

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K&K)

Lesson #82

DATE:

SUBJECT: The Lord Jesus Comes to Life Again

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20

AIM: To tell the children that on the third day after His cruel death, the Lord Jesus came alive again to live forever.

MEMORY VERSES:

Matthew 28:6 “He is not here, for He has been raised, even as He said...”

REVIEW: Do you remember who died on a cross for you? Did He die for something wrong He had done? No, the Lord Jesus died on the cross in our place. He took God's punishment upon Himself for all the bad things we had done. He dies for you and me. He even died for the people who hated Him and put Him to death.

CONTENT: After the Lord died on the cross, He was taken down, but where would they put His body? When anyone died they are buried in a grave or a tomb, but Jesus had no such place prepared for Him. Jesus had a friend who was very rich. His name was Joseph. In secret, he went to Pilate (that bad man that had Jesus put to death) and asked for the body of the Lord that he might bury Him.

Joseph asked another friend of the Lord named Nicodemus to help. They had to rush because it was getting dark they wrapped Jesus in a clean white cloth and carried His body to a new burial place. In those days, some people made a big hole in the side of mountains and used them to bury people. Then they would roll a big, heavy stone in front of it so no one could get in to steal the body. This is what they did to Jesus. They put Him in a large cave and rolled a large, heavy round stone in front of the entrance or doorway.

The bad Jewish leaders went to Pilate and asked him for a guard to watch over Jesus' tomb. They had remembered that the Lord had said that after three days He would rise from the dead (or come back to life again). They were afraid that someone would steal His body and say that He had risen from the dead. Pilate agreed and soldiers were sent to guard the tomb so that no one could steal His body.

Early in the morning, on the first day of the week, as the sun was rising and it was getting light, three women came to the tomb to bring some spices to put on Jesus' body so His body would not turn into dust. There was a great earthquake and an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and the stone was rolled back from the cave and the angel sat upon the big stone. His face was bright as lightening, and his clothes were as white as snow. The soldiers were very much afraid that they became like dead men and later they ran into the city.

As they were approaching Jesus' tomb, the women asked each other, “Who will help us roll away the big, heavy stone from the front of the cave.” To their surprise, when they had gotten to the tomb, the heavy stone had been rolled away. (They did not know that the angel had been there.) The women entered the tomb. There they saw the angel. The women were surprised and frightened. The angel told them not to be afraid. He told them, “He is not here. He is raised from the dead and He is alive again. Look you can see the place where His body was.” “Go tell

His disciples and Peter that Jesus is alive and they will see Him in Galilee!” They ran quickly with fear and great joy to tell the disciples that the Lord was alive! Just as Jesus had said, He rose from the dead three days after He had died that terrible death on the cross.

One of the women named Mary quickly found Peter and John and told them that the tomb was opened and Jesus was no longer there. Peter and John left Mary and ran quickly to see the empty tomb. They must have been very excited and frightened. John ran faster than Peter and he reached the tomb first. He looked in and saw the empty tomb and saw the clothes that had been wrapped around Jesus’ body neatly folded and lying flat. Then Peter came and looked into the tomb and saw the same thing. Immediately, **JOHN BELIEVED THAT JESUS WAS ALIVE AGAIN**. Then John and Peter ran and told all the other disciples.

That night Jesus came and was with the disciples. Many times after that He showed Himself alive to His closest friends. He wants us to tell everyone that He is alive. Jesus promised them and us that He would never leave us and that He would be with all of us forever. Even today after so many, many years the Lord Jesus is still with us. He has kept His promise. What a wonderful risen Lord and Savior and Friend we have.

SONGS: #112, #114, #121, #122

112 JESUS IS ALIVE

1. Jesus is alive!
I am so glad about it.
He loves me very, very much.
I’ll tell all my friends.
I’ll sing and shout it.
Jesus is alive.

2. Jesus will forgive
Whenever I do wrong.
If I am sorry for my sin,
I’ll pray to God
And tell Him I’m sorry.
Jesus will forgive.

114 JESUS IS THE CHILDREN’S FRIEND

1. I am just a little girl but I love Jesus,
I am just a little boy but I love Jesus,
We are little children but we all love
Jesus,--
Jesus is the children’s friend.

2. Ev’ry day we sing and play and talk
with Jesus, -- (3x)
Jesus is our guide and friend.

3. Anywhere He leads us we will gladly
follow, -- (3x)
Follow Jesus all the way.

4. He will lead us onward in His purpose
today, -- (3x)
Glory to His holy name.

5. We will live forever with our lovely
Jesus, -- (3x)
Precious Savior, Lord and King.

121 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and grieves to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev’rything to God in pray’r!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev’rything to God in pray’r!
2. Have we trials and temptation?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful?
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

122 WHAT A WONDERFUL SAVIOR

1. Christ has a full redemption made:
What a wonderful Savior!
We are redeemed! The Price is paid:
What a wonderful Savior!

(Chorus)
What a wonderful Savior is Jesus, my
Savior;
What a wonderful Savior is Jesus, my
Lord!

2. I praise Him for the cleansing blood,
What a wonderful Savior!
That reconciled my soul to God,
What a wonderful Savior!

3. To Him I’ve given all my heart,
What a wonderful Savior!
The world shall never share a part,
What a wonderful Savior!