

Unit Title : **OUR CHURCH AND OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH**
Lesson 6a : **THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS' RESURRECTION**
Bible Story : **Jesus' Resurrection and Appearances to His Disciples**
Lesson Scripture : **John 20:1-29; John 10:35; Psalm 16:10; Psalm 22:16**

1. **Our faith in Jesus Christ comes out of our understanding of God's Word—the Bible.**
2. **Our faith comes from Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

By the end of this session, the student should be able to:

1. tell the disciples' level of understanding regarding Jesus' resurrection;
2. retell the story of Jesus' appearances to His disciples after He was risen from the dead;
3. tell the condition of the hearts of the disciples or the status of their faith upon hearing from Mary Magdalene that the tomb was empty;
4. tell what the disciples received from Jesus upon His appearance to them;
5. explain why the disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders;
6. read the OT verses prophesying the resurrection of Jesus Christ;
7. recite the given SoF.

[Psalm 16:10](#)

"For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay."

[Psalm 22:16](#)

"For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet."

1. Holy One – God, Jesus our Lord

2. decay – to rot, *mabulok*

3. band of evildoers – brutal and wicked men

4. encompass – surround, *paligiran*

5. pierced – nailed, *ipinako*

Marking the students' Bible and reading of the following verses:

(Tell the students these Bible verses are from the Old Testament.)

Read: Psalm 16:10; Psalm 22:16

A. PREPARATION and MOTIVATION

Review of past lessons (SoF's 1 to 5)

B. INTRODUCTION

C. LESSON

Read today's story aloud from the Bible, or by showing pictures/video, or tell the story in your own words.

JESUS' RESURRECTION AND HIS APPEARANCES (John 20:1-29)

After three days of Jesus' burial, Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty. She thought Jesus' body was stolen. But Jesus appeared to her and Mary has mistaken the Lord as a gardener. Mary recognized the Lord and was commanded to tell others about His rising from the dead. Peter and John went to the tomb as reported *not understanding the Holy Scriptures about Jesus' resurrection*. They went back to the place where they were all gathered. The disciples were so afraid (*which means they are lacking in faith and have forgotten what Jesus had taught them*) of the Jewish leaders that they closed the door well. Suddenly, Jesus appeared to them and said "Peace be with you!" (*That's because they were so afraid and Jesus calmed them down!*) He showed His wounded hand and side. They were all so glad and regained the faith because Jesus breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

But sadly, a doubtful disciple named Thomas missed Jesus! One day, Jesus showed up again and Thomas touched his wound and believed. Children, Jesus said "Blessed are those who have not seen the Lord in person but believed in Him still." Now, we are blessed that we have the Bible with us. God's Word is with us. We have to believe the Bible because it is God's Word. The Bible is true and we can trust all that was written in it. The Author of the Bible is God Himself through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit breathed out life to the Word which was written by the holy men of God and the prophets.

Discussion:

In our Bible story, we are told in John 20:9 that Peter and John ran fast to see the body of Jesus. But Jesus was not there for He has risen from the dead. They cannot believe what was happening for as yet they did not know (understand) the statement of Scripture that Jesus must rise again from the dead. That statement of Scripture was written 500 or 600 years ago during the reign of King David. King David himself wrote about Jesus' crucifixion saying in [*Psalm 16:10*](#) "*For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.*" and in [*Psalm 22:16*](#) "*For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.*"

The time and place, as written by king David and prophesied by all God's prophets from Jesus birth to his death and his resurrection, were all accurate and trustworthy.

This is why there is no reason to doubt the truthfulness of the bible because there is no way David and all the prophets can figure out the events to come unless somebody told them. We believe that, that somebody was God who spoke to them, inspired them to write the prophecies about Jesus' first advent.

"We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. Its Author is God Himself through the works of the Holy Spirit."

Children, we are blessed by God already because we have His teachings with us. Let us not forget what has been taught to us about our Savior Jesus Christ. That sad day of Jesus' death and burial is a lesson for us not to forget what God has promised. It is not a good feeling to be afraid. Remember, in the Bible, Jesus said that we have to be at peace although our surroundings seem frightening or dangerous. Jesus is always with us to strengthen our faith like what He did to the fearful disciples. His Word is always true.

Ask the following questions:

1. From our Bible story, do they understand the Scriptures or what Jesus told them about His resurrection?
2. Can you retell to the class the appearances of Jesus to the disciples when He rose from the dead?
3. Before Jesus appeared to them, what was the status (*kalagayan*) of their faith? Do you think they are still full of faith?
4. What do you think happened to them when they received the Holy Spirit as breathed-out on them by the Lord?
5. What truth was proven by God's Word taken from Psalms 16:10 and Psalms 22:16?
6. Do you believe that Jesus Christ came to us to be our Savior?
7. Do you believe that every word written in our Bible is true?
8. Can you recite SoF#6?

Scripture Scroll Calligraphy Art

On a special or parchment paper, write 2 Timothy 3:16 using a special font.