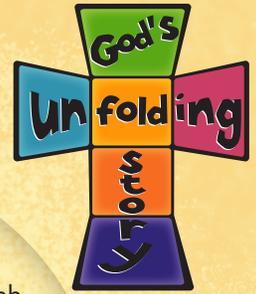


Unit Overview

Easter



Certainly one of the most important things we could help a child understand is that Jesus Without the reality of the resurrection, Christianity is simply another religion. It is the resurrection that validates Jesus' divine Sonship and demonstrates He is God in the flesh. So while it may be difficult for older preschoolers to understand the many deep and challenging theological implications of the resurrection, it is a truth they easily can grasp as children in a way that can settle firmly into their hearts. It is a truth that will help establish the foundation of a growing faith. Children need to believe Jesus is alive, whether they fully understand how that's possible. The lessons in this unit reveal this core reality. They reveal that Jesus is the central figure of God's unfolding story, that Jesus is worthy of our love and honor and that He is alive today. This unit includes the following lessons.

Kingdom Perspective

Jesus is the promised Messiah and King of the Old Testament who inaugurated the kingdom of God when He came and gave His life on the cross to atone for sin. Following the crucifixion, God raised Jesus from the dead to show He is God's Son and lives forever as our Savior and Lord.

Lesson 1: "God's Unfolding Story" (version 2) (Genesis—Revelation)
Bible Truth: The Bible is God's Word to me.

Lesson 2: "Mary Showed Her Love for Jesus" (John 12:1-7)
Bible Truth: Mary showed her love for Jesus;
I can show my love for Jesus.

Lesson 3: "A Special Meal" (Matt. 26:17-30; Luke 22:7-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)
Bible Truth: God wants me to love and honor Jesus.

Lesson 4: "The People Honored Jesus" (Matt. 21:1-11, 14-16)
Bible Truth: God wants me to honor Jesus.

Lesson 5: "Jesus Is Alive" (John 20:1-18)
Bible Truth: Jesus is alive.

Making the Most of the "Easter" Unit from *God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers*

The lesson plans and related resources for the above lessons can be downloaded from SundaySchoolZone.com/NT07. In addition, there are a number of other helpful articles and resources on the website that can help you be an effective teacher and make the most of this unit. Below is a list of helpful articles you can link to or download in "Getting Started with God's Unfolding Story."

The Session Schedule
God's Unfolding Story Cube
Lesson Components
Who Developed this Stuff?
Parents Connect
Why Are We Using Yahweh to Refer to God?
Materials and Supplies
What We Believe
God's Unfolding Story Study Plan
Preschoolers are Incredible People!
Where Is this Going?