



**What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.**

**Week 37: April 20, 2025**

**Bible Story Point:** Jesus died on the cross to pay for sin and rose again to defeat death.

**Key Passage:** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (Revelation 21:4)

**Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)**

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection (Matthew 26-28)

This week, kids learned that the events leading up to Jesus' death were terrifying for the disciples. Judas, their supposed friend, betrayed their Lord. Jesus was arrested, beaten, and killed. Though Jesus had plainly told the disciples that He would die and rise again on the third day, they did not understand. In fact, they were afraid to ask about it. (See Mark 9:31-21.) They had believed that Jesus was the One who would rescue God's people, but how could He if He was dead?

Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. When Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb, Jesus wasn't there. An angel of the Lord appeared. The guards were so afraid, that they fainted. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid." The angel reassured the women that Jesus' body hadn't been stolen; in fact, "he has risen, just as he said" (Matt. 28:5-6).

The women left the tomb with fear (perhaps because they did not fully understand what was happening) and great joy (because they had heard Jesus was alive!) to tell the disciples the news. As they were leaving, Jesus also greeted them: "Do not be afraid."

Fear exists when there is a perceived danger or threat. When Jesus rose from the dead, He eliminated the threat of eternal separation from God for all who trust in Him. Even real dangers like suffering and persecution need not be feared because nothing—neither life nor death—can separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus. (Rom. 8:38-39)

As you talk about this story with your kids, emphasize the gospel: The death and resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel. We deserve to die because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place. Because Jesus is alive, we do not need to fear anything. Those who trust in Jesus have forgiveness and eternal life, and we can joyfully obey Him.

- Where was Jesus placed after he died on the cross? In a tomb!
- How many days was he in the tomb? 3 days
- Who went to the tomb? Mary Magdalene and Mary
- What did they find? The open tomb and an angel sitting on the stone
- Who went to the chief priests to tell what happened? The Guards
- What is the Good News? Jesus is Risen!!!
- How should we live? In obedience to God
- How can you share the love of Jesus this week after Easter?

**Practice:** Say (Memorize) Key passage

**Pray:** Thank God for sending Jesus to pay the debt for our Sin. Ask God to help you live a life of righteousness! Jesus passed on His righteousness to us when we accepted Him as Lord and Savior.

## Wednesday Night Awana Clubs: Verses for April 23

**Cubbies:** Bear Hug 25 Acts 16:31 “...Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...”

### Sparks:

**Hang Gliders** – Joshua 1:9, Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous...for the Lord your God is with you... AND Joshua 24:24, And the people said to Joshua, The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey. AND Ephesians 6:1, Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right AND Obey Parent Chart

**Wing Runners** - Green Jewel 4:1 – Ephesians 4:32, Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**Sky Stormers** – Proverbs 17:17, A friend loves at all times AND Being a Good Friend check list.

### T & T's: –

4.6 Grace in Action

Galatians 6:9-10, And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

### Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, April 27th

**We will be part of the new Heaven and Earth** (Revelation 21 –22)

- What did John see? A new Heaven and a new Earth
- How did John describe the new heaven and new earth? As a bride adorned for her husband
- Who provides light for the new Heaven and new Earth? God
- How are the cities decorated? With Jewels and Gold
- How does Revelation end? Jesus saying, I will return soon.

### Upcoming Activities:

April 21	Mom's Bible Study 9AM in Fellowship Hall
April 24	Pickleball and Walking Thursday Nights 6—8
May 4	4:00pm VBS Orientation Meeting 6:00pm GA/Acteen Recognition
May 7	Awana Club Award Night
May 11	Mother's Day / Baby Dedication
May 14	Kids GAME Night in Gym 6:00—7:30
May 17	She & Me—Women's Ministry Event
May 21	Acton Nature Center 6:00—7:30 (Tentative)
May 28	No Kids Activities Pick up Faith@Home pamphlet
May 30	VBS Workday 9AM to Noon
June 2-6	VBS—Magnified
June 14	Family Lake day
June 15—21	Youth Camp

