



LEADER'S GUIDE

PRE-CONFERENCE BIBLE STUDY: All Things New 2025

Lesson 1: Resurrection at a Funeral

TARGET GRADE

Students attending the HT 'All Things New' Conference

DESCRIPTION

In this lesson, students will learn that death is an enemy, but it was defeated by Jesus' Death and Resurrection. Students will learn that there is hope, even in the face of death; in Baptism, sinners are covered with Christ and made new.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lesson, students will be able to explain how Christians have hope in the face of pain, suffering, grief, and death. Students will be able to explain how Jesus' Death and Resurrection defeated death and gives new life to all those who are Baptized.

AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED

Approximately 40-50 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED

- ✓ Bibles, catechisms, and hymnals
- ✓ Laptop to show slides and listen to audio
- ✓ Student Handout (PDF)
- ✓ Word Search Activity (PDF)

LESSON OUTLINE

1. **Opening.** Use the question on slide 4 to start a discussion about today's topic. Allow time for students to think about and meaningfully share their experiences. (5-8 min)
2. **Read.** Read or listen to today's [*Reflection*](#). (3 min)
3. **Discuss.** Read and discuss slide 6 in pairs, small groups, or as a class. Take time to discuss the answers before moving on. (6 min)
4. **Watch.** [*The Hymnody Video*](#).
5. **Discuss.** Read and discuss slide 8 in pairs, small groups, or as a class. Take time to discuss the answers before moving on. (6 min)
6. **Watch.** [*The Catechesis Video*](#)
7. **Discuss.** Read and discuss slide 10 in pairs, small groups, or as a class. Take time to discuss the answers before moving on. (6 min)
8. **Activity.** Allow students some time to do the provided word search. Sometimes, the topic of death can be heavy or painful; this allows for a bit of a brain break. However, it can also be done at the end or sent home if there is not enough time during the lesson. (6 min)
9. **Reflect.** Have students reflect on what they have learned in this lesson; ask them to consider how Jesus' Death and Resurrection brings hope, even in the midst of pain, suffering, grief, and death. (3 min)
10. **Closing.** Pray the provided prayer (slide 13) together.



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SCRIPTURE READINGS & DISCUSSION

What are your experiences with death?

Answers will vary based on each youth. Give them time to describe the death of a family or classmate. Ask them about what sorts of emotions and feelings they experienced during and after that death.

Read Genesis 2:15-17.

To whom did the LORD God give this command? Where was Eve when the command was given?

God gave the command to Adam before Eve was created. Adam's vocation was to preach God's word to his wife.

Read Genesis 3:1-11

Did Adam and Eve die on the day they ate the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?

Yes and no. Yes, they spiritually died, becoming enemies of God. No, they did not physically die that day, but again, yes, for now, they were subject to death.

Was death a part of God's good creation?

No, death is unnatural and the result of sin (Romans 6:23). We were not created to die but to live. This is why death is painful.

Watch the Part 1 Hymn video

What can anyone do to solve death?

The short answer is nothing. We try to eat right, exercise, and use good medications to extend life, but in the end, we all die. No one can escape, not even Jesus Himself.

Read John 11:5-17

When Jesus hears that Lazarus is ill, what does He do?

He does not rush off to save Lazarus from his illness that will result in death.

Have you ever felt like Jesus did not show up when you needed Him to act? How did it make you feel?

Let the youth answer. Most likely they will feel that He has let them down, abandoned them, maybe that He is not even real.

Watch the Part 1 Catechesis Video

Knowing that Jesus, too, faced the death of a loved one, how does this help you in such times?

Let the youth give a variety of answers. Focus on the comfort that comes from having a God who has experienced the same situations and emotions as they have.

What did Jesus do to solve the death dilemma?

First, He raised Lazarus. But within a week or two, He Himself would suffer, die, be buried, and on the third day rise again. Right now, Christ has made all things new. By our Baptism into Christ, we have been united to His death and resurrection so that all who believe will enjoy the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come as we confess in the creeds.