

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

~ Easter ~

Teach your child about Christ's love for them. Explain why Christ died for them, and now lives again!

Purpose

To help each child understand that Jesus Christ was resurrected.

“In one week we will celebrate Easter. Our thoughts will turn to the Savior’s life, His death, and His Resurrection. As His special witness, I testify to you that He lives, and that he awaits our triumphant return.” ~ President Thomas S. Monson

Preparation

Pull up any links you might need for the lesson - look at the Family Night website for quick links

Mark Scriptures ~ Luke 24:36-37

Find Picture of ~ Jesus Christ

Prepare for the Activities you want to do.

Prepare Treat ~ Suggested Treat - Resurrection Rolls!

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Opening Song ~ Jesus Said Love Everyone (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 61)

Opening Prayer

Attention Activity ~ (From Primary Manual) Have a picture of Christ in your hand, but don't show your child what it is, tell them you want them to guess! Give them a couple hints to see if they can guess:

- 1 - This person loves everyone very much.
- 2 - He lived on the earth long ago and organized his church.
- 3 - He taught us how to live and be happy.
- 4 - He blessed people and told them to be kind and loving.

After they have guessed show them the picture - reinforce one more time each hint that has to do with Jesus.

Scripture ~ Luke 24:36-37

Have the child repeat, word for word the scripture. Explain how when Christ appeared to them, they were afraid at first because they knew he was dead, how could he be alive? Jesus had them touch his hands and feet to show them that he was alive. He taught his disciples that he was resurrected. Because Jesus Christ was resurrected, we too will all be resurrected some day!

Scripture Story ~ The Easter Story ~ from the April 2004 Friend (to be combined with story)

Show your child all the pictures of the Easter Story. Talk about each one and how it is important to the story. The focus of this part of the lesson needs to be all about Christ and his life, death, and resurrection. Take your time telling the story, have your child look at the faces of Christ, and of the people. Once you are finished, have your child tell the story back to you!

Story ~ See scripture story for this week

Activity ~ Easter Eggs!

Enjoy decorating Easter Eggs with your family! Teach your child why we decorate Easter eggs during this time of the year – they represent new life, just like when Christ was alive again!

Testimony ~ Bear your testimony to your child about how Christ died for us and lived again. And because he lived again, that means we get to live again too! It doesn't need to be eloquent and long, just keep it simple and heartfelt!

Closing Song ~ Did Jesus Really Live Again (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 64)

Closing Prayer

Treat ~ Suggested Treat ~ Resurrection Rolls! Take some crescent rolls found at a grocery store, and some large marshmallows (needs to be the large ones). Have your child help you put a marshmallow inside each roll before you cook them. Cook them for the recommended time, and when they are finished let them cool and then take a bite! Notice the marshmallow is “gone” just like Christ was gone from his tomb! Not sure where I first heard about this, I think from a Young Woman leader.

Extra Activities for This Lesson ~

1 ~ Spring Jelly Bean Mosaic ~Idea found on lds.org

Print out an outline of a butterfly and fill it in with different jelly beans to make a beautiful mosaic of a butterfly fly! You can eat it as a snack later!

2 ~ My Faith in Jesus Christ grows when I know He is my Savior and Redeemer!

Coloring page found on lds.org

3 ~ The Resurrection of Jesus Christ File Folder Game~ By Megan Mills

Other Materials ~

Basically all the ideas from this lesson is from The Primary 1 Manual, lds.org, and Sugardoodle.net

If you are looking for other materials to help with your lesson you can look in any of these places ~ There are links to them on the Family Night Website!

For Younger Siblings ~

If your child has a younger sibling, look at the lesson we have for infants and toddlers, you can find the link on our website.