

## Reality – Bible Lesson for April 19, 2020 – Preschool

### 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 for teaching the lesson - Beginning Activity:** poster paper or a large piece of paper with a full-size (or large) outline of a person on it and the word "PEACE" written where the heart should be; colored pencils; markers **Craft:** construction paper or cardstock; pipe cleaner; scissors; single hole punch; markers

**Craft: Walk with Jesus:**

<http://through-my-is.blogspot.com/2011/05/walk-with-jesus-craft-tutorial.html>

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

Road to Emmaus:

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

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

In advance, draw a life-size (or large) outline of a person on the paper. With markers, write the word PEACE where the heart should be. When you start the lesson, have the paper turned over so your child/children can't see your drawing.

**Say:** I want you to tell me anything that worries you and I will write it down on this paper. (Write it on the back of the paper.) If you want, you can also draw pictures of anything that makes you sad or upset. (Give them time to do this.)

Now that you have put your "worries" down on the paper, I am going to turn the sheet over and show you what is on the other side. (Do this.) I have written the word "PEACE" on the person I drew – right where the heart should be. In our story today, we are going to learn about how Jesus wants us to have peace in our hearts. He said, "Peace be with you," when He came to His disciples after He came alive again on Easter. He wants us to remember how much He loves us, and He wants His peace to be with us too. Now let's listen to the story.

**2. Bible Story:** (You can simplify the story below or read 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.

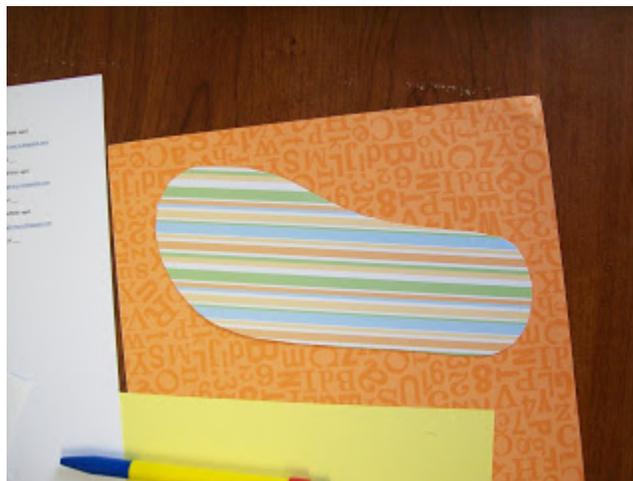
Over a forty-day period, Jesus appeared to many people after His resurrection. These appearances convinced His disciples, beyond a doubt, that He had risen from the dead. From Christ's unconditional love, He prepared His followers to carry on His work...fully restored and fully equipped with His Holy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

### **3. Bible Application:**

#### **Craft:**

#### **Preschool – Walk with Jesus**

1. On construction paper or cardstock, have your child or you trace around your child's foot with or without shoes on.
2. Cut out (or have your child cut if he/she is old enough) the foot shape. Glue it to a second piece of construction paper, if desired. This makes the flip flop a little stronger. Now cut around the shape again.



3. Using a hole punch, punch one hole closer to the side of the flip-flop where the big toe would go. Then punch two more holes DIRECTLY across from one another further down.



4. Fold your pipe cleaner in half and thread the center through the top hole. Twist the pipe cleaner on the back of the shoe a bit and then fold down.

5. Now you will thread the two remaining ends of the pipe cleaner into the other two holes. Turn the flip-flop over and again twist the ends and then fold down so that they stay secure. You may want to use a little tape on the back to hold the ends.



6. Now you just need to add "Walk with Jesus" in the center of the flip-flop.

**4. 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 Colored Shapes:** Write the words of the memory verse on shapes of different colors. Remove one shape at a time as you say the verse. You can also hand the shapes to your child/children. Then say the verse again as you put the shapes back.

**5. 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.