



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for April 4, 2010
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"From Sorrow to Joy" (Easter)

Lesson Text: John 16:16-24; 20:11-16

Background Scripture: John 13:21-30; 16:16-24; 20:11-16

Memory Verse: "A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me" (John 16:16).

John 16:16-24

16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?

18 They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.

19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice; and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 20:11-16

11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

TEACHER'S NOTES

Today's lesson centers on the words of Jesus foretelling His death. He very clearly told His disciples that He was going to die, but as we often do, they heard only what they wanted to hear.

Then we skip to the morning of Jesus' resurrection. We see Mary Magdalene at the grave. First she saw two angels at the empty tomb. Then she saw Jesus Himself and talked with Him. Her sorrow at Jesus' death was turned to joy at His resurrection.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that we are joyful because Jesus died for our sins and then rose from the dead and is alive forever.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. Jesus told His disciples He was going to die and rise again.
2. They were very sad when Jesus died on the cross for our sins.
3. Their sorrow was turned to joy when He rose again.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Telling the Lesson, find a picture of Jesus alive after His resurrection. A picture of Him talking to Mary at the tomb would be especially helpful.

For Helping to Remember, bring paper, pencils, crayons, glue, and tiny flowers cut from old arrangements. You can find low-cost artificial flowers at garage sales or thrift shops.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search (at end of this lesson) for each student.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Have you ever heard some bad news, but you just ignored it because you did not want to hear it? Jesus had some news that was important for His disciples to hear, but they were not ready to listen to it.

TELLING THE LESSON

Jesus was with His disciples, teaching them. He knew the time was drawing near when He would be put on the cross and die to pay the punishment for our sins.

Jesus wanted to help His disciples get ready for that time. He knew it would be very hard for them. So Jesus told them that in a little while they would not see Him but that in a little while longer, they would see Him. In the end, He would go back to His Father in heaven. That was where He came from when He was born in Bethlehem.

The disciples did not say anything to Jesus, but they began to talk about it among themselves. What was He talking about? How could this be true?

Jesus knew that they really wanted to ask Him about it, so He asked them whether they were wondering about what He said.

Jesus told them that a hard time was coming. They would be crying. Some people around them would be happy, but they would be very sad. Jesus said that their sadness, or sorrow, would soon be turned into joy.

He said that it was like a woman having a baby. That time is very hard, but as soon as the child is born, the mother's heart is filled with joy to see her new baby born into the world.

The disciples' hearts would soon be filled with sorrow, but Jesus promised that He would see them again. Then their hearts would be full of joy, and no one would be able to take away that joy. Jesus promised them that then they would be able to pray in His name, and the Father would give them whatever they asked.

The disciples could not really understand. They did not want to even think about Jesus leaving them.

In a short time it happened as Jesus had said it would. He was put on the cross, and He died to pay the punishment for our sins. What sadness filled the hearts of His disciples! He was gone from them, just as He had warned them.

They forgot that Jesus also told them that in a little while, they would see Him again. They did not yet understand that Jesus would rise from the dead.

So Mary Magdalene came to Jesus' grave, crying. She looked into the grave and saw two angels sitting there. The body of Jesus was gone. The angels asked her why she was crying. "Because they have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put Him," she said.

Mary turned around and saw someone standing there. He also asked her why she was crying. Mary thought it was the gardener; so she asked him to show her where they had put the body of Jesus.

The man was Jesus, and Mary had not recognized Him. He said to her simply, "Mary." (Teacher, show a picture of Mary at the tomb.) As she turned around, she immediately recognized Him. It was Jesus! He was alive! Her sorrow was turned to joy! Her Lord and Master was alive! She had seen Him! So that was what Jesus had been trying to tell them!

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Jesus told His disciples that He would be going away for a little while. They could not understand then that He meant He would die and be raised to live again. Sometimes we cannot understand what God says in His Word, but if we trust Him, He will make us understand at the right time.

After forty days, Jesus went back to His Father in heaven. His work on earth was finished. Jesus is still alive in heaven today. He can always hear us when we pray to the Father in His name. He can always help us. Are you glad?

CONCLUSION

This lesson can be used to help children understand the real meaning and joys of Easter.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to pay the punishment for our sins, so that we can exchange the old life for the new (2 Corinthians 5:21), in Jesus' name. Amen.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Let the children draw pictures of the risen Jesus beside the empty tomb. Let them write "Jesus is alive!" on their papers. Let them color the pictures and glue scraps of small flowers onto the pictures around the tomb.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE

"A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me" (John 16:16).

Jesus told His disciples that in a little while they would not see Him. He was going to die on the cross. Then in a little while they would see Him again. He would rise again from the dead!

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

In our lesson next week we learn to Love God and people, not the things of this world. Study 1 John 2:9-11; 15-17 "Love Binds Us Together."

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WORD SEARCH

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Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

ANGELS

CHILD

FULL

JOY

REJOICE

SORROW

WORLD

ASK

DISCIPLES

HEART

LITTLE

RISEN

WEEPING

BORN

FATHER

JESUS

MARY

SEE

WHILE

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WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

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ANGELS (5, 1, S)

ASK (12, 3, NW)

BORN (6, 2, SE)

CHILD (10, 5, NW)

DISCIPLES (15, 7, W)

FATHER (8, 15, E)

FULL (13, 3, SW)

HEART (7, 8, E)

JESUS (7, 5, SW)

JOY (9, 6, W)

LITTLE (7, 1, SE)

MARY (1, 1, S)

REJOICE (6, 13, N)

RISEN (8, 12, NE)

SEE (13, 11, N)

SORROW (4, 15, NE)

WEEPING (7, 15, NW)

WHILE (10, 14, W)

WORLD (15, 14, N)