



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 14

The Miracle of Easter

Lesson Aim: To consider eyewitness reports, prophesies, and faith God gives us to see who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite Easter miracle?

GAME: Roll the Stone Away

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Read Worship Scripture: John 3:16

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS DIED; GOD RAISED HIM TO LIFE

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

Review: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt.

Point to Jerusalem. **In Jerusalem, Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and was raised from the dead so we might have life forever close to God. Those are the two miracles we celebrate each Easter. As I read, listen closely to see how many eyewitnesses were present.**

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Matthew 27:50-51, 54-66; 28:1-10; John 20:1-9. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Matthew 28:6. Pray. Read Matthew 27:50-51, 54-66. **God raised His Son, Jesus, from the dead.**

That is called the resurrection. Read Matthew 28:1-10; John 20:1-9.

THE WAY EVIDENCE AND FAITH

It's time for a brain buster to see how many eyewitnesses we can list in the next 30 seconds. Think of who was there at the cross or at the empty tomb. Write the names as the children call them out.

Who saw Jesus die on the cross? (Mary Magdalene, Mary [James' and Jesus' mother], the mother of Zebedee's sons, the centurion, guards, and a crowd that mocked Him.) **Who saw the midday darkness, the earth shake, and the rock split?** (Same as previous.) **Who saw the stone placed as a seal on the tomb?** (Joseph of Arimathea, both Marys.) **Who saw the stone was rolled away?** (Angel, tomb guards, both Marys.) **Who**

saw and heard the angel? (Both Marys.) **Who saw, heard, and touched Jesus that morning?** (Both Marys.) **Who saw the strips of burial linen folded neatly in the empty tomb?** (Peter and John.)

Why is it important to have eyewitnesses? (Proof helps others believe.) **How would it feel to be at the cross when the sky grew dark? To see the rocks split and feel the earth shake? To see the stone roll away and feel the earthquake? Which miracle would you have most wanted to see and why?**

Jesus had told His twelve disciples He would be crucified and then rise on the third day. Yet, on the third day, did the women or the disciples expect to see Jesus rise? (No.) How did different followers react when they saw the tomb was empty? (Surprised, confused.) **Only His enemies remembered Jesus said He would rise on the third day. How did Pilate try to prevent rumors of Jesus' resurrection?** (He ordered the stone to be sealed and posted guards at the tomb.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Old Testament scripture also predicted and explained these events hundred of years earlier. Saving us through Jesus' death and resurrection has always been God's plan. Reveal Isaiah 53:4-5, 11. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

How does Isaiah describe Jesus' death and resurrection? We have read the eyewitness reports and fulfilled prophesies proving Jesus has made a way for us to be forgiven and close with God, but only God can give us faith to trust and believe. Let's pray silently for God to give everyone faith to believe in Jesus. Lead a silent prayer.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Stone
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #14
- OFFERING OF ART: Angel sitting by the empty tomb saying, "He is risen!"
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Stone Rolls

GAME: Easter Egg Relay: He Is Risen Indeed!

CRAFT: Easter Card

DISCUSSIONS: Easter Miracles Egg, What Do You Think?

THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: "Sit on the Throne" Musical Chairs, Bible Memory Verse Bop

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW