

Jesus' Resurrection

IDC Kids Preschool

Bible Passage: Matthew 28; John 20

Story Point: Jesus rose from the dead and is alive

Key Passage: John 11:25 *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live.*

Big Picture Question: Where is Jesus now? Jesus is in heaven.

Christ Connection: Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but He rose from the dead and is alive! God raised Jesus from the dead to be the King over everything. Jesus rescues us from sin and promises that we will live forever with Him.

Watch this week's [IDC Kids Online Video](#)

Review Questions

Did the religious leaders say Jesus had done wrong? (*yes*)

Did Jesus ever do anything wrong? (*no*)

What did the soldiers put on Jesus to make fun of Him for saying He was a king? (*a purple robe and crown of thorns*)

Where was Jesus' body put? (*on a cross, in a tomb*)

Did Jesus stay dead? (*No, He rose from the dead on the third day.*)

What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

Say • People did not want to believe Jesus is God's Son. Pilate's soldiers made fun of Him because He said He was a King. They put a purple robe and a crown of thorns on Him. Then, they put His body on a cross. **Jesus died on the cross for our sin.** His body was placed in a tomb. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us life forever with Him.

Learn the big picture question

Say • Our big picture question for the next few weeks is, ***Where is Jesus now?*** That's what Mary was asking when she found Jesus' tomb was empty! She discovered Jesus was alive and talked to Him. Jesus is still alive today. ***Where is Jesus now? Jesus is in heaven.*** One day, Jesus will come back to earth and set up His forever kingdom.

Practice the key passage

Place the key passage marker at John 11:25. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.

Say • *Resurrection* means "coming back to life." Jesus had died and been put in a tomb. Yet Mary and the disciples found that the tomb was empty! Jesus had been resurrected! By His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus made a way for all of us to live with Him forever! He is the resurrection and the life.

Activity Page (if you didn't order them, you still can [download and print HERE](#))

Invite preschoolers to circle the image that is different in each row.

Say • In today's Bible story, a tomb went from being closed and occupied to open and empty. Some people went from being very sad to extremely happy. Listen to the story to find out what happened to cause these happy changes!

Pray

Say • God, we are so glad Jesus is not dead. He is alive and in heaven with You. Help us believe that You sent Jesus to die in our place for our sin and rose again so we can be forgiven. Amen.

Activities

Decide between sad and happy situations

Explain to preschoolers that you will tell them very short, one-sentence stories. If a child thinks the story is sad, she should pretend to cry. If a child thinks the story is happy, he should smile. Use the sentences provided in the margin or create your own. End with the sentences, "Jesus died," and "Jesus is alive!"

Say • Jesus' disciples were sad when Jesus died on the cross. They did not realize He gave up His life to take the punishment for people's sin. Mary was sad when she could not find Jesus' body. But then, she was happy when she saw Jesus alive and well with her very own eyes. Jesus told Mary to go to His disciples. I'm sure Jesus' disciples were happy to hear Mary's good news: **Jesus rose from the dead and is alive!**

Look for living things

Lead preschoolers on a walk outside. Tell preschoolers to look for things that are living. Draw their attention to people, animals, and plants.

Say • There is a big difference between things that are living and things that are not. Jesus was dead, but God raised Him from the dead to be king over everything. **Jesus rose from the dead and is alive!**

Fill and empty containers

Gather an assortment of containers, such as cereal boxes, plastic food storage containers, plastic drink bottles, cups, bowls and so forth. Provide materials to fill the containers such as pom-poms, cotton balls, or dried pasta. Invite preschoolers to fill containers and then dump the contents.

Say • Jesus' tomb was empty. His body was not inside because **Jesus rose from the dead and is alive.** Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but God raised Him from the dead to be the King over everything. Jesus rescues us from sin and promises that we will live forever with Him when we trust in Him.

Paint stones

Put on smocks and give each preschooler a stone to paint.

Say • I love your painted stones! Feel how heavy these stones are. The stone in front of Jesus' tomb was much larger than these, and much heavier! The stone being moved was a miracle, but the miracle that **Jesus rose from the dead and is alive** is even bigger!

Pretend to be gardeners

Invite preschoolers to pretend to till the ground, scatter and plant seeds, water, weed, and gather the fruit, vegetables, or flowers.

Say • When Mary first saw Jesus, she thought He was a gardener! Then Mary realized she was talking with Jesus! **Jesus rose from the dead and is alive.** Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but God raised Him from the dead to be the King over everything.