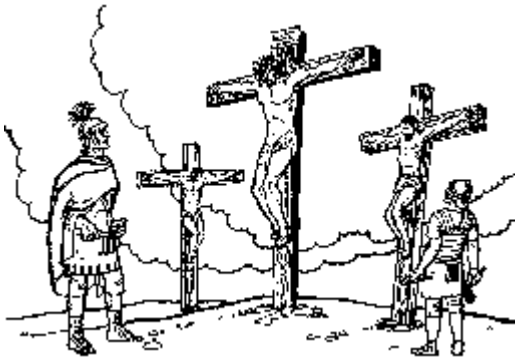
Lesson 16 Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Pictures 17, 19



Aim

To teach that believing Jesus rose from the dead brings joy. By his victory over death he saved us from sin.

Teacher Preparation: Pray for your students that they will not be doubters but believers. Then read and study John 30:19-29 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: John 20:20

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Tell the class about some surprising news you once had. It was so surprising that at first you didn't believe it. Try to make it an example of good news. For example, you gained high marks in an examination which you didn't expect to pass.

Main Points of Lesson

1. Jesus' friends were very sad or very frightened. Why? *Show picture 17.* Jesus had been crucified.



2. John 20:19-21. Describe how the disciples were together on the Sunday after Jesus was crucified on Friday. They were hiding. Suddenly Jesus was there with them. They couldn't believe it. Was it really him? Jesus showed them his hands, feet and side. They were so happy to see him.

3. Put v. 24-25 into your own words. Thomas was not with the other disciples and did not believe the news.

4. v. 26-27. A week later Jesus came again. Thomas was present. *Show picture 19.* Say Jesus' words and give Thomas' reply. Thomas saw Jesus and believed in him v. 28.

5. Jesus asked Thomas a question v. 29. He said as well: "How happy are those who believe without seeing me."

Review

Briefly go over the lesson and explain that Jesus is speaking to us now as he spoke to the disciples then. We cannot see Him with our eyes yet. We know He died but is now alive. It is by believing in Jesus that we are saved for everlasting life with God.

Teach Memory Verse

Our Response to the Lesson

The children should be encouraged to act out the story of Thomas. Do not doubt that Jesus is alive like Thomas did at first. Believe that Jesus is alive as he said. Thank him for dying for your sin on the cross. Ask him to be your Lord as Thomas did.