

# Jesus Is Alive

## Allelu!

*Growing and Celebrating with Jesus*

### Lesson 26, Kindergarten

#### Lesson 26 Goal

- Your child will learn that Jesus is alive, and he came back to visit with his friends.

#### Key Points

- On the Sunday after he died, Jesus was alive again. Death could not hold him!
- Jesus came back and visited with his friends.



#### Parent Reflection

Hope of Resurrection is not only important for the next life, but also for the present one. When we unite ourselves with the Paschal Mystery through the Sacrament of Baptism, we die to sin, are “buried” in the water, and “raised up” to walk a new life in Christ. The “Resurrection hope” we are given at Baptism remains with us throughout our lives. When we feel that our situation has grown so dire that it seems we should just give up, the Resurrection gives us hope that all is not lost. Each time we experience failure, we can remind ourselves that Christ has already won our final victory—he has overcome death itself. Therefore, there is nothing we cannot bear if Christ is beside us (Philippians 4:13).

In the story of Christ’s reunion with his disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35), Jesus “had been known to them in the breaking of the bread” (vs. 35). Likewise, the Resurrected Jesus is with us today in the most complete way in the Eucharist. In this holy meal, Jesus offers himself to us—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Through our reception of the Eucharist, Jesus lives in us, and we are charged with taking him out into the world around us, carrying the hope we have in Christ to others.

#### Reflection Question

How is Jesus alive in me as I go about my life at home, at work, and in the community?

## Lesson Preparation

Before inviting your child to sit with you for lesson time, prepare all materials.

### Materials

- Family Activity Sheet
- crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- Activity Master #22
- adult scissors (adult use only)
- 8.5" x 11" white paper
- 6 oz. disposable plastic cup
- craft stick (or tongue depressor)
- glue or tape

- Activity Master #2 – Saint Page (Keep the saint page from each lesson to gather together a Communion of Saints Book created by your child.)

### Preparation Steps

- Make sure your child has a copy of Activity Masters #2 and #22 (included with this lesson).
- Using the point of the scissors, make a small slit on the base of the cup.
- Carefully slide the craft stick in the base of the cup to make a hole, then remove the stick and set it aside.

## Gathering

Create a prayerful space. You might place a candle on the table, or set a cross in front of you. Invite your child to join you in quietly preparing for prayer.

Say the following or similar words: “Now that we are in this prayerful space, let us find the quiet in our hearts so we can talk with God.”

Sit together for several seconds of shared silence.

Say, “Jesus is the Light of the World and he is with us once again! Today we celebrate Easter. Death could not hold Jesus! He has risen from the dead and is alive! Let us rejoice!”

### Begin in prayer:

Make the Sign of the Cross together or bless your child by tracing a cross on his or her forehead: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*“We will pray by naming people and things that rejoice that Jesus is alive. We will say, ‘Alleluia!’ together.”*

**Parent:** *All you children near and far, rejoice!*

**Together:** *Alleluia!*

**Parent:** *All you hills and mountains, rejoice!*

**Together:** *Alleluia!*

**Parent:** *All you tiny blades of grass and tall trees, rejoice!*

**Together:** *Alleluia!*

**Parent:** *All you angels and saints, rejoice!*

**Together:** *Alleluia!*

## Discovering

**Jesus Is Risen!** Turn to the first page of the Activity Sheet and read about the Emmaus Story.

Ask your child, “Is Jesus still with us?”

Turn to the second page of the Activity Sheet. Ask your child the “Ask Me!” questions and review the answers.

## Exploring

Use the following activities to enrich your child’s understanding of the lesson and of our Catholic faith.

**1. Jesus Is Risen! Alleluia!** Turn to the main

activity of the Activity Sheet (center pages) and invite your child to describe what he or she sees. Give your child crayons or colored pencils. Explain the activity to your child and have him or her complete it.

**2. Resurrection Cups.** Have your child cut and color Mary Magdalene, Mary, and the Angel from Activity Master #22 and glue or tape them to the outside of the cup. Next, have your child color the picture of Jesus from Activity Master #22 and tape the front and back of the picture to a craft stick, folding the picture as indicated. Have him or her place the craft stick with the picture of Jesus in the cup and insert the other end of the stick through the precut hole in the base of the cup. You may want to sing “Alleluia!” as they move the picture of Jesus out of the “tomb.”

**3. The Communion of Saints: Saint Peter.** Show your child the picture of Saint Peter on the Family Activity page and read about him. Then

read more about Saint Peter to your child (see below).

Ask your child:

- ▶ “How do you think the man felt after he was healed?”
- ▶ “Saint Peter said that it was through Jesus that he had helped the man heal. How can we help others in the name of Jesus?”

Have your child write and draw about Saint Peter using Activity Master #2.

## Sending

**Pray with your child.** Begin by making the Sign of the Cross together, or bless your child by tracing a cross on his or her forehead. Pray aloud with your child.

*Jesus, you died for our sins and rose from the dead. Help us to always know you are with us. Alleluia!*

## Saint Peter

### Leading in Jesus’ Name

After Jesus had risen from the dead and gone back to Heaven, Peter became the leader of the Apostles on earth.

One day, Peter and John were going to the Temple for prayer. There was a man sitting at the gate. He had never in his life been able to walk. At that time, not walking meant he could not have a job either. Each day, someone carried him to the gate, where he begged for money.

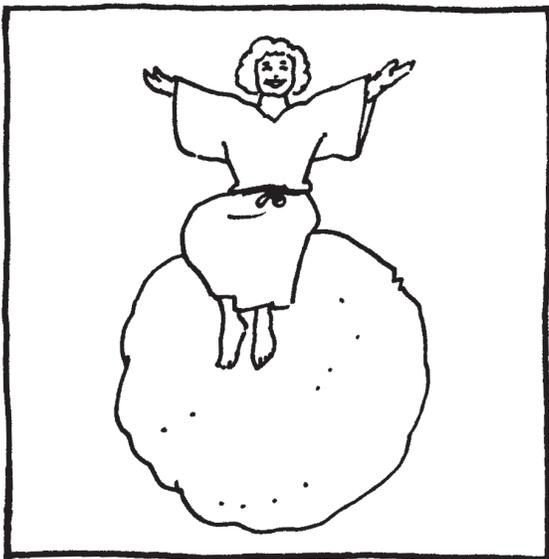
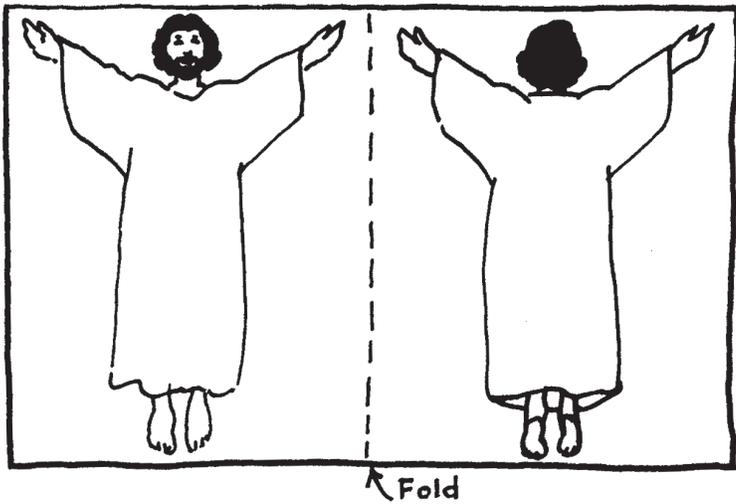
As Peter and John got closer, the man asked them if they would give him money. Peter said, “I have neither silver nor gold, but in the name of Jesus, get up and walk.” Peter reached down

and took the man’s hand. Right away, his ankles and feet grew strong, for the first time ever!

He stood! He walked! He leaped! He could do all those things! He went into the Temple with Peter and John, walking, jumping and praising God.

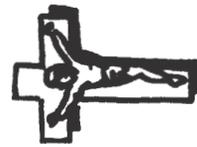
Of course, people saw and heard this. They realized that Peter had cured this man and were amazed. How had Peter done this? Peter spoke to them, explaining that it was through Jesus that Peter had helped the man heal.

Because of this, thousands of people came to believe in Jesus.



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**Saint  
Peter,  
pray for us!**