

Unit 8 at a Glance

Jesus Gives Life

Unit Overview

In this unit, the children take an unforgettable journey with Jesus to the cross and to the resurrection. Beginning with Jesus' anointing and triumphal entry, the children will see God's careful planning and preparation for this history-changing event. Not only will they see how people praised and honored Jesus, but the children will themselves think of ways to show their appreciation to God for Jesus. During this season of new life, the children will begin to develop their own understanding of how Jesus gives life.

Unit Goals

- The children will learn the events surrounding Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.
- The children will understand that God raised Jesus from the dead.
- The children will learn ways to express thanks and praise to God.

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Lesson 1 Anointed at Bethany

Scripture Memory Verse 1 Corinthians 15:57
But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The children begin their journey to the cross with Jesus being anointed at Bethany. They will watch Mary's humble outpouring of love and appreciation as they think of ways they can show their own appreciation for Jesus.



Lesson 2 Triumphal Entry

Scripture Memory Verse Psalm 100:1-2
**Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

The children will witness Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As the people sang praises to God, Jesus began his journey to Calvary. The children will think about the importance of praising God and will describe ways that they can praise Jesus.

Lesson 3 Crucifixion

Scripture Memory Verse John 3:16
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Like never before, the children will see Jesus as the perfect Son of God. Faced with betrayal, denial, insult and rejection, Jesus went silently and resolutely to the cross—to give us a way to God. The children will consider the perfect responses of Jesus to the imperfect people who betrayed him.

Lesson 4 Resurrection

Scripture Memory Verse Matthew 28:6
He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

Through Mary's memories, the children will learn the breathtaking story of the resurrection. They will use their imaginations as they run back with Peter and John to see for themselves the empty tomb. As they consider the awesome power of God to raise Jesus from the dead, the children will think of ways that God's power can help them.



Dear Parent,

In this unit, the children take an unforgettable journey with Jesus to the cross and to the resurrection. Beginning with Jesus' anointing and triumphal entry, the children will see God's careful planning and preparation for this history-changing event on Calvary. Not only will they see how people praised and honored Jesus, but the children will themselves think of ways to show their appreciation to God for Jesus. During this season of new life, the children will begin to develop their own understanding of how Jesus gives life.

On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Have a family night to sing songs of praise. Invite other families and friends to join you as you sing and praise God together. Let the children choose their favorite songs to sing. Include prayers of praise and thanksgiving.
- Take a walk in a park or wooded area. Look for signs of Spring and new life. Talk to your child about things in his or her life that need a new start. Pray together for your child to see God's love and power at work.
- Have a "dramatic" family devotional about the resurrection of Jesus as told in John 20. Take time to imagine all of the different emotions that Mary and the disciples felt as they discovered the empty tomb. Talk about Mary's joy at seeing the risen Jesus. Help your child to see the depth of love and friendship between Jesus and his followers.
- Write a song or poem of praise to God for Jesus. Help each family member write one line of the song, describing one reason why they appreciate God. Read it throughout the year as a reminder of your family's gratitude for Jesus.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

