



THE GOSPEL PROJECT SR. UNIT 27 Lesson 1: Jesus appears to His Disciples

Date: Sunday January 13, 2019 **Teachers:** Isaiah D, Kathy D

Bible Passage: Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23

Main Point: Jesus appeared to His disciples.

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Big Picture Question: What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.

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What do we believe by true faith?

OPENING AND MEMORY VERSE: *Isaiah*

Do you know who wrote these words? (Paul) .Paul wrote a letter to the believers in a city called Corinth, where he had started a church. Paul reminded the believers of the most important thing: the gospel. The verse states twice (according to the scriptures) because Paul wanted to remind those listening to him, that the Bible prophesies in many places that Christ would die for us and rise again.

Let's work on memorizing these verses to help us remember the gospel—the good news about Jesus.

1 Cor. 15:3-4 “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”

INTRO TO LESSON: *Isaiah*

The stories of the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of God's plan to save sinners through His Son, Jesus.

Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead, but the story doesn't end there.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He helped His disciples understand that their part of God's plan was just beginning.

BIBLE STORY: (video)

BIBLE STORY REVIEW: *Kathy*

materials: (ball: grab from the bag at the back of the gym the Dunks bring)

Ask kids to stand up and catch the ball if they know the answer to the question

What did the disciples think Jesus was when He first appeared to them? (a ghost, Luke 24:37)

How did Jesus show that He is alive? (He told the disciples to touch and see His hands and feet. He also ate fish with them; Luke 24:39-43)

What job did Jesus give His disciples? (tell other people that Jesus died to rescue them from sin and God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day, Luke 24:46-49)

How do you feel when you think of sharing the good news of Jesus with others?

Allow kids to be honest. If they are excited, affirm them. If they are scared or worried to share, still affirm them and help them understand that Jesus gives His followers a Helper, the Holy Spirit. It is OK to be afraid, and they can ask for help from the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION VIDEO:

Jesus appeared to His disciples, but at first they weren't sure it was Him. Have you ever had a hard time recognizing something? Check out this video.

Show the "Unit 27, Session 1" discussion starter video. Guide kids to discuss these questions:

How quickly did you recognize the picture?

When the disciples first saw Jesus, what did they think they saw? (a ghost, Luke 24:37)

How did the disciples know Jesus was real? (He showed them His hands and side, Luke 24:39)

How can you find out if something you hear about Jesus is true?

Leader • Jesus made it clear that He is alive. Jesus is still alive today! Jesus told His disciples that they had a job to do: go and tell others about Him. We don't see Jesus today because He is in heaven, but God calls all believers to show others what Jesus is like and to tell them the good news of the gospel.

ACTIVITY: Decoder activity sheet**The BIBLE STORY****Jesus Appeared to the Disciples****Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23**

On the first day of the week, in the evening, the disciples gathered together in a house. They locked the doors because they were afraid of the Jews. They didn't want to be killed like Jesus had been killed. But wait ... Jesus had appeared to two disciples on the road, and Mary Magdalene had reported seeing Him alive too. Could it be true?

As the disciples talked, Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" The disciples were afraid! They couldn't believe their eyes! Was this really Jesus? The disciples thought they were seeing a ghost.

"Why are you afraid? It's Me! Why do you doubt?" Jesus said. "Look at Me and touch Me. A ghost does not have flesh and bones, but I do. I'm not a ghost."

Jesus showed His disciples His hands and His side. They saw the holes in His hands and in His side. Jesus was alive?

It seemed too good to be true. The disciples rejoiced because they were so happy to see Jesus! The disciples gave Jesus some fish to eat. Jesus talked to them and explained the Bible to them. "The Bible is about Me," Jesus said. He helped them understand how the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms told about Him. Then Jesus told the disciples that they had a job to do. Jesus had died and was raised from the dead so that people could be forgiven for their sins. The disciples needed to tell other people to repent from their sin and be forgiven. "Peace to you!" Jesus said to them again. "God sent Me to earth, and in the same way, I am sending you." Jesus sent out the disciples to be His witnesses and to tell all the people that He is alive.

Christ Connection: For 40 days, Jesus presented Himself to at least 500 people and proved that He is alive. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8) Jesus is still alive today. He sends out believers to tell others about Him and gives us power through the Holy Spirit.