



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 3, Lesson 15

The Resurrection: New Life

**Lesson Aim: To understand the resurrection
and its importance.**

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite way to celebrate Easter?

GAME: New Life Egg Hunt

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SAVES US

Read Worship Scripture: John 11:25-26.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God freed Paul and Silas from prison.

Today, we will read about the good news that Paul said was of first importance: Jesus died for our sins, He was buried, and on the third day God raised Jesus to life. That is called the resurrection. It all happened in Jerusalem. Point to Jerusalem, Israel. **We celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter. Let's read what happened on that first Easter.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 20:1-18. Find and Highlight Key Verse John 20:18 First. Pray. Read.

THE WAY UNDERSTANDING THE RESURRECTION

The death and resurrection of Jesus are the most important events in the Christian faith. How did Jesus die? (On a cross.) **Why did Jesus have to die for us?** (To save us from our sins, from a life separated from God, the punishment for our sin.) **Sin is doing wrong in God's eyes. Whoever believes in Jesus is forgiven and has life forever with God. Jesus came to earth to die on a cross to pay for our sins.**

After His body was laid in the tomb, a large heavy stone sealed the entrance. No one could come in or out. What happened to that stone? (It was removed.) **Who do you think removed it? Matthew explains that an angel came down from heaven and rolled back the**

stone. What did Mary do? (She ran and told Peter and John.) **What did they see at the tomb?** (Jesus was not there. They saw His folded burial cloths.) **Who did Mary see in the tomb?** (Two angels.) **When Jesus spoke to Mary, she didn't realize it was Him because she had seen Him die and be buried. Who did she think He was?** (The gardener.) **When Jesus said Mary's name, she knew it was Him. Jesus told her to tell the others. What did Mary say?** ("I have seen the Lord!")

What is resurrection? (Rising from the dead.) **When Jesus rose from the dead, it showed He won the victory over death. Jesus now lives forever! All who believe in Jesus are forgiven and given a new life forever close to God. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead, one day all who believe in Him will be raised from the dead to live forever with Jesus in heaven. That's good news. Let's take a moment of silence to thank Jesus for dying for us, and thank God the Father for raising Jesus from the dead.** Brief silence for prayer.

Do we have to wait until we get to heaven to be close to God? (No.) **Life forever close to God is called eternal life. It starts here on earth the moment we believe in Jesus. It lasts past the time when our bodies die. Our souls are the part of us that live forever. When our bodies die, our souls go to heaven and see Jesus face to face. We will live there forever close to God.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

1000 years before God raised Jesus from the dead, David foretold that God would not let His Holy One stay in the grave. God's Holy One is His Son Jesus. Then, David spoke about eternal life. Reveal Psalm 16:9-11. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **How might David's words be used today as a prayer to celebrate Jesus' resurrection?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Messenger Egg
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus showing Mary He was alive
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: New Life Easter Treats

ACTIVITY: Messenger Eggs

CRAFT: Paul's Letter Keeper

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Signs of Philippians 4:8, Up and Down Bible Verse

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW