

## Reality – Bible Lesson for April 19, 2020 – Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

### Lessons for the Easter Season

#### Lesson 4: Resurrection

**1. Lesson: Resurrection**

**2. Scripture:** Luke 24:13-43; John 20:11-31; John 21:1-25; 1 Corinthians 15:5-7

**3. Memory Verse:** "He is not here, for He has risen; just as He said." – Matthew 28:6

**4. The Jesus Storybook Bible:** Pages 318 - 323

**5. The Beginner's Bible:** Pages 459 - 465

**6. God's Story for Me Bible:** Pages 431 - 440

**7. Materials useful in teaching the lesson - Craft:** templates printed on paper or cardstock; one jumbo craft stick per child; glue stick; crayons; markers; colored pencils

**Craft: Road to Emmaus:**

<https://craftingthewordofgod.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/road-to-emmaus.pdf>

**Videos you can use to reinforce the story:**

Road to Emmaus:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rdlQ99Cb-g>

Doubting Thomas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=foJgyECyUFQ>

**1. Prayer and Welcome Activity:** Pray with your children – then introduce the following attention grabber that will lead into the Bible story:

**Say:** Have you ever had a time when someone told you something that you doubted was true. We have someone who doubts in one part of our story today so we're going to play a game about doubting before we get started...If you believe the things I am about to tell you – stand by the right wall of the classroom. If you doubt what I say, stand by the wall on the left. Ready?

1. Did you know...that penguins can smell toothpaste from several miles away? Do you believe it or doubt it? (false)
2. Did you know...in Tokyo, Japan, a bicycle is faster than a car for trips of less than 50 minutes? Believe it or doubt it? (true)
3. Did you know that 50 years ago there was a chocolate shortage so M&Ms were actually candy-coated peas? Believe it or doubt it? (false)
4. Did you know that you are more likely to be stung by a bee in windy weather? Believe it or doubt it? (false)
5. Did you know that when glass breaks, the cracks move faster than 3,000 miles per hour? Believe it or doubt it? (true)

6. Did you know that a violin contains about 70 pieces of wood? Believe it or doubt it? (true)
7. Did you know that in Great Britain, the Thomas the Tank Engine has become so popular that faces are going to be put on all the commercial trains? (Believe it or doubt it? (false)
8. Did you know that they have square watermelons in Japan because they stack better? Believe it or doubt it? (true)

How did you do? Sometimes it's easy to see when it's good to doubt something we are told. But today we are going to talk about when Jesus appeared to many followers after His Resurrection and we will also learn about a time when one of Jesus' own disciples doubted the truth of the Resurrection.

**2. Bible Story:** (You can simplify the story below or read a part of it from "The Jesus Storybook Bible" - Pages 318 - 323; "The Beginner's Bible" - Pages 459 - 465 or "God's Story for Me Bible" - Pages 431 - 440)

Our Bible story begins on Resurrection Day – the day when Jesus rose from the dead – the greatest event in the history of our world! Last week we learned that Mary Magdalene and the other women came to the tomb of Jesus on Easter morning. Let's go back and look at what happened one more time.

Mary Magdalene was crying as she looked into the empty tomb and she saw something that Peter and John had not seen just moments before...two angels were sitting in the tomb. She may not have realized they were angels because her only concern seemed to be where she could find the body of Jesus. She didn't understand that He was alive and that He wasn't far away until she heard that familiar voice say to her..."Mary". Jesus told her to go to His disciples and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Jesus made Mary the first witness of His resurrection.

The Bible tells us of five appearances of Jesus on Resurrection day. All the people who loved Jesus had seen Him die on the Cross and, in their minds, there was no way He could be standing in front of them three days later. As well as appearing to Mary, He was seen by the other women. Then He came to two followers on the road to Emmaus. We pick this story up when the two men were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were discouraged. They had been in Jerusalem for the trial and crucifixion and now they had heard the women's reports that the tomb of Jesus was empty, and Jesus was alive – but they didn't believe them. They thought Jesus was going to redeem Israel – to be a military Messiah. They didn't understand why He had to die. They had lost hope because they didn't realize that Jesus' death gave them their greatest hope.

Suddenly Jesus was walking with them! He asked them questions about what had happened, but they didn't recognize Him. One of the men, named Cleopas, told Jesus, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

While they were walking, Jesus began teaching them. He started from the very beginning of the Scriptures to try to help them understand the prophecies that the Messiah had to suffer and then He would enter into His glory. As they neared their village, Jesus began to walk away. The two men asked Him to come home with them. They had been encouraged by His words and wanted to hear more. "When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight."

The two men ran back to Jerusalem. They found the eleven disciples and told them, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread." These two men also knew that Jesus had appeared to Simon Peter.

The same day, at evening, the doors were shut where the disciples were gathered in a room. They all believed that Jesus had been taken from them and they didn't know what to do next. They had locked themselves in a room to hide from the Pharisees and the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus came in and stood among them. Jesus said, "Peace be with you." He knew His disciples were afraid, so His first words were words of comfort. After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Thomas had not been with the group and, when they told him what had happened, he would not believe that what they were saying really happened. Jesus returned a week later, and Thomas was with the group. Jesus came into the closed room and again said, "Peace be with you." He went right to Thomas and showed him the nail prints in His hands. Thomas' doubts melted away and he said, "My Lord and my God!" He didn't just say, "Okay, now I believe you are alive." He said so much more than that. When he saw that Jesus had been raised from the dead, it proved to him that Jesus was who He said He was – the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus told Thomas, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus was talking about everyone throughout history that has believed in Him – including us. Jesus said that those who believe without seeing are blessed. We have faith that God's word is true and that He loves us and cares for us more than we can possibly imagine.

When Jesus left, He told the disciples to meet Him in Galilee. While they were waiting for Him there, Peter and six of the other disciples decided to go fishing. They spent the whole night fishing but caught nothing. The next morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize it was Him. Jesus called out to His friends and asked them if they had found any fish. When they answered no, He told them, "Throw your

net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they caught so many fish they were unable to haul the net back in. John was the first to recognize Jesus. He called out, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Peter heard John say that, he jumped in the water to hurry to Jesus. The other disciples followed in the boat and, when they pulled up to the shore, they saw Jesus - who was waiting on the shore with fish and bread laying on hot coals. He had prepared their breakfast. He asked them to bring some of the fish they had just caught so Peter dragged the net full of 153 fish to him.

After eating, Jesus said some amazing things to Peter. He restored Peter and forgave him for his denial before the crucifixion. That amazing restoration will be a main part of our lesson for next week.

The resurrection appearances continued. Paul does not give a lot of facts about Jesus' appearance to the 500, but he does write that Jesus appeared to 500 brothers and sisters in Christ – at the same time. They were eyewitnesses and most of them were still living at the time Paul wrote to the Corinthians. Paul also wrote that Jesus came to his half-brother, James, before Christ gathered His disciples and then went to be with His Father in Heaven.

Over a forty-day period, Jesus appeared to many people after His resurrection. These appearances convinced His disciples, beyond a doubt, that He had risen from the dead. From Christ's unconditional love, He prepared His followers to carry on His work...fully restored and fully equipped with His Holy Spirit – and that is our lesson for next week...

### **3. Bible Exploration – Checking for Understanding:**

1. After His resurrection, who did Jesus appear to first? (Mary Magdalene)
2. Who did Jesus meet on the walk to Emmaus? (two men – one was named Cleopas)
3. What did they tell Jesus about what had happened in Jerusalem? (They told him about the things that had happened to Jesus – Himself.)
4. What did Jesus tell them? (He told them what the Bible said about the Messiah)
5. When did they recognize Jesus? (when He broke the bread)
6. Which one of the disciples said he wouldn't believe Jesus had returned unless he saw the nail prints? (Thomas)
7. After they fished all night and caught nothing, what did Jesus tell the disciples to do? (Cast their nets on the other side of the boat.)
8. Which disciple on the Sea of Galilee recognized Jesus first? (John)
9. How many days did Jesus remain on earth before He ascended into Heaven? (Forty days)

#### **4. Bible Application:**

##### **Craft:**

##### **Elementary – The Road to Emmaus**



##### **Instructions**

1. Print the template on card stock or heavy paper, using the template at the beginning of the lesson.
2. Color and cut out both pieces.
3. Glue the three figures onto a jumbo craft stick.
4. Cut on the solid line on the larger piece creating a slit.

**5. Memory Verse:** Have the children say the memory verse one more time - "He is not here, for He has risen; just as He said." – Matthew 28:6 (This is repeated from last week.)

##### **Play "Word Addition Game"**

Start the game by saying the first word of the verse. Then your child says the first two words in the verse; you (or another child) say the first three words in the verse, and so on. Keep doing this until someone says the entire verse. Start the game over again, this time have whoever said the whole verse begin the game. Make sure everyone has a chance to participate

**6. Closing Prayer:** Lead the children in a closing prayer. Encourage your child/children to also say their own individual prayers about any additional concerns they have.

