

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: During this unit, your child will study Jesus, the Savior. Your child will learn about Jesus' sacrifice to save us from sin. Use the **APPLY** activities at the end of each story to help your child apply what he or she has learned.



THE TRANSFIGURATION

One day, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up onto a mountain.

Suddenly, Jesus looked different. His face shone like the sun! Even His clothes were bright!

Then, two men stood beside Jesus. One man was Moses. The other man was Elijah. Jesus' followers must have been afraid. These two men had died long ago.

Peter said to Jesus, "Do you want me to make three buildings here? I can make one for You. I can make one for Moses. I can make one for Elijah!"

A voice came from heaven. "This is My Son. I am pleased with Him. Listen to what He says."

Peter, James, and John knew they heard God! They bowed with their faces to the ground in fear.

Gently, Jesus touched them. "Don't be afraid," He said. When the men looked up, they saw only Jesus standing with them.

As they all went down the mountain, Jesus said, "Don't tell people about this until I have risen from the dead."

LIFE VERSE: Matthew 16:16

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: Jesus is the only Son of God and He was sent to be my Savior.

APPLY: Help your child memorize Matthew 16:16. These words of Peter confirm that he knew Jesus was the Son of God.



JESUS RAISED LAZARUS

Lazarus was very sick. His sisters sent a message to Jesus.

When Jesus came, Lazarus was dead. He was buried in a tomb.

Jesus asked Martha if she believed in Him. Martha said, "I believe You are the Messiah. You are God's Son."

Then Jesus went to Mary. She was very sad. Jesus asked where Lazarus was buried. Mary took Jesus to the tomb.

"Take away the stone," Jesus said.

Martha said, "My brother has been buried for four days already."

Jesus told Martha she would see God's glory. The men removed the stone door. Jesus prayed aloud to God. Then with a loud voice, He said, "Lazarus, come out!"

Lazarus came out of the tomb. He was covered with linen strips. His face was covered with a cloth. Jesus told the people to remove the strips and let Lazarus go.

LIFE VERSE: Matthew 16:16

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: Jesus taught about faith, trust, and obedience to God.

APPLY: Has your child ever experienced the death of a friend or loved one? Talk to your child about what happens to Christians when they die. Find verses in the Bible that affirm that Jesus conquered death.



THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus told two disciples to go into the village. He told them to find a donkey tied beside her colt. He asked them to bring the donkey and colt to Him.

Jesus said, "If anyone asks what you are doing, say that I need them."

The disciples found the colt and donkey. They brought the colt and donkey to Jesus. Then the disciples laid their robes on the donkey. Jesus sat on them as He rode. Many people in the crowd spread their robes on the road where the donkey walked. Other people cut palm branches and placed them in the road.

The crowd shouted over and over: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name!"

People all over Jerusalem wanted to know who was coming. Others said, "It is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth."

LIFE VERSE: Matthew 16:16

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: Jesus is the only Son of God and He was sent to be my Savior.

APPLY: How does your family praise Jesus? Engage your child in planning a special praise time for your family. Let him take the lead in choosing songs and other ways to show your love for the Savior.



JESUS' CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

Jesus and the disciples met together for the Passover feast. Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray Him. Jesus gave the disciples special instructions about eating the Passover meal. He wanted them to remember Him whenever they ate it.

After the meal, Jesus and the disciples went out to pray. Suddenly, soldiers came. Judas greeted Jesus with a kiss. Then the soldiers arrested Jesus!

Jesus was put on trial. But the people shouted, "Crucify Him!"

Pilate ordered the soldiers to crucify Jesus. Jesus was put on a cross between two criminals. Later that afternoon, Jesus died. A man named Joseph took Jesus' body. He buried Him in a tomb.

Three days later, women went to the tomb. On their way, the earth shook! An angel rolled the stone away from the tomb! The tomb was empty!

The angel said, "Jesus is not here! He has been resurrected!"

The women were so happy! As they hurried to tell others, they met Jesus. Right away, they worshiped Him.

LIFE VERSE: 1 John 4:14

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: Jesus died to pay the penalty for sin.

APPLY: Ask your child if he knows why Jesus had to die. Use a concordance to research the Old Testament for passages about redemption from sin. Talk about how this applies to Jesus' crucifixion.



JESUS MET TWO DISCIPLES

Two men walked along the road. Another man joined them. "What are you talking about?" He asked.

Cleopas explained that Jesus was a great Man, but He had been arrested and killed. The men did not know they were talking with Jesus.

Cleopas said, "We hoped that Jesus was the One promised to save us," the man said. "Some of the women went to the tomb today. They didn't find His body! An angel told them Jesus was alive."

Jesus taught the two men as they walked. The men asked Jesus to stay with them that evening. When they sat down to eat, Jesus blessed the bread. He tore it into pieces. He gave them to the men. Suddenly, the men knew the man was Jesus! Then Jesus disappeared!

The men walked back to Jerusalem. They found the disciples. The disciples said, "It is true! Jesus is risen! Simon Peter has seen Him." Then the two men told how Jesus had been with them.

LIFE VERSE: 1 John 4:14

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: Jesus died to pay the penalty for sin.

APPLY: Help your child review the Bible story. Find other examples in the Gospels of Jesus appearing to His disciples. Help think of ways Jesus shows today that He is alive.



THE ASCENSION

Jesus told the believers to stay in Jerusalem. He wanted them to wait for the Holy Spirit that God had promised to send.

Jesus said to the believers, "You will receive power from the Holy Spirit. Tell others about me."

Then Jesus was taken up into heaven while the people watched. A cloud covered Him, but the people kept watching.

Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood by the people. "Why are you looking into heaven? Jesus has been taken into heaven. But He will come back in the same way you have seen Him leave."

Jesus is coming back!

LIFE VERSE: 1 John 4:14

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: The ascension describes Jesus' return to heaven. Jesus promised His followers He would come to earth.

APPLY: Jesus promised He would return to earth. Read with your child the Revelation 19 account of Jesus' return to earth. Contrast that with Jesus' first appearance.