

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for

LIFE OF CHRIST

Jesus Gives Instructions

Mark 16:9-20

Younger Verse

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

Older Verse

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in Heaven and on Earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:18-19

Introduction

Have you ever had a hard time believing something? Why was it hard to believe? Today we will learn about a time the disciples had a hard time believing what they heard. Let's listen!

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last week we learned about when Jesus went to the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin was a group of men that made decisions for the church during that time period. The Sanhedrin did not like Jesus and decided that He was lying and should be put to death. Jesus was not lying. He always spoke the truth, but the Sanhedrin did not want to believe that He was God's Son.

The following day, they nailed Jesus to a cross. After three hours of hanging on the cross, Jesus breathed His last breath and died. The next day, Jesus' body was taken down so that they could wrap it up in cloth. They put it inside of a tomb and then rolled a huge rock in front of the entrance.

Then, on the third day, two women, both named Mary, were going to visit the tomb. They got there; the rock was moved and an angel told them that Jesus was alive! He also told them to go and tell the disciples the Good News. The women were afraid and chose to say nothing.

Jesus began to make appearances to many people. Why do you think He needed to show Himself? Let's find out. First, He appeared to Mary Magdalene. (John 20:10-18) Jesus had helped Mary in a special way. He had removed 7 evil spirits from her body! How do you think Mary felt when she saw Jesus again? Ohh yes, very excited. He told her to go and tell the disciples the Good News. The disciples and the others that had been following Jesus were very sad and had been mourning. They still thought Jesus was dead. What do you think happened when she told them that Jesus was alive? The disciples did not believe her. Why did they not believe? What did Jesus tell them 3 different times before He died? He told them He would die and come back to life.

Then Jesus appeared to 2 men walking in the country. (Luke 24:13-35) When they realized Jesus was alive, they too, ran to tell the disciples that Jesus was alive. What happened when those men told the disciples? They did not believe them either. The disciples seemed to be forgetting what Jesus had taught them. What do you think it took for the disciples to finally believe He was alive?

Lesson Goals

To know that Jesus lived and spoke truthfully.
To understand that Jesus faced trials and difficulties in God's strength.
To see that Jesus is God's Son and everything He said would happen, did.

Jesus finally needed to show Himself to them too. What do you think He talked with them about once He appeared to them? He “got on to them” for not believing what He told them would happen. He told them they should have believed Mary and the two men when they reported He was alive. Their faith was weak and their hearts had been hard. We need to be careful and not slow to believe the things we learn about Jesus.

Jesus had something else really important to tell them. He had one last set of instructions for them to follow. What do you think it was? He said, “Go into all the world and tell everyone the Good News that I have come back to life. If they ask to have their sins forgiven, believe that I came back to life, and get baptized, then they will know they will get to be with me in Heaven. These are the things to look for in someone if they believe in me: In my name they will remove evil spirits, speak the Good News to those who have never heard it, make it through difficult situations, and be able to heal people.”

After Jesus finished speaking, He was taken up into Heaven and sat next to God on the right side. Then the disciples went out and shared the Good News with everyone around them. God used them and they did many of the things He told them they would be able to do.

God wants everyone to hear and experience how much He loves them. Jesus came to show us that. Jesus prepared His disciples to be able to do all the things He did. The disciples carried out Jesus’ instructions. They taught others to do the same. Now the message has been brought to you. What are you going to do with the message you have heard today about Jesus?

If you are ready to let Jesus forgive you of your sins in your heart, please talk with me before you leave.

Learning Activities

Have them practice telling the story to each other. If any children come late, let them tell the story to them!

Memory Verse Activities

Cut out the shapes of the continents and put the parts of the verse on them.

Prayer Time

Ask the children if they have anything to pray about. Pray for those things and pray that the children will see how they can spread the Good News to those around them.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Encourage the children to help you clean up. Don’t do it all yourself. They can be servants too! Let them help you pass out snacks and remind them that if they have any questions, they can ask you any time they want.

Planning for Lesson 47
Birth of John the Baptist
Luke 1:5-25, 57-67

Preschool Lesson
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Bring a map or globe.

Okay children, what is this I have with me? (Hold up the globe or map.) Jesus gave some pretty important instructions to us and the disciples about the earth we live in. Many people live on earth. God wants everyone to know how much He loves them. He sent His Son Jesus.

Jesus died on a cross and then three days later, came back to life. When Jesus did this, He showed us just how much God loved us. Once Jesus came back to life, He wanted to show the people that loved Him He was alive. First He showed Himself to a lady named Mary, not His mother. She was very excited and went to tell the disciples. How do you think they thought when she told them? They did not believe her!

Then Jesus showed Himself to 2 people taking a walk. They, too, were very excited. So they ran and told the disciples. Now how do you think the disciples felt? They still did not believe that Jesus was alive! Why did the disciples not believe Jesus was alive? What did Jesus do?

Jesus finally showed Himself to them. He got on to the disciples for not believing Mary and the 2 men when they told them He was alive. It is important for us to believe things that we hear about Jesus from the Bible and not wait until later.

Then Jesus told them one more thing that had to do with this globe I have. He told them to go and tell as many people as they could about the Good News that He was alive. (Point to the different countries.) That way, more and more people can know how much God loves them.

(Sing to the tune "He's got the whole world in His hands.")

Tell the whole world...about God's love.

Tell the whole world...about God's love.

Tell the whole wide world...about God's love.

Tell the whole world about God's love.

Tell the Mama's and the Papa's

“ “ little bitty babies

“ “ people all around you

(Make up your own.)

Hands-On Activities
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Get a helium balloon. Assemble the group outside and let the balloon go into the sky. As the kids watch, let them talk about what Jesus' friends must have felt when Jesus did the same thing.

Bring bubbles. Let the children blow bubbles into the sky and think about how Jesus is in Heaven now.

Let each child draw Jesus rising in the clouds. You may want to glue cotton around Him to signify "clouds."

Make paper sandals to remind the kids to tell others about Jesus.

Invite the kids to go visiting with you this week. Let them go with you to knock on doors. Let them see how you knock on doors and invite people to church. This is a great way to teach by example.