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Series: Great Chapters of the Bible
Winter Year 2, Lesson 48

The Resurrection Chapter: 1 Corinthians 15

Take Home Point: *Death is turned into victory.

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

Bible Event: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 51-58

Key Verses: 1 Corinthians 15:54b & 57, "Death is turned into victory...Thank God that he gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

We will help kids know:

- Jesus died for their sins and rose again as proof that he defeated the power of death.
- If they trust Jesus as their Savior, they will have victory over death. Death will become a door that leads them into heaven and a perfect life with Jesus forever.
- They can have confidence in knowing his companionship here on earth because of his resurrection.

We will help kids feel:




- Excitement at the victory of the resurrection.
- Confidence that they do not have to be afraid of death as a final end to life.

We will help kids do:

- Identify feelings they have had when visiting cemeteries.
- Watch a video that shows a young boy finding hope for his life as he encounters the truth of Jesus' resurrection.
- Option: Do a craft or snack activity as they discuss people they look forward to seeing again in heaven.

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THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

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| Small Group Warm-Up  | 3 | Kids share what it is like to visit a cemetery. Many cemeteries are sad for people, but there was one that had great joy on Easter morning. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none |
| Large Group  | 3 6 7 | Overview Video: Watch <i>The First Easter</i> , produced by Vision Video, 1997—order at www.visionvideo.com Appendix | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • video, <i>The First Easter</i>, produced by Vision Video, 1997—order at www.visionvideo.com • a sign with the new rule of the day, “Must watch movies” |
| Small Group Application  | 4 | Kids have a snack or make an Easter craft as discussion takes place about the changes in Nate and how those same changes can happen in everyone's lives. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • snack such as jelly beans or cookies • craft chosen from www.orientaltrading.com or www.christiancraft.com |

Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes



Purpose: *Get pointed in the right direction!* Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

As kids gather: Listen to memory verses from last week and give coupons for memory verses, remembering to bring your Bible, and bringing a guest.

Note: The Warm-Up time may be shortened to accommodate any Wrap Up activity at the end of the lesson. Today's large group presentation is a video that lasts 25 minutes.

Have you ever visited a cemetery? What did it feel like and what were your thoughts?

Why do you think people put flowers on graves?

After discussion, say:

People often associate cemeteries with great sadness because of the loss of loved ones. That does make it sad. Jesus gives us a promise that we especially remember this Easter Sunday.

Today we will talk about a cemetery where there was great joy. Jesus was no longer dead, but ALIVE! Jesus defeated death. **Death is turned into victory.*

Large Group Overview: 20-30 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

Video: Watch the video *The First Easter*, produced by Vision Video, 1997—order at http://www.visionvideo.com/616-3304531-1770983_2552-s3700603.vhtml.

Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion, but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.

Observation Questions: What happened? / Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 where Paul recounts the good news about Jesus' death and resurrection. Say:

The fact that Jesus came back to life proves his teaching was true and that he conquered sin and death. We, as believers in Christ, can have confidence that our faith is true. We will live again after we die.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-58.

According to 1 Corinthians 15:53, what kind of body will believers receive after they die or Jesus returns to take us to heaven? (*Bodies that do not decay.*)

How do our new bodies show victory over death? (*They live forever.*)

What do you think 1 Corinthians 15:56 means when it says, "Sin gives death its sting, and God's standards give sin its power"? (*God's standard is that there can be no sin or imperfection in heaven; so sin keeps us from going there. But Jesus Christ removed the sting, or power of death, when he took our sin on himself. When we trust in him, we have a home in heaven when we die.*)

How is death turned into victory? (*Through death on earth, believers enter eternal life with a new perfect body to live face to face with God.*)

Application Questions: What does this mean to me?

Supplies: Easter snack or Easter craft. This can be ordered from Oriental Trading Company at 1-800-228-2269 or www.orientaltrading.com or www.christiancrafts.com. Look for ideas that would fit your budget and time.

Pass out snacks or craft activity while discussing the following questions:

Who did Nate encounter in the cemetery?

How did Nate's life change?

What about you? What changes have happened in you since you first knew Jesus is alive?

Have you encountered Jesus? Do you know him personally?

Encountering Jesus does not mean going back in time to that first Easter, but knowing and believing Jesus is alive today. It is by faith that you recognize that Jesus is God's Son. He gave his life for YOU on the cross.

When you ask Jesus to rescue and forgive you from your sin, he will give you the promise of life with him forever.

Today's key verses from 1 Corinthians 15:54b & 57 says, "*Death is turned into victory...Thank God that he gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*"

Through faith in Jesus, **Death IS turned into victory.*

Prayer Time:

Thank God that he does give us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

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Large Group Presentation

The Resurrection Chapter—1 Corinthians 15

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The large group presenter will assume the role of a librarian. His/her name will be either Ms. Freda Rita or Mr. Gutenbuch. Costuming might include reading glasses (if you wear your own, place a piece of tape on the bridge), bow tie or special librarian hat. The presenter should portray the caricature of a “bookworm.”

Ms. Freda Rita or Mr. Gutenbuch will introduce the favorite chapters in the best book in the library, the Bible. This librarian operates with a different set of rules than what is typical. Every week a new goofy rule will be revealed.

The stage for large group should be set up to look like a library: a bookcase with some books, maybe a desk, and an old computer. Make it as elaborate as you would like. A sign should be hung somewhere that says “RULES of the Library.”

Supplies: Video: The First Easter, Vision Video, 1997—order from http://www.visionvideo.com/616-3304531-1770983_2552-s3700603.vhtml, a sign with the new rule of the day, “Must watch movies”

Introduction to the New “Goofy” Rule:

Good morning. In most libraries, most people go to read books, but not in this library. It is my rule that (reveal the sign) you MUST watch movies. So, today we are going to watch a movie.

This movie is about the first Easter. As you watch this movie, I want you think about how Nate, a little orphan boy, changed after he encountered someone in a cemetery.

Watch the Video

The video runs 25 minutes. If you would like to order them, there are special activity books available at 1-800-523-0226.

After the video is shown, continue:

There were some incredible changes in Nate. Let’s talk about that more in our small groups.

MUST WATCH MOVIES