

SECTION 3.4 | Jesus Conquered Death



Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 1: What If?

What You'll Need: Paper, colored pencils or markers, whiteboard and markers

PREP: Write several "What If" scenarios that would be relevant to your T&T kids. (e.g., What if you could live anywhere you wanted? What if you could have ice cream at every meal? What if you could play any video game for as long as you wanted?) Write these scenarios on the board.

STEP 1: Direct the kids' attention to the scenarios on the board. Distribute paper and colored pencils or markers. Give kids two minutes to pick a scenario and draw the outcome.

After two minutes, ask volunteers to share the scenarios they chose and their drawings.

STEP 2: Ask the following questions:

- Do we always get the things we hope for here on earth?
- What is the difference between hoping for something like a toy and the hope we have when we trust Jesus Christ as our Savior?

STEP 3: Share these key concepts:

- When we hope for something like a toy or another earthly item, we aren't sure we will get it.
- However, since Jesus rose from the dead, we KNOW He has victory over death and sin.
- When we trust in Jesus as Savior, we receive the sure hope that we will be in heaven one day with Him. It's a promise!

STEP 4: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance that Jesus conquered death.

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Option 2: Amazing but True Top 10

What You'll Need: Nothing

PREP: Search online for 10 amazing but true facts. Make a top 10 list of your favorite findings.

STEP 1: Read the 10 facts or project them for the group to see.

Ask the following questions:

- What makes these facts true?
- What makes these facts hard to believe?

STEP 2: Share these key concepts:

- The greatest amazing but true thing that has ever happened or ever will happen is that Jesus rose from the dead.
- Because Jesus rose from the dead, we KNOW He has victory over death and sin.
- When we trust in Jesus as Savior, we receive a sure hope that we will be in heaven one day with Him. It's a promise!

STEP 3: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance that Jesus conquered death.

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Main Lesson (10 Minutes)

Option 1: The Rest of the Story

What You'll Need: Bible, *Grace in Action* handbooks, whiteboard or poster board and markers, construction paper, scissors, pens or pencils, tape (*Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.*)

PREP: Cut strips from paper and write the following verses and their references on strips of paper:

- John 14:1-3
- Romans 8:34
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-53
- 2 Corinthians 13:4
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Draw a line down the middle of a whiteboard or poster board. On the top of the left-hand side, write, "No resurrection means . . ." On the top of the right-hand side, write "The resurrection offers . . ."

STEP 1: Give kids one minute to review unit 3.3 in their handbooks. Ask: What was the main story of the lesson?

Share these key concepts:

- If Jesus had not risen from the dead, then our faith would be useless.
- We would still be guilty of sin and face the punishment we deserve.
- We would be completely hopeless.

Write on the left-hand side of the board, "useless faith, guilt, hopelessness."

STEP 2: Remind kids that the story didn't end there. Distribute strips of paper and Bibles to volunteers, and ask leaders to help the volunteers look up the references in their Bibles. Have volunteers read their verses. After each verse is read, write the promise the resurrection offers on the board.

John 14:1-3 (Jesus will come again and take us to heaven.)

Romans 8:34 (Jesus now intercedes for us in heaven, which means He is constantly speaking up for us and helping us.)

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 (We will someday have new bodies, like Christ's, that never die.)

2 Corinthians 13:4 (We have power to serve God in this life.)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (We have comfort that we, too, will be raised from the dead or still be alive to meet Christ in the air.)

Share these concepts:

- Jesus conquered death. Many witnesses saw Him after He came alive again, and many recorded these eyewitness accounts in the Bible (John 20:3-31).
- Because Christ died and rose to life, those of us who have trusted Christ as Savior know that we, too, will one day have a perfect body that will never die (1 Corinthians 15:51-53).
- Just as Christ lives after death, we have the hope that we will be alive with Him in heaven forever (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- Because Jesus Christ conquered death, we can rejoice in the hope that we have in Christ's resurrection. We can also rejoice in Christ's promise for help and power while we live on earth (John 14:1-3, 2 Corinthians 13:4).

STEP 3: Read or recite this week's memory verse, Romans 6:9. Repeat the verse a second time, pausing after each phrase.

Share these key concepts:

- Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a tomb. Three days later, He rose from the dead!
- Because Jesus rose from the dead, He will never die again.
- Death no longer has control or power over Jesus. He has victory over death!

STEP 4: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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Main Lesson (10 Minutes)

Option 2: Resurrection Eyewitnesses

What You'll Need: Bibles, sticky notes, 3 x 5 cards, pens or pencils, easel, whiteboard or poster board and markers (*Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.*)

PREP: Write each of the following references on sticky notes.

Luke 24:1-8

Mark 16:1-8

John 20:1-8

Luke 24:15-32

John 20:19-29

Luke 24:33-49

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Set up an easel with a whiteboard or poster board in front of the classroom. Draw a line down the middle of the board. On the top right-hand side, write, "Eyewitnesses at the tomb." On the top left-hand side, write, "Eyewitnesses at other places."

STEP 1: Divide the kids into pairs or small groups, and give a prepared sticky note and a blank sticky note to each group. Assign a leader to each group.

STEP 2: Give groups five minutes to study their passages and determine when the characters witnessed the resurrected Christ. Ask a volunteer from each group to record their findings on the sticky note.

STEP 3: After five minutes, have pairs or groups present their findings and to place their sticky notes on the correct side of the board.

Share these key concepts:

- Jesus conquered death. Many witnesses saw Him after He came alive again, and many recorded these eyewitness accounts in the Bible (John 20:3-31).

- Because Christ died and rose to life, those of us who have trusted Christ as Savior know that we, too, will one day have a perfect body that will never die (1 Corinthians 15:51-53).
- Just as Christ lives after death, we have the hope that we will be alive with Him in heaven forever (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- Because Jesus Christ conquered death, we can rejoice in the hope that we have in Christ's resurrection. We can also rejoice in Christ's promise for help and power while we live on earth (John 14:1-3, 2 Corinthians 13:4).

STEP 4: Read or recite this week's memory verse, Romans 6:9. Repeat the verse a second time, pausing after each phrase.

Share these key concepts:

- Because Jesus rose from the dead, He will never die again.
- Death no longer has control or power over Jesus. He has victory over death!

STEP 5: Give each kid a 3 x 5 card and a pen or pencil. Encourage kids to write on the card what Jesus' resurrection means to them. After a minute or two, close in prayer, thanking God that we have hope because Jesus rose from the dead.

STEP 6: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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