

Basic Lesson: Recognition and Sounding the Letter Ee

Bible Connect: The Resurrection

Lesson Scripture:

Bible Truth/Emphasis:

1. Jesus has completely conquered sin and death.
2. To be forgiving, as Jesus forgives us.

Memory Verse:

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8 NIV

Explain this verse to the children in simple terms, stating that Jesus took the punishment for our sins although He had never done anything wrong. Jesus loves us very much and died on the cross for our sins. Jesus provides the only way to Heaven.

Clearing of Difficulties:

1. **Easter:** Christian festival: the Christian festival commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ
2. **Resurrection:** rising from dead: in some systems of belief, a rising from or raising of somebody from the dead, or the state of having risen from the dead
3. **Tomb:** a cave or chamber used for burial of a dead person

Class Proper:

Presentation of the Bible Story:

Jesus had twelve special friends who went everywhere with him and saw the miracles he did. They listened to his stories about God. One day Jesus said to them, "It will soon be time for me to go away, but first some sad things will happen, but I will come back again."

Jesus was crucified on the cross. People in the crowd bowed down and made fun of Jesus. "Why would Jesus have to die on the cross?" they must have asked. Only bad people had to die on the cross, and Jesus never did bad things. The followers of Jesus took his body and gently wrapped it in linen cloth and put myrrh and oil. They put him in a cave tomb. They rolled the heavy stone over the door to seal it shut. Soldiers stood guard.

On the third day, God rolled the stone away. The soldiers were frightened and ran away. Then his friends saw Jesus, "See I am alive again just as I told you", Jesus said. "Go and tell your friends the good news."

Application

All of us do things that are wrong from time to time. All of us have sinned. No matter how large or small the sin, it separates us from God, and all sin leads to death. However, as we learned today, God loves us so much, He sent His only Son to save us. Jesus did not sin; instead, He died on the cross in our place, so we could have everlasting life and be with Him in Heaven. When we choose Jesus as our Lord, and with repentance ask Him to forgive our sins, He will. This is a wonderful and exciting message of Easter.

This Easter, take some time to celebrate God's love by thinking about how Jesus gave up His own life for us. Remember to be forgiving, as Jesus forgives us.