EASTER "RESPONSIBILITY" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Matthew 26:26-29 (page 1063) Matthew 28:1-10 (page 1068)

CHARACTER WORD

Responsibility - To be accountable for my behavior

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can be <u>responsible</u> to tell others about Jesus' death and resurrection.

MEMORY LINK

Matthew 28:7a

"And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead."

(KBC Study Bible, page 1068)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Index cards
Option 2: No supplies needed

BIBLE CONNECTION

No supplies needed

SURF TEAM TIME

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Spoons, plastic eggs Option 2: Cups, plastic eggs, rulers

The Last Supper / Jesus is Alive

WHAT'S THE POINT?

At a meal with His disciples, Jesus told them that He was going to die on a cross to pay for sins. Jesus took <u>responsibility</u> for the sin of all people. He was the only one worthy and chose to die on the cross in our place. Because Jesus accepted <u>responsibility</u> for all sin, we have the opportunity to have eternal life in a relationship with God.

When Jesus rose from the dead, the angel instructed two women to go and tell the disciples that He was alive. The women were <u>responsible</u> to obey Jesus' command and tell the disciples. We have been given the same <u>responsibility</u>. Matthew 28:19-20 says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is <u>responsibility</u>. What does <u>responsibility</u> mean to you?
- Name a responsibility you have at home.
- Name someone you know who is responsible.
- Why do you think it is important to be a responsible person?



Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing students' hearts toward God

Easter is the time we remember and celebrate that Jesus took <u>responsibility</u> for our sins. Explain to the students that worship is a perfect time to be thoughtful and focus on what Jesus did as we sing about Him. Choose songs with words that represent the truths about Jesus. We have a <u>responsibility</u> to teach and lead songs that further their understanding of who Jesus is.

Consider these song choices: "Tell the World", by Hillsong Kids; "He Arose", by Go Fish Kids Music; "Whatever You Do" (1 Corinthians 10:31), by Seeds Family Worship

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes - Teaching the Bible verse to students 8 Minutes - Activity to help them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

We have learned several stories from The Gospels in the New Testament of our Bible this year. We have also talked a lot about how Jesus died on the cross, taking the responsibility for our sins. The story of how that happened is found in the first four books of the New Testament. Who can tell me the names of those books? (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) Turn to the first book of the New Testament, Matthew. Find chapter 28 on page 1068 in your KBC Study Bible. Follow along as I read verse 7a. (Read verse aloud.)

Focus on today's Memory Link

These words of today's Memory Link were spoken by an angel to two women who were looking for Jesus. The angel told the women to go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus was risen from the dead.

Option 1 - GO QUICKLY

Index cards with words to Memory Link verse written on them

Prepare: Write the Memory Link words on index cards. Pass a set out to each Surf Team Leader.

Let's test how quick we can be while learning this verse. As I say the Memory Link, the person holding that word must quickly stand up and hold their word high in the air. Continue reading the verse several times as the students stand up. After each round, ask the student holding the word to pass it to another student who will stand up when their word is read.

Option: Use a timer to see how quickly students respond. One round could be with the Surf Team Leaders. Who is faster - the students or adults?

Option 2 - ACT IT OUT

No supplies needed

Guide your surf team to work together to make up motions to the words of the verse. Once your team has made up motions and practiced together several times, allow them to show their motions to the whole group or another surf team. Encourage the students to continue to practice the motions to the verse during the week.

Option: Offer an extra ticket the following week if they can do the motions to the verse while reciting it to you.



Matthew 28:7a

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Teaching Tip

While today's lesson includes the story of Jesus' last supper, avoid acting out or leading the students in a Lord's Supper or Communion. Beach Club is not the appropriate place to consume the elements. Let's protect that special church ordinance and allow parents to lead that opportunity according to their church tradition.

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BIBLE CONNECTION

Teaching today's character word through gospel-centered Bible story

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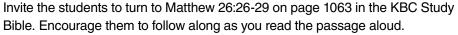
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No supplies needed

Set the Stage

What are some things we celebrate? (Allow for responses.) We celebrate those things because they are important to us. What do we celebrate at Christmas? (Jesus' birth.) Easter is the time of year we celebrate that Jesus died and rose again just like He promised. Jesus took the responsibility for our sins when He died. Today we will read about the last supper that Jesus had with His disciples before He died. Then we will read what happened at the tomb after He died.

Tell the Story



As Jesus was eating with His disciples (His very good friends and helpers), Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it. He gave it to His disciples and told them to eat it – it represented His body. Then He took the cup and gave thanks. Jesus told them to drink from it - it represented His blood. His blood was a new promise and was freely given for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus told them He would not drink the cup again until He was with them in His Father's kingdom.

At this supper, Jesus told His friends what He was about to do. Jesus was going to give His body on the cross and shed His blood and die for our sins. Remember, the Bible says the wages (what we earn) for sin is death. Nothing we can do on our own will pay for our sin. We would be eternally separated from God except for one thing. Jesus died for the forgiveness of sins. He told his disciples that He was taking on the responsibility to pay for sin with His body and His blood. He told them to remember. He told them they would be together again in heaven.

That night, Jesus was arrested. The next day, He was crucified. His body was hung on a wooden cross. Everything Jesus told the disciples when they had supper in the upper room happened just as He said it would. Jesus died and His body was placed in a tomb, which was like a cave. The opening to the tomb was covered with an enormous stone. The disciples were very sad. Jesus was dead.

Let's turn to Matthew 28:1-10 on page 1068. At dawn on the first day of the week, two women came to the tomb where Jesus' body had been placed. There was a great earthquake and an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb and sat on it. He looked like lightning and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were afraid and were frozen in fear. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid". He knew they were looking for Jesus who was crucified. The angel said that Jesus was no longer there. He had risen as He said He would. The angel told them to go in the tomb and see the place where His body had been. Then the angel told the women to go and tell the disciples that Jesus was no longer dead. He also told the women to tell the disciples to go to Galilee where they would see Jesus. So the women went out quickly, and our Bible says with great joy they ran to tell the disciples. Jesus had risen just like He said He would!

Teaching Tip

For this story, consider gathering the students around you closely as you sit in a chair and read the story. Try to make it a calm and special time as you look closely into their eyes and tell them the good news. Ask the Surf Team Leaders to sit among them and help to discourage distractions.

Teaching Tip

Avoid being too specific regarding the details of Jesus' crucifixion. Keep your focus on the passages that we are teaching today. We want the students to come to an understanding that Jesus freely gave His life for us when He died and that He is alive and wants us to tell others.

Memory Link Review

Guide the students to find today's Memory Link on page 1068 and put their finger on the verse. Remind them of the angel's command to the women, "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead." The women didn't wait. They immediately took responsibility to spread the word that Jesus was alive.

Application

Now do you understand why we celebrate Easter? Jesus Christ died for our sins just like the Bible said. He was buried and rose again the third day just like the Bible said He would. Jesus is alive! He did all He promised He would do. What is your response to what Jesus has done on the cross for you? Do you understand now that Jesus died for you?

Gospel Connection

Easter is not a sad holiday. Yes, you may feel sad to think about the price that Jesus died to pay for your sin, just like Jesus told his disciples it would be when they ate their last supper together. Jesus took on himself the responsibility for your sin and mine. He took the punishment we deserve. That truth might cause you to feel bad about Jesus' pain and suffering. But Easter is a celebration of life. Jesus didn't stay dead on a cross. His body can't be found in any tomb. Jesus showed His power over sin and death through His resurrection. He came back to life! That's what Easter is all about and that's certainly worth celebrating!

Jesus is alive today and He wants to be your Forever Friend. To accept the free gift of salvation from sin, you can tell God that you ADMIT you are a sinner and ASK Him to forgive you of your sin. You can BELIEVE that Jesus died and rose again just like you have heard about today. Then, you can CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus, making Him your Savior and your Lord.

Pray, thanking God for giving us His Son and the gift of salvation.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to meet with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

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Gospel Tip

Don't be afraid to ask the students questions and allow them to ask you questions. If you don't know how to answer the question, look it up in the Bible together. Always tell them what you do know. You know God loves them and sent His Son to die for their sins. Refer to the Tip In pages between pages 626 and 627 in your KBC Study Bible to help you answer questions about salvation.

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SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with students in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, Index cards, pens, highlighters

Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- What questions do you have about today's story or the Easter holiday?
- How do you feel when you think about how and why Jesus died?
- How do you feel when you remember that Jesus rose from the dead?
- How can you be <u>responsible</u> and share the good news about Jesus, like the women in today's story?

Use the Bible

Give each student a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles and highlight today's Memory Link if they have not already done so.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each student a Hang 10 Page. Challenge them to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage them to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

As you spend time each day this week reading your Bible, remember to thank Jesus for dying on the cross for your sins and be <u>responsible</u> to share with your family and friends this great news. Day 3 asks you to talk with your family about going to church together for Easter. Who will take this responsibility?

Pray

Give students an opportunity to write their prayer requests on index cards. Take the cards home and remember to pray for them this week.

Father, thank You for sending Jesus to die for my sins. Help me to be <u>responsible</u> to share with someone this week who needs to hear this Good News. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

Easter is a perfect time to extend an invitation to students and families to attend your church. Be sure to invite the school faculty as well. Share any special events during the weekend of Easter such as a Good Friday service or an Easter egg hunt. Send an email to parents with the information or give each student a sticker to wear home with the information.

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MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

5-10 MINUTES



Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Option 1 - EGG RELAY

Spoons, plastic eggs for each surf team

Instruct surf teams to line up single file. Give the first person in each line a spoon and a plastic egg. On a signal, ask the first player in each line to race to a marked spot and back to their line. Eggs must be balanced on the spoon while traveling. The team whose player arrives back to their line first gets a chance to answer a question. Repeat until each member has had a turn or as time allows

Option 2 - PUTT PUTT

Cups, plastic eggs, ruler per surf team

Instruct surf teams to line up single file. Give the first person in each line a ruler and a plastic egg. Set up 2 cups on the floor about 6-8 inches apart and about 10 feet away from each surf team. Explain that students will use the rulers to putt the eggs between the cups. The person who putts their egg between the cups or comes the closest, gets a chance to answer a review question.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's character word? (responsibility)
- 2. What did Jesus say the bread and cup represented? (His body and blood)
- 3. At the supper, what did Jesus tell His disciples that He was going to do? (die for our sins)
- 4. What did the two women find when they went to the tomb? (an angel and an empty tomb)
- 5. What did the angel do? (He rolled the stone away and sat on it.)
- 6. What did the angel tell the women to do? (Do not be afraid. Go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus is risen.)
- 7. How did Jesus show <u>responsibility</u>? (He took the <u>responsibility</u>, or punishment, for sin.)
- 8. How did the women show responsibility? (They ran to tell the disciples.)
- 9. How can you can show <u>responsibility</u> like the women in today's story? (by telling the good news about Jesus)
- 10. Why is Easter a celebration? (Because Jesus rose from the dead! He is alive!)

Teaching Tip

If your church is having an Easter Egg Hunt, place strips of paper inside the plastic eggs you are using for this relay with information about your hunt. Be sure to include date, location and time. You may consider placing a small piece of candy inside as well. Prepare enough eggs so each student can take one home. When you are finished playing the relay, give everyone an egg.

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