



Jesus Gives New Life to His Friends

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus satisfied God's righteousness when He paid the full penalty for sin.
- Jesus' resurrection is proof that He is all powerful and victorious even over sin and death.
- Jesus makes His friends who trust in Him right with God.

MEMORY VERSE

Jesus said..., "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,"
—John 11:25

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Ezekiel 36:26a
- 2) Matthew 27:57-66
- 3) Matthew 28:1-10
- 4) John 11:25
- 5) John 20:24-29
- 6) Acts 4:12
- 7) Romans 5:19a



LESSON SUMMARY

In commenting on the significance of the resurrection Pastor John Piper states the following:

The resurrection of Jesus is God's gift and proof that his death was completely successful in blotting out the sins of his people and removing the wrath of God...From the cross the Son of God cried, "It is finished" (John 19:30). And by means of the resurrection, God the Father cries, "It was finished indeed!" The great work of paying for our sin and providing our righteousness and satisfying God's justice was finished in the death of Jesus. Then, in the grave, he had the right and the power to take the keys of death and open the door for all who come to him by faith.¹

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray that...



- God would cause you to have greater joy and assurance in the resurrection of Christ from the dead.
- God would grant your child a greater understanding of Jesus' resurrection.
- God would bring about true belief in your child so that he or she would embrace and rejoice in the resurrection of Christ.
- God would give you boldness to share the testimony of Christ's death and resurrection.

1. Piper, John. *The Passion of Jesus Christ: Fifty Reasons Why He Came to Die*. (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books, 2004), 100-101.

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Read and talk about John 11:25.

What is the promise that Jesus gives in this verse? Who is the promise for? What does it mean to believe in Jesus?

- Tell your child about the encounter Thomas had with the risen Jesus from John 20:24-29.

The Bible tells us that Jesus came to save sinners by dying in their place on the cross, and then He rose from the dead. **Did you see it happen? Do you still believe it really happened? Do you believe Jesus died to offer you eternal life? Do you believe Jesus will really**

keep His promise to raise His friends from the dead even after they die?

Share with your child how God brought you to saving faith.

- Jesus' death and resurrection brings us near to God by taking away sin and death, and making us a friend of God. **Is there a different way to become a friend of God? For example, what if you just try to be really good? What if you try to find someone other than Jesus to help you? What does the Bible say?**

See John 14:6 or Acts 4:12.

ACTION STEP

Retell the story of Jesus' resurrection to your family. Add actions and sound effects (like the rumbling of an earthquake) to make it even more interesting.

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