

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 8

CONNECTION POINT:

Jesus's resurrection makes eternal life possible.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Many people live with an existential dread, a despair and uncertainty about their lives. They go through the routine of their lives, but underneath it all is a nagging dread that there is no point to it. "When you die, you die." But Jesus brings hope to such hopelessness. He was dead but God raised Him to life, thereby conquering death. Through Jesus, we can have eternal life.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Live It Out: Write *Jesus is Alive!* on a large piece of paper. Provide art materials and invite your family to decorate the poster. Say we celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive.

Jesus died on a cross and was buried in a tomb. Three days later, Mary and Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. They were very sad because Jesus had died.

As they got near the tomb, the ground began to shake. An angel from heaven rolled back the stone in front of the tomb.

The angel told the women to not afraid, because Jesus was alive. He told them to go and tell the disciples that Jesus is alive!

The women ran to find the disciples. Suddenly, the two women saw Jesus! They ran to Jesus and worshiped Him.

Jesus said, "Go and tell My disciples to go to Galilee. They will see Me there." The women ran to tell the disciples the good news.

KIDS

Scripture: Matthew 26:36–28:10

Live It Out: Help your child understand that God raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus defeated death and sin. Read Romans 6:23, which explains why Jesus had to die.

Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. He knew He would soon die. There, Judas Iscariot led soldiers to arrest Jesus.

Jesus was put on trial by the Pharisees. He was beaten, insulted, and mocked. Three times Peter denied that he knew Jesus.

The next day Jesus was taken to Pilate, the governor. He agreed to put Jesus to death. They nailed Jesus' hands and feet to a cross, where He died. Friends placed Jesus' body in a tomb and rolled a stone over the entrance. Soldiers guarded the tomb.

On the third day, two women came to the tomb to find the stone rolled away. An angel told them Jesus is alive, and to tell the disciples. As they left, they saw Jesus. They were so happy they fell at His feet.

STUDENTS

Scripture: John 20:1-18

- What has caused you to believe in Jesus as the resurrected Savior?
- How would you have felt if you'd found Jesus's body missing from the tomb?
- In your own words, what is the gospel?

Live It Out: Baptism is our way to tell the world that we've shared in the death and resurrection of Jesus, putting to death our old selfish way of living and being raised as a new spiritual person. To be raised with Jesus is not only a future reality but applies right now as we live in ways that reflect the righteousness of Christ.

When Mary witnessed the resurrected Jesus, she immediately went to the other disciples and shared with them what she had seen. In much the same way, we are called to testify to the goodness of God. Ask your student where he or she has encountered Jesus in his or her life and how has His presence impacted him or her. Share where you've encountered God's goodness in your life.