



The Jesus Story – 9 – May

God's Wonderful Surprise

The Point: Jesus is Alive

Storyline: Resurrection & Ascension

The Jesus Storybook Bible – God's Wonderful Surprise, Going Home

Make the Point:

- Jesus is Alive
- Jesus Gave Me a Mission
- Jesus Went Back to Heaven

Presentation Ideas:

- **Week One:** Review with the children the story of the cross. Talk about how thankful we are that Jesus died for our sins, but remind them the story does not stop there! Play the DVD: The Jesus Storybook Bible – God's Wonderful Surprise. For communion, hand out the resurrection eggs. Tell the children that the cross, the cloth and the stone represent the cross the grave clothes and the stone that closed the tomb. Remind them that Jesus didn't stay on the cross or in the grave – He rose! Let the children look at the objects in the eggs during communion time.
- **Week Two:** Ask children questions about Jesus' Resurrection to review the story. Use the Resurrection Glove Object Lesson.
- **Week Three:**
Use the Resurrection Glove to review the story of the resurrection with the children. Then play the DVD: The Jesus Storybook Bible – Going Home. After you watch the DVD, ask the children what Jesus told his disciples to do. Spend a lot of time this week on helping the children learn Matthew 28:19-20. Break down each phrase and make sure the children understand the meaning.
- **Week Four:**
Review key elements of the story with the puppets. After you work on Matthew 28:19-20, pull out the megaphone. Tell the children you are going to let them practice telling about Jesus. Call a child up and have them think of one thing they could tell a friend about Jesus. Let them give a "shout out" with the megaphone to tell about Jesus. Repeat with several children as time allows.

Hide it in Your Heart:

"Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to teach them to obey everything I've commanded you. And surely I'm with you always to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20. Sing to the tune of "Sanctuary." Break down given on song page.

Puppets:

Each week, one puppet will help you with intro and close out with Quiet Seat winners. We will have a puppet production the 2nd and 4th weeks. These will be about 5 minutes long and will focus on the application.



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Object Lesson: Resurrection Glove

Storyline: Resurrection & Ascension

1. Use the glove to represent the body and your hand to represent the spirit. Put the glove on and tell the children that just like your hand inside the glove makes it move, our spirits inside our bodies make us who are. Our spirits choose what our bodies will do.
2. Many years ago, Jesus' spirit came to live on the Earth. He got a body just like ours. He taught us how to love and obey, and he made it possible for us to someday return to live with our Heavenly Father again.
3. **(Take the glove off your hand)** - When Jesus died, his spirit left his body. His body stayed on the Earth like this glove, and His Spirit went up to Heaven.
4. After 3 days, Jesus was resurrected! His spirit came back to His body **(Put the glove back on your hand)**, and it would never be separated again.
5. Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer. He made it possible for us all to be resurrected. When we die, our spirit will leave our body. But someday we will be resurrected and our spirits will get a new body. If we obey God's commandments, we can live with Him again and be together with our family forever.
6. End by telling the children why you are personally thankful for the resurrection. (Maybe why you would love a new body or who you really want to see in heaven.)