

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 15

Journey to the Cross:
Jesus is Alive!

Luke 24:1-35

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Younger Verse

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Early on Sunday morning, when the Sabbath had ended, the women went to Jesus' tomb. They took the spices with them to put on Jesus' body. When they arrived at the tomb, the large stone covering the entrance had been rolled away. They went inside to find Jesus' body, but it was not there!

Suddenly, two men appeared in shiny robes. They were angels. The women were very afraid and they bowed down in fear. The angels asked them why they were looking for a living person in a tomb for the dead. They said that Jesus was not there because He had risen from the dead! They reminded the women that Jesus had told them He would die and rise again. Then the women remembered Jesus' words.

Excited, the women ran to the disciples to tell them what had happened. But the disciples didn't believe them. Peter ran to the tomb to check it out for himself. He found the empty tomb and he saw the linen cloth that Jesus had been wrapped in. Then he went back home.

Later that same day, some men who had followed Jesus were walking to a town called Emmaus. They were talking about Jesus and all that had happened to Him. All of a sudden, a stranger came up beside them. (They thought it was a stranger, but it was really Jesus!) The man asked them what they were talking about. Cleopas, one of them, was surprised this man hadn't heard about all the things that had happened. Jesus asked, "What things?"

Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus' tomb was empty on Sunday morning

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Jesus spoke to them, explaining everything that had been written about Himself in the Scriptures. They came to the entrance of the town, and Jesus acted as if He did not plan to stop there. However, the two men begged Him to stay with them.

He entered their home and sat down to eat with them. He took a piece of bread, thanked God for it, and gave it to them. All of a sudden, the men recognized Jesus! How excited they were. At that same moment, Jesus disappeared.

They looked around and He was gone. They couldn’t believe their eyes. The two men were filled with joy and excitement. They jumped up and hurried back to Jerusalem.

As the men were telling the disciples they had seen Jesus, Jesus Himself appeared there with them! The disciples were afraid. They thought Jesus was a ghost. But Jesus told them to touch Him to see that He was real. Jesus said many other things to help them understand all that had happened.

Wow! What an exciting story. But it is not just a story. It is true. Jesus died on the cross and rose back to life three days later. He wants to come and live in your heart. But you have to believe that He is the Son of God and that He died for your sins and rose again. Do you believe? He will come into your life and forgive your sins. You can have a new life!

Review Questions

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Life Application

Like Jesus died and rose again, when you accept Christ, you “die” to your old life. You rise to live a new life with Christ. This means that you have the Holy Spirit in you. God’s Spirit will help you to resist the old sinful nature and its desires. You can choose to follow a new path with Christ. You can say no to your old ways of sin.

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**Hands-on Activities
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For preschoolers, bring objects and distinguish whether they are alive or not alive. (Examples may include plants, pictures of people, chair, toys, rocks) Talk about what it means to be alive. Then, share how Jesus came back to life. Explain that we celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive!

Place words or phrases of the verse on slips of paper inside plastic eggs. Hide the eggs and let the kids find them and put the verse in order.

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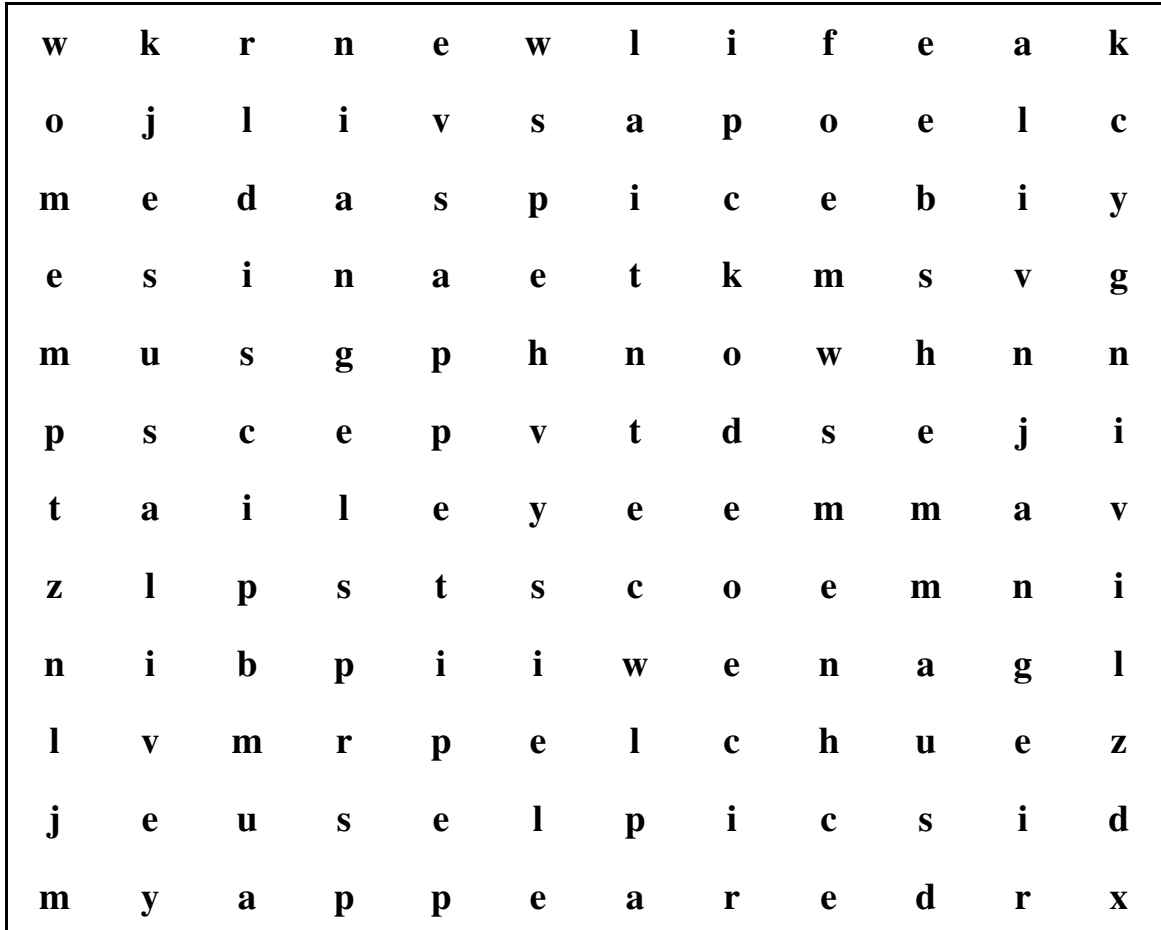
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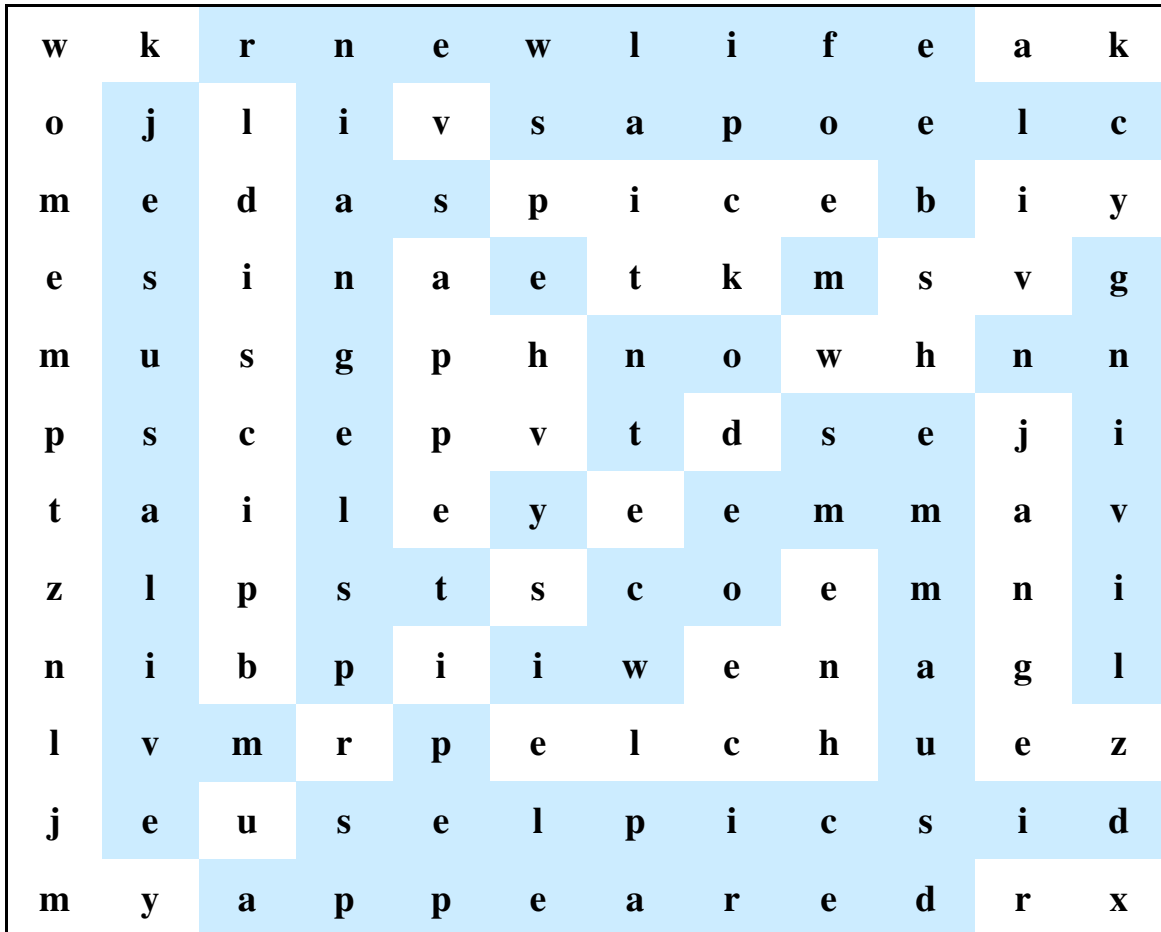
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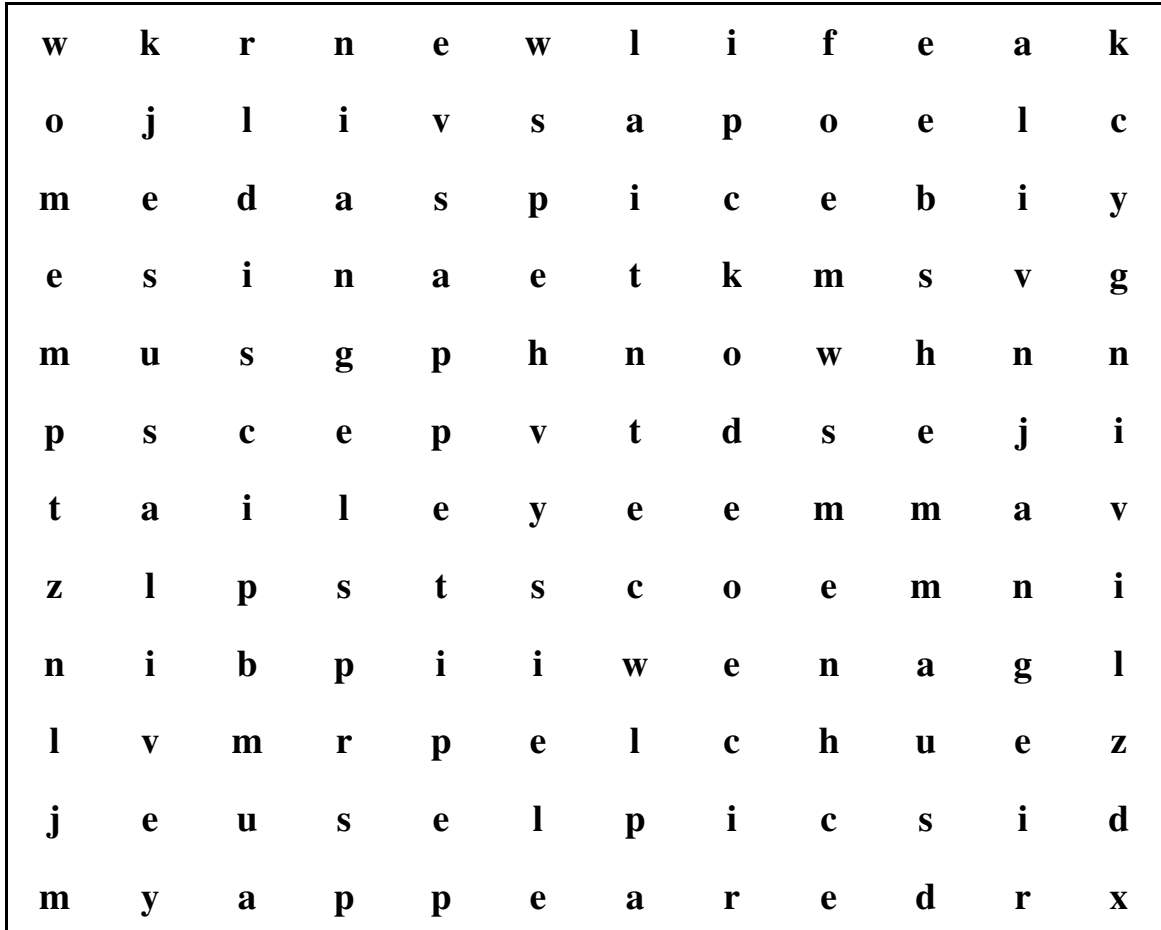
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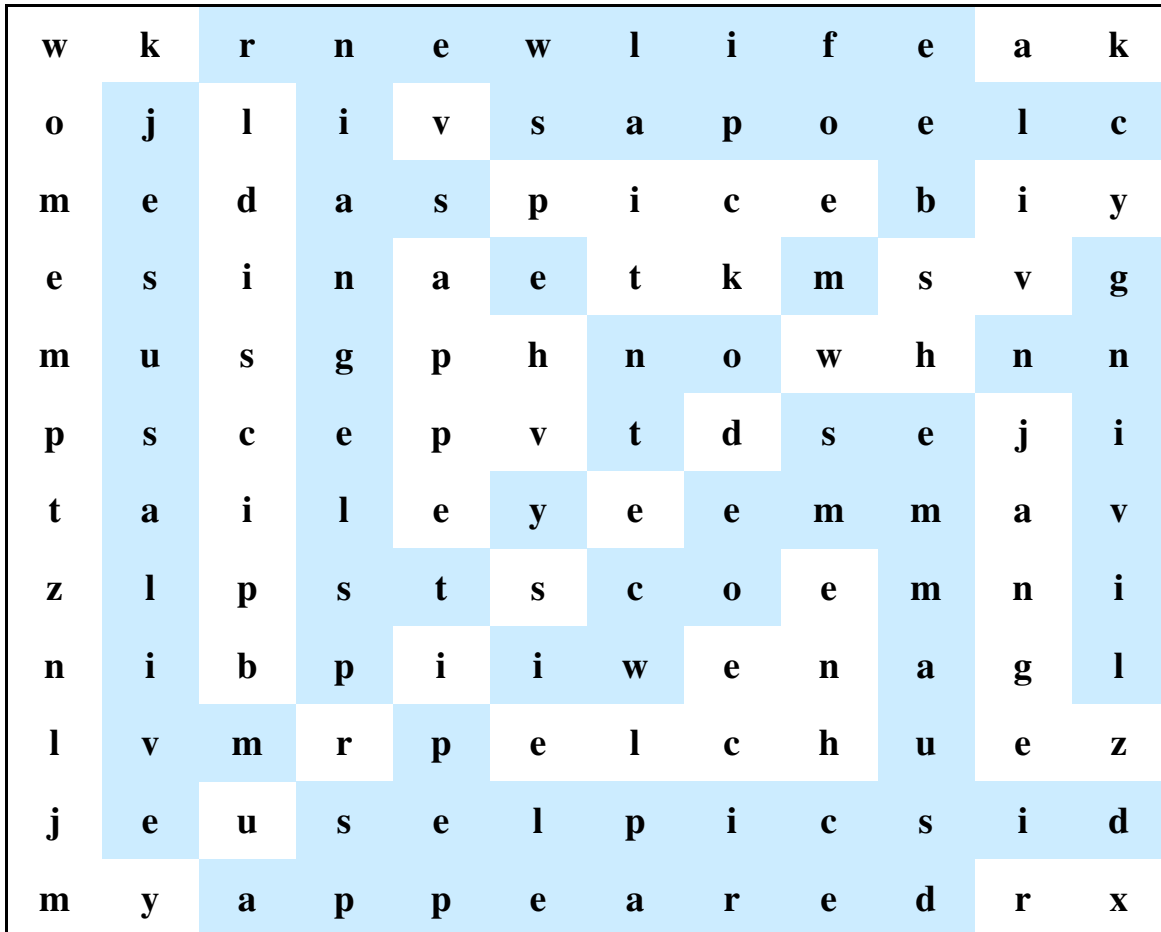
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