

Easter – A Living Truth

Bible Passage: Matthew 28:1-15

Bible Story: Jesus Rises

Resources (next two pages)

Lesson 6 Opening

Lesson 6 Handout

Craft: [Easter Cross Wreath](#) – uses toilet paper rolls

Craft: [Easter Handprint Wreath](#) – less supplies needed

Craft: [Empty Tomb Paper Craft](#) – this blog post also has a lot of other ideas, but the craft is the first one

Craft: [Salt Dough Tomb](#)

Lesson Introduction Idea

Ahead of time, put a piece of wood in one plastic egg, a stone in another, and leave a third egg empty. Show the eggs to the children.

Take the egg with the piece of wood and say, “Something in this egg reminds us that Jesus suffered to take away our sins.” Let children shake the egg with wood. “What do you think it is?” Open the egg. “What does wood remind you of?” (The cross)

Let children shake the egg with the stone. “What is inside this one?” Open the egg. “What does the stone remind us of? Yes, after Jesus died, His friends put Jesus in a tomb and rolled a big stone over the opening.”

Shake the last egg, which is silent. Open it to show children it is empty. “This egg is the best one of all. It reminds us that Jesus’ grave was empty on Easter morning. Let’s listen to our Bible story about the first Easter.”

Scripture Snapshot

The women who witness Christ’s burial are the first to witness His resurrection. With great joy, they run to tell His disciples that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Talking Points

When springtime comes, many new flowers sprout from the ground after being dead through the winter. Compare these sprouting seeds to Jesus’ resurrection.

On Good Friday, there was an earthquake (Matthew 27:51-52). On Easter morning, another earthquake happened (Matthew 28:2). What did each earthquake do?

Other Ideas

Share your favorite Easter hymns; look them up on YouTube, perhaps including “Concordia Publishing House” in your search. Here are a few of my favorites:

Song – [I Know that My Redeemer Lives](#)

Song – [At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing](#)

It’s time to bring back: [Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise](#) (organ plays, lyrics on the screen)

[Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise](#) (sung by a children’s choir)

The Skit Guys [The Easter Connection](#) (2 min 9 sec) – That’s the same Jesus?

[A Very Special Easter](#) (3 min 30 sec) - Kids answer questions about Easter

[Easter Videos page](#)

[Douglas Talks Playlists](#) – click on the Easter Lessons for Kids playlist

LESSON 6 OPENING

A LIVING TRUTH: JESUS RISES

When we describe an event that happens very quickly, we may say that it happens in a second. We might also say that it happens in a moment. Perhaps we say in an instant. All of those are words that tell us that it will not take very long. Has anyone ever told you that something will happen in a blink of an eye? *Allow children to answer.* How long is that? *Invite children to blink eyes and answer.*

The blink of an eye is pretty fast. In fact, we do not even notice it unless we are intentionally concentrating on our eyes blinking. A flash is just as fast. *Take a picture so camera flashes.* Did you see how quickly the flash was here and gone? *Take a couple of more pictures with flash.* The apostle Paul talks about something happening “in a moment,” like the flash of a camera, in 1 Corinthians 15:52. He uses these words to describe how fast things will change when Jesus returns. In that very short time the dead will be raised and the faithful glorified. Sin will be gone, and we will be made perfect in Christ.

In that moment, that flash of an eye, death will be no more. The change will be permanent for us and all the people of God. In today’s Bible lesson we will learn about another instant in which all things changed. We will learn about that moment when a resurrection from the dead happened. Pay close attention to what changed in that moment. The moment included a little fear for some; we will learn why. We will also learn how that quickly changed.

Sometimes things can change very quickly in our lives. In a flash of the eye, things may be different than they were before. Those changes may involve things or events that are scary or sad. Those changes may be large or small. In some instances, those changes may even involve death. Even when those changes are scary or involve death, we do not need to be afraid. Death has been undone by Jesus.

Death will be replaced with victory in just the blink of an eye (*invite children to blink eyes again*), in just a flash (*take another picture with flash*). Jesus will change death to life. Sin will be no more. We will all be changed from death to life in Jesus. In fact, the change has already happened for us.

At the font in our Baptism, we were changed. In a flash, God changed us from death to life in Him. He buried us in the death of our sin and raised us forgiven in Christ Jesus. A splash of water connected to His Word poured over us, and He pronounced us changed from death to life in Christ.

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank You for changing us from death in sin to life in You by forgiving us all of our sins. Amen.

LESSON TEXT

Matthew 28:1–15

BIBLE TRUTH

Jesus rose from the dead.

FAITH FOCUS

The Second Article, Part 3

LAW & GOSPEL

Sin separated us from God, and we are filled with fear.

Jesus died for us and rose again, conquering sin and death and giving us the joy of eternal life.

BIBLE VERSE

The Lord has risen! Luke 24:34

VISUAL HELPS

Camera with a flash

A LIVING TRUTH—JESUS RISES

Unit 3, Lesson 6

Jesus Lives!

Directions: Design a banner that expresses the joy you have that “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

