

**Jesus Dies and Rises
to Save Us**

NEW TESTAMENT 4

ENGAGE



Opening Leader Outlines



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Welcome to Cross Explorations



Cross Explorations is a rotation model for Sunday School or Midweek School from Concordia Publishing House.

Basic course resources provide an hour-long program for children ages 5 to 12 in three main sites: **Engage** (opening), **Explore** (Bible lesson), and **Express** (crafts, music, skits, and activities).

You can easily extend the time to two or more hours with the many activities in the *Express Craft Booklet* and on the *Express Skits CD*, *Activities & More CD*, and *Music CD*.

Large-group Engage Openings are planned for fifteen minutes, but you can cut or extend this time as needed.

Engage Children in Openings

Engage Openings teach children how to worship. And because education flows out of worship, where God offers Word and Sacrament to His people, openings help children recognize things used in both places, such as the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. This plants the seeds for active and meaningful worship for years to come.

And since children learn by doing, invite participation and capture attention with responsive reading, praying, singing, sharing ideas during discussions, participating in mission projects, lighting or snuffing candles, and collecting offerings.

Choose resources that best fit your needs.

Bible challenge questions encourage students and teachers to talk about a lesson topic as others arrive. Use the PowerPoint slide, and click to give the answer before starting the opening. Or read the question from the *Bible Challenge Question* PDF file.

Opening sentences and prayers change weekly. Add local needs as well as praying the Lord's Prayer, Luther's Morning Prayer, or a thematic prayer. Consider using some time to pray in small groups.

Songs and hymns fit the themes and Bible stories for this quarter, but CD resources give you the flexibility to change them. See the music list on the back inside cover. Track numbers refer to the *Engage CD*. Hymn numbers refer to *Lutheran Service Book* from CPH.

Bible lesson introductions don't tell the Bible narrative; instead, they engage students so that they want to learn more in the Explore and Express sites.

The Apostles' Creed professes our faith in the triune God.

Special days, such as birthdays and Baptism anniversaries, are important recognitions. Get these days from your church office, or ask adults to provide them so that you can recognize all children on these days.

Offerings and mission projects help children learn to share God's love in Christ and to help others. They learn that all we have belongs to God and that we are merely stewards of His gifts.

You Need

- *Engage Leader Outlines*
- *Engage CD* (with music, PowerPoint slides & materials to print & copy, such as *Lesson Handouts*, *Lyrics*, *Posters & Melody-Line Scores*)
- Projection & audio system or CD player, pianist, or guitarist

Leader Tips

- See the quarter overview on the back cover.
- See Music Information and CD contents on the back inside cover.

Using Engage Resources

Pull apart the *Engage Leader Outlines* in this booklet for each week. Read the week's *Preparing the Lesson* on the *Engage CD* to understand the Bible background and lesson focus. Prepare to use one of these options for participants' resources.

1. Show PowerPoint slides from the *Engage CD*. Choose presentations with or without linked music.
2. Or print and copy PDF resources from the *Engage CD: Lesson Handouts, Lyrics, Bible Intro Posters, Song Scores, and Bible Challenge Questions*. (*Lesson Handouts* have student parts in bold, whereas these *Leader Outlines* have the leader sections in bold.)

For both options, play music on a computer or CD player, or get a pianist or guitarist.

You can adapt PowerPoint presentations to change the order and add or subtract activities or songs. To help you do this more easily, see *PowerPoint Tips*, a PDF file on the CD.

Recruit someone to operate PowerPoint slides so you can focus on leading. You may want to recruit someone to lead singing as well. **Recorded music is not reproducible.** To make copies for your students or for any other purpose, call 1-800-325-0191 or email copyrights@cph.org for permission.

A Word about Lessons

This group of lessons provides a chronological study of a section of the New Testament. It is part of a set of nine such units covering the basic events in the Bible.

Set Up Your Space

If you do not already have an altar in your space, set one up with a small table. Use a white cloth to cover the table. Add a standing cross and a Bible. You might also add traditional candles or electric candle lights and paraments that correlate with the Church Year.

Church Year Connections

To better meet the stated needs of customers, Concordia Publishing House now offers two separate Church Year resources.

1. **Church Year Connections** are available for Series A, B, or C Scripture readings. It includes recordings, melody-line scores, and PowerPoint slides for hymns and songs related to each season and Sunday; weekly object lessons; collects; an order of opening worship; and teaching points for young children and older students.
2. **Church Year Worship Kit** teaches the Church Year in child-friendly, age-appropriate ways for young children in preschool through early elementary grades.

The kit includes four 22 × 34-inch posters: one shows an altar with seasonal paraments, candle flames, flowers, Bible, Communionware, baptismal font, Advent wreath, and corpus. Other posters include the Lord's Prayer, Luther's Morning Prayer with Jesus the Good Shepherd, and a baptismal banner with space to add children's names.

The Leader Guide has teaching directions and blackline patterns.

The CD features hymns and songs for the Church Year, baptismal birthday celebrations, reproducible parent connections to send home, and PDF copies of information from the printed booklet.

Lesson 1 Leader Outline

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1–10



Bible Challenge Question

Show the *Bible Challenge Question* slide for people to chat about as others arrive. When ready to start, click to show the answer.

Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Song

Sing “Jesus, I Believe in You,” Track 1.

Opening Sentences

Community Prayer

Leader: Dear Lord, You invite us to pray about everything. We believe Your promise to hear the prayers we offer in Jesus’ name. We pray, Lord, that You would give us mercy and forgive our sins by which we have offended You:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring an end to quarreling and fighting among us and among the peoples of the earth. Give us grace to live together in peace:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us to work and play in such a way that all our activities may bring honor to Your name:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Watch over the sick, the troubled, and the lonely people of the world, and let them experience the strength and joy Your Spirit gives:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Give peace to our nation, protect us from war and violence, and give us hope in times of disaster:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless our church and school, our pastor and teachers, and all others who serve in this place:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Guard our homes and families with Your love, and make us loving toward and considerate of one another:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: All these blessings we are bold to ask because You have given us the greatest blessing of all—Yourself. We would give You ourselves. We love because You first loved us.

People: Amen.

You Need

- Lesson 1 Engage Leader Outline
- Engage CD
- Lesson 1 slides, projection & audio system; or print/copy Lesson 1 Handouts, Lyrics, Bible Intro Posters from the CD
- CD player

Introduce the Bible Lesson

Show the *Bible Intro* slide or *Bible Intro Poster 1*.

Ask What kind of equipment and supplies do you think a good teacher needs? *Students may mention paper, pencils, interactive whiteboards, and other types of technology.*

Say Jesus was the greatest teacher ever, and He never had any of those things. Jesus told stories when He taught. He also used images, such as telling us that He is our Good Shepherd and we are His sheep.

Today's lesson teaches about Zacchaeus. You'll find out more in our lesson today.

Song

Sing "Child of God," Track 2.

Recognition

Recognize birthdays and Baptism anniversaries. Sing a birthday song, or give each person a small gift.

Offering and Mission Minute

If your Express Leader chose a mission project for the month, or if you designated offerings for a specified mission, talk about it with the students.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Pray for specific needs, if you like. Pray the Lord's Prayer, or sing "The Lord's Prayer," Track 3.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song

If time permits, sing "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus," Track 4.

Last Words

Tell students what they do next, and dismiss them to Explore areas.

Say May the Holy Spirit open your hearts and minds to God's Word today.

Lesson 2 Leader Outline

The Triumphal Entry

Mark 11:1–10; Luke 19:28–40



Bible Challenge Question

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Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Song

Sing "Oh, How I Love Jesus," Track 5.

You Need

- Lesson 2 Engage Leader Outline
- Engage CD
- Lesson 2 slides, projection & audio system; or print/copy Lesson 2 Handouts, Lyrics, Bible Intro Posters from the CD
- CD player

Opening Sentences

Behold the Lamb

Leader: O God, Father in heaven,

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: O Son of God, Redeemer of the world,

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: O God, the Holy Spirit,

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: John the Baptist pointed to Jesus and said,

People: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

Leader: This Jesus, this Lamb of God, paid a high price to take away our sin.

People: Jesus, the spotless Lamb, never sinned.

Leader: Jesus is truly human; He lived among sinful people. He knows our struggles, weaknesses, and sins.

People: Yet Jesus never sinned.

Leader: Jesus is truly God. He healed people and did many other miracles in the presence of many witnesses.

People: Jesus is true God and true man.

Leader: Jesus paid a high price to take away our sin. He died to pay for our sin,

People: and He rose from the dead to give us new life.

Leader: Behold, the Lamb of God,

People: who lived and died to forgive my sin.

Leader: Behold, the Lamb of God,

People: who lives and reigns forever with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

Leader: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Revelation 5:12)

People: Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.

Song

Sing "Jesus, I Believe in You," Track 1.

Introduce the Bible Story

Show the *Bible Intro* slide or *Bible Intro Poster 2*.

Ask If you were a king or queen, how would you ride around the city? Take any responses indicating something fancy or royal. What kind of vehicle does our president use to get around? Air Force One or motorcade Look at this picture of a donkey. Does this look like the way a king would get around a city?

Say Listen in our story today to find out why our King Jesus was riding a lowly donkey.

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Song

If time permits, sing "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus," Track 4.

Last Words

Tell the students what they do next, and dismiss them to Explore areas.

Say May God bless your study of His Word today.