

Lesson Introduction

The rulers had Jesus arrested. They put him on trial and then hung him on a cross to die. Jesus died on the cross to take on himself the punishment for our sins. If he hadn't done that God would have to punish us for the wrong things we have done. It was an awful thing for Jesus to die on the cross but he did it because he loves us.

Jesus didn't stay dead. His followers laid his body in a tomb but when they went back it wasn't there because Jesus rose from the dead. After he rose from the dead Jesus appeared to lots of people.

We know Jesus is our Savior and able to save us from our sin because he rose from the dead. Only God is able to do that.

Discussion Questions

Day 1: What does it mean to be crucified? Why was Jesus crucified? Why didn't he deserve to be crucified?

Day 2: What did they do with Jesus' body when he died? What had Jesus told the disciples would happen to him?

Day 3: What was rolled across the opening to the tomb? What were Jesus' followers thinking?

Day 4: What did the women find when they went back to the tomb? What did that mean?

Day 5: What did Jesus prove by rising from the dead? How did the disciples feel about that? What do we receive by believing in Jesus? What does that mean?

Day 6: What does it mean to be blessed? When are we blessed? What does that mean? Why should we trust in Jesus? What happens when we trust in Jesus?

Lesson Rhyme

R—R	Make sign of R
Resurrection	Left palm up right hand "V" stand in left palm
Rising from the dead	Move hands up in front, palm up
R—R – Resurrection	Turn hands over palms down
Just as Jesus	Same as above.
Said	Make sign of Jesus
	Move 1 st 2 fingers of both hands back & forth from mouth



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What is the resurrection?



R—R - Resurrection

Rising from the dead

R—R - Resurrection

Just as Jesus said

Day 1

When they crucified our Lord
it was a sad and dreadful day,
But the punishment for all our sins
someone had to pay.
Into his hands and feet
with a hammer nails were driven.
It is through Christ's pain and suffering
that we have been forgiven.

Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross.

Day 6

We are blessed when we believe
what we have not seen,
Thanking God through Jesus
from our sin we are made clean.
We are to trust in Jesus
as God's one and only Son.
Knowing through his resurrection,
death was overcome.

Draw a picture of you and Jesus.

Luke 23:33: ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

John 20:29: ²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Day 5

Jesus rose up from the dead;
they were no longer sad.
He proved that he is God,
which made them really glad.
Through his resurrection,
death he overcame.
Now forgiveness and salvation
are found in Jesus' name.

Draw a picture of Jesus.

Day 2

When Jesus died they took him down
and laid him in a grave.
Mockers still were saying,
"His own life he couldn't save."
The disciples were confused
'cause they knew what he had said.
In three days, he had claimed,
he would rise up from the dead.

Draw a picture of them taking Jesus down.

1 John 4:13-14: ¹³We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Luke 23:34-35: ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

Day 3

A rock was rolled across
the opening of the tomb.
His followers were sad
and their hearts were filled with gloom.
But as they went back to their homes
and on their beds did lay.
They put their trust in God
to work things out his way.

Draw a picture of the rock covering the tomb.

Day 4

Some women went back to the tomb
his body to prepare.
Imagine their surprise
when they couldn't find it there.
The stone that covered up the tomb
had been rolled away.
The body of our Savior
in the grave no longer lay.

Draw a picture of the empty tomb.

John 19:41-42: ⁴¹At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. Matthew 27 60b: He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

John 20:1-2: ¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"