toward a wall or face the front of the classroom. Away from facing each other.

Lead them in prayer.

Seek after God.

Where two or three are gathered in His name, He is there!

Storytelling tip:

Express emotions, feeling, reactions as you read the Crucifixion story to the children.

You can only enter God's presence through prayer.

I want you to imagine.... You are at the cross. Jesus has been hanging on the cross for almost six hours. Because tomorrow is the Sabbath and no work is to be done, the men hanging on the cross would have to be killed, taken down and buried before the Sabbath begins.

So the authorities break the legs of those crucified, the bones are shattered to pieces and their heart is pierced with a spear so that they die faster.

In this way the Jews would keep the law written in Deuteronomy 21:22-23. It is interesting, that the Jews were so concerned to keep the law that God had given them, that they missed recognizing God's prophecies about his son, and killed the Messiah.

After Jesus died on the cross, there was a great earthquake, a great darkness fell, graves opened and the veil of the Temple ripped from top to bottom. (Matt. 27:45, 51-54) – WOW! Can you imagine?? What would you have done if you were there and saw this happen?

Jesus' disciples have run away, Jesus' body is taken off the cross and quickly buried in a tomb. There is nothing else to do. The women must wait until after the Sabbath to anoint Jesus' body properly. The Messiah, the Savior, the one that was supposed to rescue the Jews from oppression is dead.

But then we come to **Matthews 28:1-10. Let's read.** Kids! This was the plan! Jesus conquered death for our benefit! He paid the punishment for the sins of Adam and Eve, our sins and the sins of humanity! He took every curse, weakness, sickness, evil thought, and evil action that had ever been done and will be done and paid the cost!

But Jesus did not only wake up from being dead, he went out of the tomb! The tomb could not keep him! By the time the angel came, Jesus was already gone! The angel was sent by the Father, to remove the stone and show the world that Jesus was not there!

Jesus went out and was seen by his disciples, apostles and hundreds others! He wanted the world to know what He did because he did for them! For you and for me! – He wanted everyone to know that only He is able to overcome death! - Now, if we say that Jesus lives in us, then this must be true for us also, that we should want the world to know what Jesus did for them!

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The Bridge of Salvation Sketch

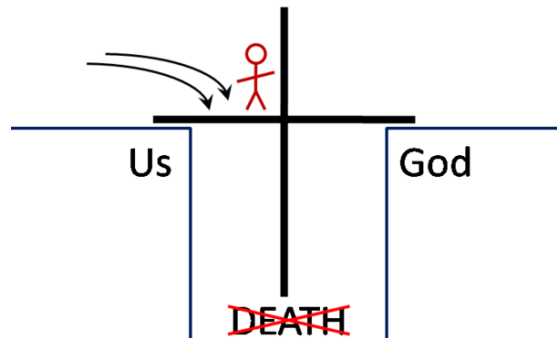
John 14:6

“I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

Last week the children did the Bridge of Salvation sketch. Review the sketch with the kids. Using the whiteboard, have the children take turns showing the class how to do the bridge of salvation.

Ask the children if they used the Bridge of Salvation during the week and allow them to share their testimonies.

- The teachers must watch the video ‘One Verse Evangelism’ in you tube - <https://youtu.be/ivzlgNk4iws>
- Teach the children how to do the Bridge of Salvation Sketch on a piece of paper.
- Separate the children in small groups to practice.
- Key question in turning conversations into Salvation is: Do you ever think about how God feels about you?



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ADDITIONAL GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THIS MONTH

(These activities are to be used when you have spare time after a lesson)

Good Friends Stick Together (week 1)

Items: 2 Balls

Presentation: Good friends will stick with you through good and difficult situations. Jesus is this kind of friend. **Jesus also wants you to surround yourself with good friends that will support you in your Christian walk.** *“...There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.” – Prov. 18:24*

Instructions: Clear a path in the classroom. Chose three children to stand next to each other. Place a ball in between each child. The kids have to stick really close to each other so that the balls will not fall from in between. Have the kids take a walk around the classroom. Have the other kids encourage them as they walk. If a ball falls put it back and encourage them to finish the walk. Have other children take turns.

Prayer House (week 2)

Items: Worship music. Display a Board with “The Lord’s Prayer”. Display a Prayer List.

Presentation: Is your house a house of prayer? Jesus clearly wants for us to pray in the church, in our homes and wherever we go. You and me are Jesus temple. We are His house because His Spirit lives inside of us. **“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20**

Instructions: Today we are going to pray until your parents arrive to pick you up. We are going to seek His face. You can sit down and pray. You can walk around and pray. You can stand and pray. If you don’t know how to pray read the Prayer Board. If you don’t know what to pray for look at the Prayer List. But please whatever you do, DO NOT GIVE UP, pray and press to see His face.

The Bridge (week 3)

Items: Heavy weights or rocks. A book bag.

Presentation: The Bible says that **“He (Jesus) personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right...” 1 Peter 2:24** These rocks here represent your sin. I am going to put them in the book bag. Now this line represents GOD and this line represents you. The distance in

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between is the distance between GOD and You because of your sin. Do you think that you can get to GOD, by jumping across while carrying your own sins on your back? Who wants to try?

Instructions: Mark two lines with duct tape. There should be a distance of six feet between the lines. With a marker write GOD on one and ME on the other. Have a child put on the book bag with her 'sins' in it and try to jump to get to GOD. (Use wisdom and be careful that no child gets hurt) After allowing a few children to try – tape construction paper on the form of a cross to cover the gap between GOD and the child. Have a child then lay down the book bag and cross the bridge to GOD.

GOD's Not Dead!! (week 4)

Items: Worship and Praise music. Worship flags.

Presentation: The Bible says that when some women came to bring spices to anoint the body of Jesus they saw two angels in the tomb. The angels said "He is not here, but is risen!" The women were surprised, afraid, but also happy! They were excited! They ran to tell the others! Let's worship GOD!

Instructions: Invite the children to celebrate Jesus by dancing until their parents arrive! Move the chairs and put songs that are lively for the kids to dance and glorify the LORD!