



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 4, Lesson 18

Jesus is Risen

Lesson Aim: To know the Easter story
and its significance.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the most unbelievable thing you have seen?

GAME: Roll the Stone Away

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO ROSE

Read Worship Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:57

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN

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

Review: After an unfair trial, Jesus died on the cross. Display cross symbol from Easter Symbols Egg. **This took place outside the Jerusalem city wall.** Point to Jerusalem. **When Jesus died, the huge purple-red curtain in the temple was torn from top to bottom.** Display purple-red cloth. **Next, Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus' body and wrapped it in a cloth with good smelling spices.** Display scented white cloth. **Joseph placed Jesus' body in the tomb and a large stone was rolled in front of the entrance.** Display stone.

Today, we will find out what happened three days later. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 20:1-18. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 20:18. Pray. Read.

THE WAY CELEBRATING EASTER

When Mary first reached the tomb, what did she notice about the stone? (It had been rolled away.) **Who did Mary run and tell?** (Peter and John.) **What did Peter and John do when they heard about the empty tomb?** (The ran to see it for themselves.)

Before He was arrested, Jesus had told the disciples He would rise from the dead. When John saw that Jesus was not there and that the linen strips had been folded, the Bible says, "He believed." What do you think John believed?

Was Jesus' body in the tomb? (No.) What did Peter and John see inside the tomb? (The folded strips of linen.) After Peter and John went home, who did Mary see seated in the tomb? (Two angels.) Why was Mary crying? (She thought someone had taken Jesus' body.)

Who spoke to Mary? (Jesus.) How do you think Mary felt to see Jesus alive? What did Mary say to the disciples after she saw Jesus face to face? ("I have seen the Lord.") Mary was a witness that God had raised Jesus from the dead. He was alive! What would you have done if you had been there to see Jesus?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

One of the symbols of Easter is the egg. Display Easter Symbols Egg. It stands for new life with God that lasts forever—even after our bodies die. More than one thousand years before Jesus rose, Job described what it will be like to see God face to face after our bodies die. Reveal Job 19:25-27. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

How do you think you will feel to see God with your own eyes one day? All who believe in Jesus will have life forever with Him. This is why believers celebrate Easter!

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Easter Symbols Egg
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: The empty tomb
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Celebrate! Jesus is Risen!

GAMES: Get Up Tag, He is Risen Indeed! Relay

CRAFT: Jesus is Risen Magnets

DISCUSSION: Easter Symbols Review

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Four Corners of the Earth, The Wave

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW