

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

The First Century Church #1 – “Jesus is Alive!” Matthew 28; Luke 24; Acts 1:1-14

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You can be a witness by telling others about Jesus.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Introduce yourself and make the children feel welcome.
2. Take attendance. Be sure to fill in each area of the attendance record.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “The Main Theme”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: “Read the Bible”

WELCOME AND OPENING EXPLANATIONS: (6 minutes)

1. Welcome the children.
2. Show and explain Attendance Certificate and Memory Verse Chart.
3. Explain other general information regarding club.

RULES CHART: (3 minutes)

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (2 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. You pray, thanking God for His Son, Jesus, the Bible, Good News Club, etc.

MEMORY VERSE: (7 minutes)

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 – “Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

“**Tone It Down**” – After you have read this verse from the Bible, explained what it means, and repeated it at least two times, you may begin this drill. Repeat the verse in a loud, outside voice. The next time it is repeated, tone it down a little, saying the verse in a regular, indoor voice. The third time, tone it down a little more and say the verse in a whisper. The last time you tone it down, you say the verse by just moving your mouth, making no sound at all.

HYMN FOR THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH #1 – “Jesus is Alive!”

(See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind them to stay for a few minutes so you can counsel them.)

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS: (5 minutes)

Teach information for Week #1.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from the “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**”

“**Pick-a-Cap**” – You will need ten water bottle caps, a ballpoint pen, ten white 3/4" circle labels, and stickers. Use pen to print a point value (100, 200, or 300) on each label and place one inside eight of the caps. Put a sticker in two caps. Place caps on a table or on the floor in front of your class. To play: Divide the children into two teams. Number children 1-10 within their teams. *For large clubs:* a team may have two 1s, two 2s, two 3s, etc. *For small clubs:* A child may have two numbers. Ask a question of Team A. Then randomly call out a number; e.g. number 5! The first child on Team A with that number who raises his hand and answers the question correctly turns over a cap and receives the points for his team. (The sticker is worth 500 points!) The next question is answered by Team B. If the first child to answer gives an incorrect response, call out another number for that team. Note: It is helpful to list the numbers 1-10 on a card and cross off each number as it is used. - *Evangelizing Today's Child, July/August 2005.*

Review questions for THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH #1:

1. **What is it called when you tell someone else what you know or what you saw?** (Being a witness)
2. **Who are the disciples?** (Jesus' closest friends. They followed Him, listened to Him, and watched Him do miracles.)
3. **How did Jesus die?** (He was hung on a cross)
4. **Why was Jesus hung on a cross to die?** (For you and me – He took the punishment for our sins)
5. **Why were some women going to the tomb where Jesus was buried?** (To put spices and ointment on His body for burial)
6. **Who suddenly appeared to the women at the tomb?** (An angel)
7. **What did the angel tell the women about Jesus?** (“Jesus is not here. He has risen.”)
8. **Who suddenly started walking with the two followers of Jesus on the road to Emmaus?** (A Stranger)
9. **When did the followers of Jesus realize that the Stranger was really Jesus?** (When He broke the bread at supper and gave it to them)
10. **What did Jesus tell His followers to do when He suddenly appeared in the room with them?** (“Look at My hands and feet. Touch Me and see that I am real.”)
11. **Before Jesus went back to Heaven, who did He tell his disciples would come?** (The Holy Spirit)
12. **What is one way that you can be a witness and tell others about Jesus?** (Answers will vary)

SONG: (2 minutes)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (5 minutes)

Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time for The First Century Church #1 and *Quiet Time Guide*. Using *Quiet Time Guide*, explain how to have a Quiet Time. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their Take Time to Review/Q.T. Notebook next week.

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILD:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. *Quiet Time Guide*
4. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time, The First Century Church #1

The Main Theme

Follow the directions to find out what the main theme of the Bible is.

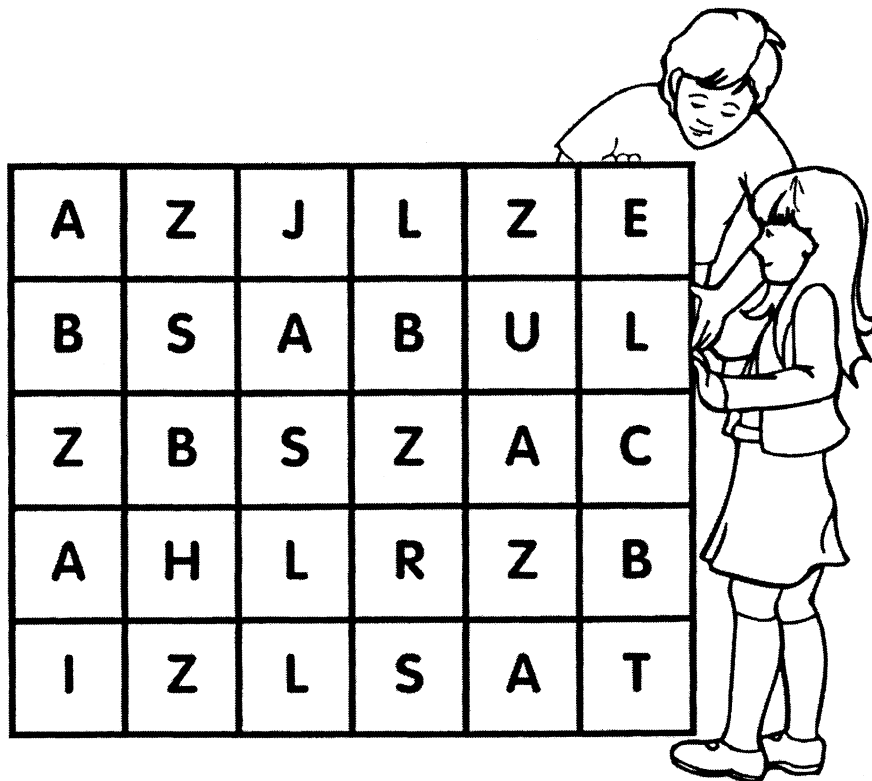
Cross out every "A."

Cross out every "B."

Cross out every "L."

Cross out every "Z."

Write the letters that are left in order on the lines under the puzzle.



Read the Bible

As you color this picture of a boy and girl reading the Bible, think about a time during the day when you can read the Bible or when your parents could read the Bible to you.



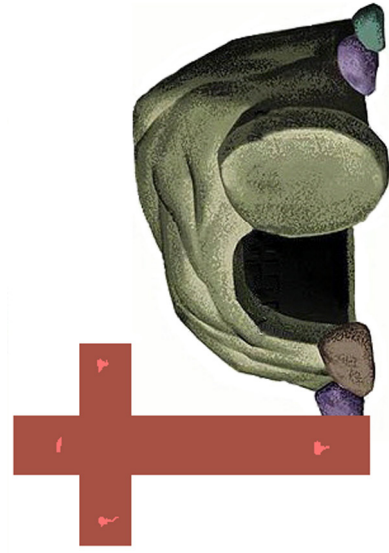
**“Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
... He was buried, and ... He rose again ...”**

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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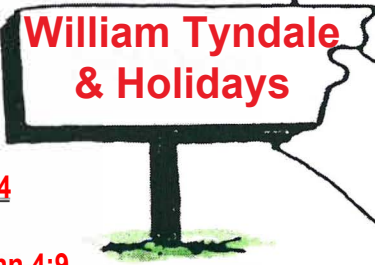
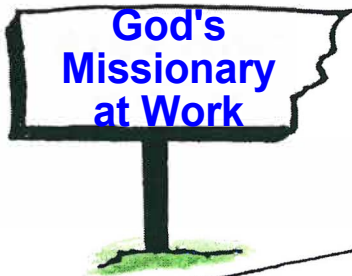


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1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Acts 1:8

John 14:27

2 Corinthians 5:17

1 Corinthians 15:58

Romans 1:16

Psalms 34:1

Isaiah 44:6

Psalms 28:7

1 Corinthians 15:57

Hebrews 11:3

2 Corinthians 5:21

Hebrews 9:22

Colossians 1:10

Genesis 6:22

Hebrews 11:8

Romans 8:32

Psalms 37:5

Matthew 6:33

Galatians 6:7

William Tyndale- 1 Peter 1:25

Thanksgiving- Psalms 100:4

Christmas- 1 John 4:9

Easter- Romans 5:8



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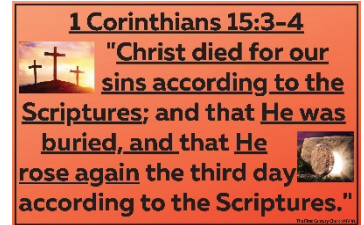
JESUS IS ALIVE!

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

“Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize.)

By Missy Hess



INTRODUCE THE VERSE:

I'm going to make some statements. If you think the statement is true, give me a thumb's up. If you think the statement is false, give me a thumbs down. "Giraffes have four stomachs." "All polar bears are left-handed (pawed)." "Butterflies taste with their feet." "Kangaroos cannot walk backwards." Believe it or not, all of those things are true. Today we're going to look at a verse that tells us some things that Jesus did for you and me. We can know that this verse is true because it is from God's Word, the Bible. Let's take a look at the verse.

READ THE VERSE:

Read the verse together from the visualized verse. Then read the verse directly from the Bible.

EXPLAIN THE VERSE:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

– This is where the verse is found in the Bible. We call it the address or reference. It is found in the book of First Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 3 and 4.

“Christ”

– “Christ” means promised Saviour. Jesus is the Saviour who took the punishment for our sins.

“died for our sins”

– Jesus never did anything wrong, but you and I have sinned. Jesus willingly gave His blood to pay for our sins when He died on the cross.

“according to the Scriptures;”

– “Scriptures” means the Bible. How do we know that Jesus did this for us? The Bible tells us so. The Bible is completely true. Its is God's Word.

“and that He was buried,”

– Jesus was buried in a tomb. His burial is proof that He died.

“And that He rose again the third day”

– Three days after He died, Jesus came back to life. He came out of the grave alive. He is still living today.

“according to the Scriptures.”

– Jesus did exactly what the Bible said the Saviour would do. It proves that Jesus really is the Saviour God promised to send.

REPEAT THE VERSE:

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HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

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Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

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Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

Flashcard 1-1:

Have children make a sad look on their face, as though seeing Jesus on the cross.

Have children pretend to wrap Jesus' body and lay Him gently in the tomb. Pretend to push a huge stone in front of the entrance.

Flashcard 1-2:

Have children shake as though from the earthquake. Have children shield their eyes from the bright light from the angel.

Have children stand up and walk in place, as though walking to Emmaus.

Flashcard 1-3:

Have children repeat the words, “What is it that you are talking about?”

Flashcard 1-4:

Have children make a shocked look on their face.

Flashcard 1-5:

Have children place their flat hands down close to the floor and raise them slowly up into the air as though it was Jesus going up.

Flashcard 1-6:

Have children put their hand over their eyes and look up toward Heaven.

Bible Learning Game

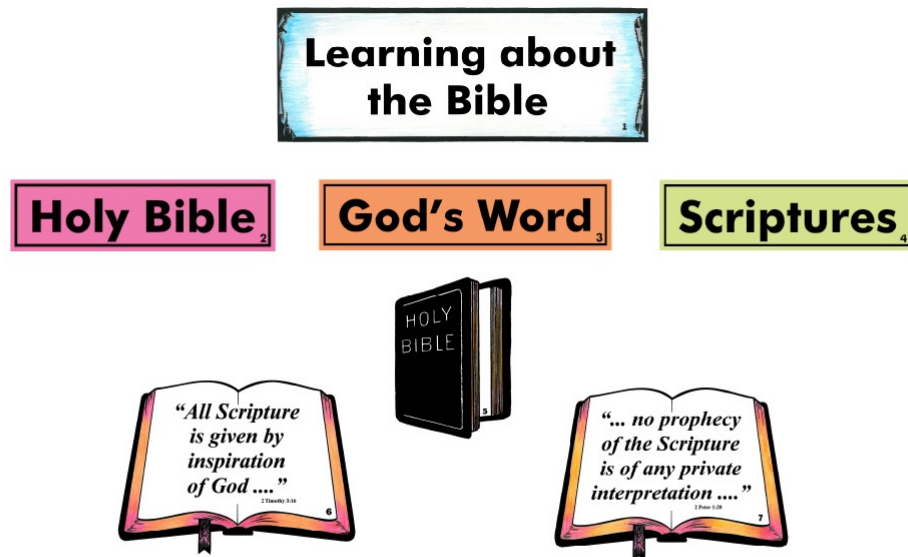
Choose one child to stand in the center of a circle. Have the remaining children hold hands and go around in a circle while singing the words below to the tune of “Go Tell Aunt Rhody.”

“Go tell about Jesus. Go tell about Jesus.
Go tell about Jesus. Others need to know.”

When the song is finished, ask the child in the center, “What is one thing you can tell someone about Jesus?” Then say something like, “Yes, God wants us to tell others (whatever they replied).” Repeat as time allows, giving other children a chance to be in the center.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

WEEK #1



Last year in Good News Club (or Released Time Class), we began to learn about the books of the Bible. **(Place figure #1.)** We learned three titles for the Bible. **(Place figure #2.)** First it is called *Holy*, which means “pure.” It is a special book set apart for God’s work. **(Place figure #3.)** It is also called *God’s Word* because every word in the Bible is from God Himself. **(Place figure #4.)** We also call it *Scriptures*, which means “writings”—God’s writings. **(Place figure #5.)** The Bible is different from any other book that has been written. God used certain men to write His words. **(Place figure #6.)** Second Timothy 3:16 says, “*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . .*” *Inspiration* means “God helped the men to know what He wanted them to write.” The men who wrote the Bible were called *holy men of God*. That means “they loved God and obeyed Him.” **(Place figure #7.)** Second Peter 1:20 says, “. . . *No prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation.*” *Private interpretation* means “nothing in the Bible is what men made up on their own.” The Bible is God’s Word, not man’s word. The Bible is truly a special book! Next week, we will review a few more things about God’s special Book.



**You can be a
witness by telling
others about Jesus.**



- Jesus loved these people and wanted them to believe He was alive. They did believe! He had risen from the dead!
- Eventually, many saw Jesus alive in person. One time He appeared to over 500 at once.

- They, too, were witnesses.
- Jesus helped them to remember what the Bible said would happen ...the Sav. would suffer/die/rise on the 3rd day
- Jesus, "You are witnesses of these things.

- 40 days after Jesus came back to life, He led His disciples to a town called Bethany.

- Jesus reminded them He would send a Helper, the HS.

- Jesus told them the HS would give them power to tell everyone the Good News about Jesus.

FLASHCARD 1-5

- Something incredible happened next.
- As they watched, Jesus' feet left the ground. He went up, up into the air and disappeared into a cloud, out of their sight.

FLASHCARD 1-6

- As disciples stood looking, 2 angels appeared to them and said, "Why are you looking up into Heaven? The same Jesus which was taken up from you ...

- into Heaven will come again in the same way you saw Him go."

- Jesus will come back someday to take those who have believed in Jesus as their personal Saviour to be w/Him in Heaven.

- Will you be ready when that day comes? Have you believed in Jesus as your Saviour?

INVITATION

Acts 16:31 – "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...."

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

MT, PAS — YOU CAN BE A WITNESS BY TELLING OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

Acts 1:8 – "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W – Will you do it?

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Matt. 28; Luke 24; Acts 1:1-14

- Carlos was at a football game. His favorite player intercepted the ball & ran it back for a touchdown & won the game. Carlos was excited!

- Did you ever see something exciting happen that you couldn't wait to tell?

- When something exciting or important happens, you want to tell others.

- When you tell someone what you know or saw, you are being a witness

- Some people in our lesson are witnesses. Would they be willing to tell what they saw? Listen

- Disciples were witnesses. They were Jesus' closest friends and had been w/Him 3 yrs. Followed Him, listened to Him, watched Him do miracles

- Jesus told them He was promised Saviour sent from God. He was going to die and come back to life.

- Hard for the dis. to understand
- Even though disciples were friends of Jesus, they still did wrong things. These men were sinners.

- They are not only ones who sin

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Romans 3:23 – "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

-Disciples were sinners. Hard for them to understand that Jes. would die and come back to life

FLASHCARD 1-1

- Some followers were w/Jesus when He died. Watched as nails were put thru His hands/feet, He was hung on a wooden cross

- Why was Jesus being put to death? Why did He have to die? It was for you and me!

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P 1 Cor. 15:3 – "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures"

- Jesus didn't deserve punishment, but He was willing to die on our place.

- Some were glad to see J. die. Others loved J. and were sad.

- Disc. were sad & devastated. Jesus had told them He was the

- Saviour, but now was dead. How could He be the Saviour if He's dead?

- Got permission to take Jesus' body off the cross.

- Wrapped His body in cloth, laid Him in tomb, like a cave.

- A huge stone was rolled in front of entrance to seal it up

- Guards were placed at tomb to make sure no one stole Jesus' body and said He had risen.

- Jesus was dead in the tomb for 3 days.

FLASHCARD 1-2

- As sun was rising early morning of 3rd day, women came to the tomb, bringing spices to put on Jesus' body (custom for burying people).

- As they arrived at tomb, great earthquake shook the ground violently.

- An angel from Heaven rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it.

- Angel face was bright like lightning and clothes as white as snow.

- The guards at the tomb were so frightened that they fainted and looked like they were dead.

- The women were also afraid.

- Angel, "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for J. who was crucified."

- Women looked into tomb. Jesus wasn't there. His body was gone. Only cloths still lying there flat.

- Angel, "He is not here. He has risen as He said. Come see the place where the Lord was laid."

- Why wasn't J. in tomb? He was no longer dead. Jesus was alive!

E 1 Cor. 15:3 – "**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures....**"

- Jesus was alive! When the women saw that Jesus had risen, they ran to tell friends the wonderful news. They were being witnesses

MT – YOU CAN BE A WITNESS BY TELLING OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

- Women at tomb saw Jesus had risen and ran to tell their friends what had happened.

- That same day, 2 other followers were going Emmaus.

- As they were walking, talked...

- ...about all the things that had happened in Jerusalem. Could it be true? Was Jesus really alive?

FLASHCARD 1-3

- Suddenly, Stranger came up and started to walk with them.

- Didn't recognize the Stranger, but He started talking to them.

- Stranger, "Why are you sad? What are you talking about?"

- Cleopas (follower), "You must be a Stranger...only One who hasn't heard." He went on to tell Stranger what happened to Jes.

- When they arrived at their home in Emmaus, invited Stranger to stay w/them.

- As they sat down to have supper, Stranger took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave to them

- Bible says their eyes were opened. They knew Him! The Stranger was Jesus!

- Jesus suddenly disappeared.

- The 2 followers had seen the risen Saviour and couldn't wait to share what happened w/others. They hurried back to Jerusalem.

- They were being witnesses.

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1.

2.

3.

- The two followers had met Jesus, talked w/Him, ate w/Him, and now wanted to tell others about Him.

- They hurried back to Jerusalem where the other followers of J. were gathered.

FLASHCARD 1-4

- As they were telling story, Jesus appeared in the room

- People were frightened. Thought they were seeing ghost

- Jesus, "Peace be with you."

- "Look at My hands ... feet. Touch Me, see that I am real."

- They touched Him and saw the nail prints in hands/feet

- Jesus loved these people and wanted them to believe He was really alive

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