



The Story @ Home

PK-2nd

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2019-2020)

Lesson #2-36
1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

Last Week

Paul described the exact opposite of division and quarreling in last week's lesson as he described self-giving love (1 Corinthians 13:1-13).

This Week

Paul focuses his teaching on clarifying the concept of resurrection. The Corinthians were arguing about this belief, and Paul points out that it is not a matter of just raising the dead, but of new life in God's kingdom (1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57).

Story Summary

Often when we encounter teaching on resurrection the focus is on the future, on the time of our physical death and what will happen next. Not only is this conceptually difficult for children to understand, it is also a fairly narrow understanding of the concept itself. Jesus' teachings often focused on this day, this moment, encouraging us to live as free, transformed people in the here and now. We do not have to live in fear of death because we understand that we are sustained and empowered by God's eternal love, now and in every moment.

The Point

We can rejoice since the risen Christ will destroy death forever.

Next Week

Next week is the final reading in this year's lectionary. The end is shown to be a beginning, in which the Holy Spirit comes to the community of believers. The 1 Corinthians passage describes how the Spirit gives each of us gifts so that we together can be a complete body of Christ (Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13).

Practice: Fellowship

Fellowship has the power to bring comfort and hope to those who are troubled, afflicted, or at a loss for ways to act. Gathering in times of sorrow and of joy is a sign of deep and meaningful fellowship. Look through old family photos together, and share stories of those who have died. Celebrate the influence these people had on your life.

Bible Nuts & Bolts

The New Beginning

A few books of the Bible are apocalypses. An apocalypse is a religious text that focuses on revealing secrets about the heavenly order and the end of the world. Apocalypses are written for a community facing persecution. The persecution is described as being part of God's ultimate plan. Believers are called to remain faithful. At the center is a message of hope for the oppressed community: God will provide an end to suffering and will dwell with the faithful forever.

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✝ In what way does this text teach about our theme of The Power of God's Love?
- ✝ What does this scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✝ What part of this scripture is the most interesting to you? Why??

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Death, the last enemy.

Share a story of one person who has died who had an impact on your life.

Monday—Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-9

Collection for the saints.

Make a plan for giving to the church.

Tuesday—Read 1 Corinthians 16:10-14

Timothy and Apollos

Invite a young person to your home and share hospitality with them.

Wednesday—Read 1 Corinthians 16:15-24

Final greetings.

Write a letter to someone you have not seen for a while.

Thursday—Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

A prayer of blessing.

Read this text as a family prayer for the rest of the week.

Friday—Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-14

The travails of Paul.

What challenges have you faced this week? What has helped you to get through them?

Saturday—Read Acts 2:1-4

Pentecost.

Have a birthday party for the church! Talk about the many ways the church has impacted your family's lives, and ways in which the church continues to make a difference in the world around you.