



Lesson 8

## Jesus Is Alive

Based on: Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:36-53; Acts 1:1-9

*“How good it is to sing praises to our God.”*

Psalm 147:1



*Preschool*

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# Teacher Preparation

## Supplies

-Lesson 8 Teacher Guide - GL Preschool Year 2 Spring

You can use the [Teacher Preparation Sheet](#) to help plan for this lesson.

You can order the *Preschool Music #2 CD* or physical copies of lesson posters and other resources while supplies last by calling 800-446-7735.

## Who?

Jesus' friends, Jesus

## What?

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He told His friends He would be with them and help them tell the good news about Him (Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:36-53;

## When & Where?

During the days after Jesus' resurrection, in Jerusalem and other nearby cities

## Why?

To help children thank God for the good news that Jesus is alive

## Goals For Each Child

1. **Tell that Jesus promised to care for His friends**
2. **Identify a way Jesus cares for him or her**
3. **Thank God that Jesus is alive and cares for him or her**



30 minutes

## Play to Learn

*Teachers guide small groups of children in one or more activities*

### Bible Story Activities

### Art Center

#### Supplies

- Bible
- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Tape
- Activity Stickers - GL Preschool Year 2 Spring

#### Prepare

Roll and tape paper to make a sample megaphone.

#### Do

Children color sheets of construction paper. (Optional: Children decorate paper with Lesson 8 Bonus Stickers.) Roll paper and tape in place to make a megaphone. Say, **I'm glad we can praise and thank God. We can thank God that Jesus is alive in heaven and that He cares about us. Let's use our megaphones to say, "Jesus is alive!"**

#### Enrichment Idea

Play, "Jump, Shout!" and invite children to sing and shout in their megaphones.



## Tip For Younger Children

Children will enjoy hearing themselves speak through the megaphones. Invite a child to say something to you as you put your ear up to the megaphone.

## Dramatic Play Center

### Supplies

-Bible

### Do

Lead children on a pretend hike. Pretend to have to crawl through a narrow space, take big steps to get up a big hill, hop over a small stream and point out different animals or nature items along the hike. Say, **In our story today, Jesus and His friends hiked up to hill. Afterwards, Jesus went back to heaven.**

### Teaching Tip

Provide children with hiking supplies (backpack, water bottle, binoculars, etc.).

## Tip For Younger Children

Bring in a children's book that pictures nature items or shows children going on a walk. After looking through the book, go on the pretend hike.

### Talk About



**-In our Bible story today, Jesus talked to His friends. He promised to be with them always. Jesus promised to care for them.**

**-Jesus' friends were glad to know that Jesus would always be with them and care for them. They praised God for Jesus. Jesus is with us and cares for us, too.**

**-Hold open Bible. The Bible tells us, "How good it is to sing praises to our God." We can sing or pray to praise God and tell Him, "Thank You that Jesus cares for us."**

**-Let's thank God for the good news that Jesus is alive.**

## **Bible Verse Activities**

### **Game Center**

#### **Supplies**

- Bible
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Marker
- Large sheet of butcher paper
- Tape

#### **Prepare**

Cut construction paper into 5-inch (12.5-cm) circles. Draw a simple happy face on each circle. Hide the happy faces around the room. Tape a large sheet of butcher paper to an open wall.

#### **Do**

Children search the room for the hidden happy faces and tape them to the butcher paper. Say, **We can be glad that Jesus loves and takes care of us!**

#### **Teaching Tip**

Cut strips of tape for children prior to the activity and attach strips along a table edge. Each child



takes a strip of tape for each found happy face.

## Tip For Younger Children

Children bring hidden happy faces to leader. The leader tapes happy faces to butcher paper.

## Music Center

### Supplies

- Bible
- Masking tape

### Prepare

Use masking tape to make several large shapes on the floor (triangle, square, rectangle, etc.).

### Do

Children move around the room while you play "How Good It Is". After several moments, stop the music. Children quickly choose a shape to stand in. Repeat several times, inviting children to move in different ways (walking, hopping, crawling, walking with hands on their heads, etc.).

### Teaching Tip

Remove masking tape immediately after class.

## Tip For Younger Children

Instead of standing in shapes, children freeze in place when music stops. Use the Talk About suggestions to connect the activity to the lesson focus. Repeat activity as time permits.

### Talk About



-Show Bible open to Psalm 147:1. **The Bible tells us, "How good it is to sing praises to our God." We can praise God for the good news that Jesus is alive. We can praise God because Jesus cares for us.**

-**One way Jesus cares for us is by giving us good food to eat. Jesus also gives us people who love us. I'm glad Jesus is alive and cares for us.**

-**Let's thank God together that Jesus is alive and cares for us.** Lead children in a brief prayer.



15 minutes

## Listen to Learn

### Large-Group Time

#### Supplies

- Bible
- Callie puppet
- Photo of friends
- Flannel board
- Optional—God's Story for Me Bible storybook
- Everyday Life Poster 5 - GL PreK/K Year 2 Spring
- Story Figures 34-37 - GL PreK/K Year 2 Spring

*One teacher leads this large-group time to guide children in hearing and understanding the Bible story and Bible verse*

### Come Together

Use this song to signal the beginning of Listen to Learn time. Doing the suggested motions, sing the following words to the tune of "Jingle Bells":

**Come and sing, come and sing.  
Wiggle, won't you please?  
First your fingers, then your arms,  
Wiggle now with me.**

Repeat.

Sing song several times, replacing the third line with other body parts to wiggle ("Next your shoulders and your head," "Now your legs and then your toes," etc.).



## Bible Verse

Open your Bible to Psalm 147:1. **The Bible says, "How good it is to sing praises to our God." The word "praise" means to thank or to tell how great and good someone is. I like to tell good things God has done. I like to thank Him for good things, too.** Show Everyday Life Poster 5. **Noah, point to someone who is praising God in this picture. We can also praise God by repeating our Bible verse.** Repeat Bible verse with children several times.

## Enrichment Idea

Invite volunteers to tell things they thank God for.

## Prayer

Lead children in prayer. **Dear God, thank You that Jesus is alive. We are glad to know that Jesus is alive and that He cares for us. Amen.**

## Song

**Let's sing about the good news that Jesus is alive.** Play "Jump, Shout!" several times, inviting children to sing along with you.

## Enrichment Idea

Provide a variety of rhythm instruments. Children take turns playing instruments as you play "Jump, Shout!" several times.

## Puppet Time

### Supplies

-["Good News Guessing Game" Puppet Script - GL Preschool Year 2 Spring](#)

Use Callie puppet to perform the puppet script on the last page of this lesson.



## Good News Guessing Game

***(Note: Play both parts, changing your voice for the puppet. Or you may have a helper play one of the parts.)***



**Callie:** *(Enters and looks around at children and then turns to LEADER.)* The boys and girls look like they know lots of stuff.

**Leader:** Yes, they do.

**Callie:** Oh. *(Pauses to look around.)* Do you think they would like to play a game with me today?

**Leader:** I think they might. Why don't you ask them?

**Callie:** Okay *(Speaks to children.)* Um . . . *(Pauses and then turns to LEADER.)* Are they nice?

**Leader:** Oh yes!

**Callie:** Meow! That's good! *(Speaks to children.)* Boys and girls, would you like to play a game? *(Pauses for children to respond yes.)* Meow-hurray!

**Leader:** What is the game called?

**Callie:** It's the Good News Guessing Game. I'll give some clue and everybody thinks and thinks and tries to guess what I'm talking about.

**Leader:** That sounds like fun. *(Speaks to children.)* Is everyone ready? *(Pauses for children to respond.)*

**Callie:** Okay. I'm thinking of some very, very good news that is all about me. You could sing about it like this: *(Sings "Meow" to the tune of "Happy Birthday.")*

**Leader:** *(Speaks to children.)* Can you guess the good news that Callie is talking about? *(Pauses for children to tell guesses.)*

**Callie:** Meow-haha! It's my birthday! That's the best good news I know today!

**Leader:** I think the boys and girls know some good news that is even better than a birthday.

**Callie:** Really?!



**Leader:** Really. *(Speaks to children.)* I wonder if you can guess the good news I'm thinking about. It is in our Bible verse today, and it's all about Jesus. *(Pauses for children to tell that Jesus is alive or to repeat the Bible verse.)*

**Callie:** *(Speaks to children.)* Meow-hurray! That's the BESTEST good news! You are good at playing the game! That was fun. Thanks for playing with me. I've got to get home now.

**Leader:** Bye, Callie! Happy birthday!

**Callie:** Thanks! Bye!

## Bible Story

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Use photo of friends and Figures 34-37 to help tell the Bible story on the next page.

## Introduction

Show photo of friends. **These are some good friends of mine. Where do you think we are in this picture?** Volunteers answer. **Listen to find out what happened when Jesus and His friends were together on a hilltop.** (Hold your Bible open to Matthew 28 as you tell the following story.)

### Excited And Happy

"It's true! It's really true!" Jesus' friends said to each other. "We saw Jesus. He is not dead anymore! He is ALIVE!" These friends were VERY excited and VERY happy!

Suddenly, while they were talking, Jesus was in the room with them—just like that! His friends were SO surprised that they did not know what to say!

"Don't be afraid," said Jesus. "It's Me." His friends must have smiled. They weren't frightened anymore. Jesus was with them again!

### Walking And Talking

Jesus was with His friends for many more days. He taught His friends things God wanted them to know. Jesus' friends were SO happy that Jesus was with them again. They knew Jesus loved



and cared for them.

But soon it was time for Jesus to go back to heaven. One day, Jesus and His friends walked out into the country. He said to them, "I want you to go and tell everyone about Me. And remember, I will be with you always!" Jesus wanted His friends to know that He would always care for them, even if they couldn't see Him.

### Higher And Higher

Then Jesus began to go up, up, up from the ground. His friends watched Jesus rise up into the sky! Soon a cloud covered Jesus, and His friends couldn't see Him anymore. But Jesus' friends weren't sad. They were happy because they knew Jesus was alive, even though they couldn't SEE Him. And they knew that Jesus had promised to always be with them and care for them.

The friends walked back to Jerusalem. They went into the Temple. They sang praises to God! They prayed and talked about God! They worshiped God and were happy because they knew Jesus was alive. They knew He would care for them!

## Conclusion

**Jesus' friends were glad that Jesus is alive and that He promised to always be with them and care for them. We're glad to know that Jesus is alive and with us and cares for us, too. We can praise God for this good news. The Bible says, "How good it is to sing praises to our God."** (Optional: Review story by using pages 441-445 in *God's Story for Me* Bible storybook.)

## Creative Bible Storytelling Idea

Dress as if you are were on a hike and mime the sory action (wear boots, a backpack and hold a walking stick) as you tell about Jesus and His friends climbing a hill before Jesus went to heaven.



15 minutes

## Talk to Learn

*Teachers guide small groups of children to complete TalkTime activity pages and other activities as time allows*

### TalkTime Activity Page

#### Supplies

- Bible
- Markers or crayons
- Lesson 8 TalkTime Activity Page - GL Preschool Year 2 Spring

**You Need:** Bible, Lesson 8 *TalkTime* activity page and sticker page for yourself and each child, markers or crayons.

#### Do

Hand out *TalkTime* activity pages and demonstrate how to complete the page. Distribute sticker pages and crayons or markers. As children complete their own page, talk about the items on the page.

### Family Funtime Page

Show page 1 of [Lesson 8 Family FunTime](#), review the conversation suggestions, and give the papers to children to take home.

### Bible Story Game

#### Supplies



- Construction paper
- Tape
- Beanbag
- Figures 34-37

## Prepare

Tape each figure to a different sheet of construction paper.

## Do

Place papers facedown on the floor. **Let's play a game to find some pictures from our Bible story today.** Children take turns tossing beanbag onto papers and then turning over paper on which the beanbag lands. Ask questions to guide children to think about the Bible story. **Where did Jesus and His friends walk? What did Jesus tell His friends? What did Jesus' friends do after Jesus went back to heaven?**

## Music Fun

During transition times, invite children to sing along as they listen to "Jump, Shout!", "Welcome, Hello!" and/or "Good-Bye for Now".

## Talk About

- What did Jesus promise His friends? Jesus went back to heaven. Jesus' friends knew that even though they couldn't see Him, Jesus was with them and would care for them.**
- Jesus' friends thanked and praised God that Jesus would always be with them and care for them.**
- Read verse with children. **We can praise God for Jesus. What does Jesus do to care for you?**
- We can pray and say, "Thank You, God, that Jesus is alive. Thank You that Jesus cares for us all the time." Let's thank God for Jesus.** Lead children in a brief prayer of thanks.





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