

## 2.10 JESUS LIVES

Topic: Meeting Jesus, the Son of God

Subtopic: The Resurrection of Jesus

1B. Jesus Christ: God, the Son

Class: Standard II (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

Objectives:

**Knowledge:** When asked what happened after Jesus' death, students will say He is alive!

**Attitude:** Students will appreciate that we serve a living God, One we can know personally.

Materials Needed:

Exercise Book

Memory Verse Exercise Book

Things for planting seeds (optional)

Scripture:

**References:** Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; Matthew 28:1-10; John 20:1-18

Teacher's Notes

Memory Verse: "He is not here---He has been raised!" Mark 16:6 GNT

### TEACHER ACTIVITIES

#### Introduction:

1. Last week we were sad because Jesus was killed on a cross. But something wonderful happened to Jesus. Do you know what happened?

#### Bible Story:

2. Tell the Resurrection story or read it from John 20:1-18 using good expression

#### *Suggested Discussion Questions*

3. Who went to visit Jesus' tomb early on that Sunday morning? What did she find when they got there?
4. Who told her what had happened to Jesus? (From Mark account)
5. How did Mary know that Jesus was alive?
6. Where is Jesus today?

#### Application:

7. Why is it important to you and me today that Jesus is alive?
8. Do we celebrate that Jesus is alive today? When?

#### Evaluation:

9. Learn memory verse with the motions.
10. Have students tell the story to another.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

#### Introduction:

1. Some will know that Jesus is alive!

#### Bible Story:

2. Let students ask questions about story. They could act it out while story is narrated.

#### *Possible Answers to Questions:*

3. Mary Magdalene. The stone was rolled away and the body was gone.
4. An angel told her Jesus was not there. He had been raised!
5. Mary thought the gardener might know where Jesus was. Then when he spoke Mary's name, she recognized the voice of Jesus.
6. He is in heaven sitting by God.

#### Application:

7. Because Jesus is alive we can talk with Him in prayer. He watches over us.
8. Yes—Easter Sunday

#### Evaluation:

9. Repeat Mark 16:6 by shaking head and extending arms away from both sides while saying, "He is not here." Then stretch hands up toward heaven while saying "He has been raised."
10. Listen while children tell story.

### **Extension Activities**

1. Memory Verse: Write the memory verse in the Memory Verse Exercise book: “He is not here—He has been raised!” Mark 16:6 GNT
2. In the exercise book, write at the top of the page: God, the Son: Jesus Christ. Underneath write “Jesus is Alive!”. Then draw an empty tomb beneath the words.
3. Demonstration with planting seed: **Materials needed: Clear glass jar with straight sides at least 4 inches tall; two pieces of construction paper; paper towels to crumple inside the glass (or toilet paper); 4-5 large seeds such as maize, water. If not available, use a container full of dirt with the seeds and water.** The celebration that Jesus is alive comes during the time that we plant maize (corn) and beans. When we drop a seed into the ground we can’t see all that happens but that seed actually dies so that new life can happen. Then we see the sprout of new life. It is a good way to help us remember that Jesus didn’t remain dead, He came alive. Plant a few seeds and watch them grow over the next week. If you have a glass jar with straight sides that is at least four inches tall, you can plant the seeds so the children can watch. Line the inside of the glass with one thickness of construction paper, if available. If no construction paper, use some soft dark paper to line the sides of the glass. Fill the inside of the jar with crumpled paper towels. (If no paper towels, use wadded toilet paper) Slip three or four maize seeds evenly spaced between the glass and the construction paper about 1 1/2” from the top. Carefully add water to soak up the paper towels and wet the construction paper as well. Then wrap a second piece of construction paper (or other dark paper) around the outside of the jar and set the jar in a sunny place. Each day remove the cover to check on the progress of the seeds. Add water daily to keep the towels damp. In a few days you should see the seeds swell and sprout. When the plants are about 4 inches high, transplant them to a container of soil. You may want to experiment several days before this lesson so you know how long it takes for the sprout to appear. If you don’t have the glass or papers, use a container of dirt and drop the seed into the dirt covering it over. Keep the soil moist and watch daily to see the sprout come up.

## **NOTES FOR TEACHERS**

### **Highlights for the Bible Story**

This is a very exciting story so tell it with enthusiasm.

1. Mary Magdalene rose early to anoint the body of Jesus which was tradition. She worried about how she would move the stone that closed the door to the tomb.
2. When she got there she found the stone had been rolled away. The body of Jesus was gone. She was so afraid that someone had stolen His body.
3. An angel told them not to be afraid. He told them that “He is not here—He has been raised!” Mark 16:6.
4. She went to tell the others what she had found.
5. Two of the disciples went to look for themselves and found exactly what the women had told them.

6. Mary remained behind when the others left. She looked in the tomb and this time she saw two angels. She was crying and they asked her why she was crying.
7. Then she saw someone standing behind her whom she assumed was the gardener. She thought he would surely know what had happened to the body of Jesus.
8. The man called her by name, "Mary." She recognized the voice of Jesus. She was so happy but He told her to go and tell the others that He was alive. She ran to tell the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"

**Key Point**

Jesus is the Son of God. He has overcome death. After meeting with the disciples and other followers several times, He went up to heaven where He sits with God. He is alive and ready to help us every day of our lives. We can talk with Him when we pray.

**Teacher Evaluation**

Do I feel the excitement in my heart knowing that Jesus is alive and I can talk with Him in prayer? Have I helped these children to understand the real meaning of Easter?