

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 11/8/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28

LESSON: Jesus' Resurrection



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we talked about when innocent Jesus received punishment He didn't deserve while guilty Barabbas got to walk free. Jesus took that punishment so we can walk free too. But Jesus' death is not the end of His story!! Not even close! Today we're looking at what happened after Jesus' death.

Now You See It - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

Supplies: white paper, white crayon, glass of water, food coloring (preferably red)

Write the following message using white crayon on a white piece of paper.

"Jesus rose on the third day" It will appear to kids that there is nothing on the paper.

Add four or five drops of food coloring to the cup of water and dip the paper in, leaving it there for about 1 minute. Remove the paper and unfold onto a dry paper towel. The message will become visible! Have kids write their own secret celebration messages on white paper!

Say - Just like we couldn't see the message at first, Jesus' disciples couldn't see what He kept telling them about His death and resurrection. But in hindsight, after the cross and Jesus' resurrection, the disciples started to see the message clearly. That's what we're learning about today!



LESSON - JESUS' RESURRECTION

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus' Resurrection](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

The empty tomb was confusing to Mary, Peter and John. (Kids repeat!)

When Mary went to Jesus's Tomb, she was shocked that the giant stone had been moved away. Jesus's body wasn't inside! Mary was very confused! She ran to tell Peter and John and they ran to the tomb too. As first century Jewish people, none of them had a category for people coming back to life after being dead. Even though Jesus had told them He would! They assumed someone must have stolen Jesus' body.

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

The empty tomb was devastating to Mary. (Kids repeat!)

More than confusing, the thought of Jesus' body being stolen was emotionally awful for Mary. She went back to the tomb and cried. Her great friend and teacher had just died in a terrible way. So she was already sad about that. Jesus was her hope for bringing God's kingdom Now she thinks His body has been stolen which is terrible. How sad do you think you might have been if you were in her situation? The Bible is really honest that all kinds of things happen that cause serious sadness and tears.

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

The empty tomb was a problem for the Pharisees. (Kids repeat!)

While Jesus' disciples were confused and sad, the Pharisees had a different reaction to Jesus' tomb. They knew He had promised to come back from the grave so the

empty tomb means maybe He actually did it! The Pharisees came up with a sneaky cover up plan. They told the guards to lie about why Jesus' body was missing. They would do anything (even lie) to make sure Jesus didn't get glorified or worshipped. They thought they were done with Jesus once they had Him crucified, but we know that God had great plans for Jesus' death and resurrection!

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

The empty tomb is great hope for those who believe in Jesus! (kids repeat)

Jesus died on the cross for our sins but He didn't stay dead! God raised Jesus from the dead to reign over all creation as King. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we know that He fully paid for our sins and defeated sin and death. He took the punishment we deserve. God's raising Jesus from the dead proves that His payment for sins was sufficient and final. That means that whenever we're sad like Mary or confused like the disciples, we can know that Jesus is with us and He is reigning as King! We don't go through sadness alone. We don't go through anything alone!

RESPONSE



Sing: [He Humbled Himself](#) (Key Passage Song)
[A Future and a Hope](#)

Pray: Jesus, thank you that we can put our hope in you because You are alive! You conquered death! You're amazing!

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Don't worry about "right" answers here, your goal is to hear how and what they're hearing.*
- How did Mary know that Jesus was alive? [Look at John 20:14-18] *He called her name and she recognized Him and saw Him alive with her own eyes.*
- How did the religious leaders try to prevent people from learning about Jesus' resurrection? *Matt. 28:12-15] They bribed the soldiers to lie, saying the disciples stole the body*
- What did Jesus' resurrection prove about His death on the cross? [1 Cor 15:51-52] *God's raising Jesus from the dead proves that His payment for sins was sufficient and final.*
- How does Jesus' resurrection give us hope no matter what problems we're dealing with? *(Parents go first! Think about little and big things. Why is it good news for you that Jesus is alive?)*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#) of Jesus talking with Mary.

Dance Party! - Put on some of your favorite tunes and dance together to celebrate that Jesus is risen! You can use this [playlist](#) for your music!