

Unearthing the Truth about the Resurrection: Jesus Paid It All

Lesson Aim

Jesus loves us so much that He willingly died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. When we respond to God's call to repent and ask Jesus to forgive our sins, He washes us clean so we may have eternal life with Him in Heaven.

Opening Activity — Start Strong

Separation Anxiety

Using one hand and picking up only one candy at a time, sort Easter-colored candies (M&Ms or jellybeans) onto separate plates for each color.

Introductory Activity — Treasure Hunt

Turn your gospel lesson into a wild, crazy treasure hunt!

Supplies:

Secure a gold coin, black piece of coal, a cross, money, white-out, eraser, a baby doll, baby stuffed animal, a toy house (or house drawing)
Picture cards with objects to find

Directions:

Hide the objects around the room before kids come to small group.

Give each child a picture of one of the treasures to find.

Gather the kids in a circle and review their objects and how they fit into the gospel story.

- ◆ A gold coin (God's perfection, heaven)
- ◆ A black piece of coal (our sin stains us)
- ◆ A cross or money (Jesus paid the price)
- ◆ White-out or an eraser (God erases our sin!)
- ◆ A baby doll or baby stuffed animal (we are a new creation after accepting Christ)
- ◆ A toy house or house drawing (God prepares a place for us in Heaven)



Bible story -- Jesus Paid It All (Luke 23:26-49)

Tell the story using a short video from the Gospel Project:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X69BRjpALSE>

While it's a painful subject to think about, the crucifixion of Jesus is the central event of the Christian faith. It was at this moment that Jesus took upon himself the full weight of our sinful choices. And there, upon that lonely cross, Jesus hung in our place and received the full weight of God's wrath and judgement.



Discussion Questions

- ◆ Why is Jesus important?
- ◆ What has Jesus sacrifice on the cross have to do with us?
- ◆ What is the free gift that Jesus offers each of us?
- ◆ Would you like to accept this free gift? Use The Gospel: God's Plan for Me cards to present the Gospel and give the kids their own personal set to review and take home and share with family and friends.

Once the video is over, use The Gospel: God's Plan for Me flash cards to continue the Gospel conversation and review the gospel concepts. Be sure to invite the children to respond to the Gospel.



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Scripture (Genesis 1:1): *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.* (Genesis 1:1)



We Sinned: We all choose to disobey God. For preschoolers, it is anything I think, anything I say or anything I do that makes God unhappy. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death.

Scripture (Romans 3:23): *...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*



God Provided: God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us.

Scripture (John 3:16): *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*



Jesus Gives: He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity.

Scripture (Romans 5:8): *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*



We Respond: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Scripture Romans 10:9-10: *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

Reinforce the Gospel Story — Science Experiment: Cleansing Power of Jesus!

Illustrate the cleansing power of Jesus with this simple science experiment.

Fill half a water jug with clean water – this water represents us. Add a few drops of food coloring into the water – this represents sin in our lives.

Slowly pour liquid bleach into the water jug; the water should become clear again – In the same way that bleach cleans the stained water, when we accept Jesus into our lives, Jesus has the power to remove the stains from our hearts and make our hearts clean!



Scripture Verse Focus

Acts 16:31 — "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved."

Exploding Chaos Bible Verses: Write or type the Bible verse on a sheet of paper, using fairly small print. Cut the words or phrases apart. Carefully roll or fold each word up and insert it into a balloon opening. Blow up the balloons and tie them. Place the balloons in a mixed up pile. Have your child pop the balloons, get the words, and put them in order.

Multiple children? Print the verse on several times. Insert the words for each memory verse into different colored balloons (for example, one verse into blue balloons, one verse into red balloons.) Divide the kids into teams and see which team can pop all of their balloons and assemble their verse first.



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Gospel Ideas for Preschoolers

As teachers and volunteers with younger learners it is our responsibility to be sure that we communicate the important ideas of the gospel story. One resource that you might consider using with kids is THE GOSPEL: God's Plan for Me (produced by Lifeway Christian Resources). Here are the big ideas from that resource. I have included some additional thoughts about some sensitive and age appropriate ways you can talk to these young learners. Sharing the Gospel with children is ongoing and every opportunity we have to reinforce these big ideas is important to their spiritual development.



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Sharing the Gospel with Kids Object Lesson (from Ministry-to-Children.com)

Secure a box of dominoes. Using tape, cover two of the dominoes. Make a stick figure on each, one a Christian kid and one who needs Jesus. Set the kid who needs Jesus at the other end of the table. Say, the Christian kid goes to a good church and is excited to tell other kids about Jesus. It seems overwhelming to be able to tell everyone. Now what if this Christian kid tells another (set up a domino behind him) and that kid tells another (set up a domino behind him) and repeat until you are at the kid who needs Jesus. Just imagine if everyone would tell just one person about Jesus it could set off a chain reaction where kids telling kids around the world like this (start the dominoes falling). You know our first kid didn't know our last kid but because our first kid told another and then another... our kid who needed Jesus came to know the Christ. The new Christian now has the opportunity start the chain reaction all over. (You can see a video of the entire presentation here: www.https://ministry-to-children.com/object-lesson-kids-sharing-gospel/)

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