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life on another level

Student Workbook

YEAR 1

**Seasons and
Celebrations**

Easter

Bible Readings

John 17 to 20



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate the story of Easter in the Bible
- Express the story in your own way
- Apply your learning from the story to your own life and community

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question What does the story of Easter tell us?

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met :

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable ?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful ?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking ?

Tell the group about the way your family celebrates Easter.

Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: John 19:17-42

There is no serious question about the facts surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus.

The historical data contained in the Biblical accounts of what happened at the time are extremely difficult to argue against.

It is beyond doubt that a man called Jesus was crucified and buried under the Roman authority Pontius Pilate at a particular time in a particular place, that the lives of a group of his followers were transformed shortly afterwards, and that they declared that the reason for their transformation was that 'Christ is risen'.

So strongly did they hold to this belief that most of the first leaders were willing to die for it, as in fact they did.

But the gospels tell us that there is more to it than just a few historical facts. A lot more.

They declare that this event is the centre of all history; that Jesus did not just die, but that he was raised to life and that this event has fundamentally changed all of human existence.

They declare that, just as the lives of those first followers of Jesus were transformed, that our lives too can be transformed by this event.

That we too can meet with the risen Christ and can experience freedom and eternal life in him.

This is the story of Easter.

Explore – Express

Set up the seven Stations of the Cross. Students may sketch the following scenes or they may be downloaded from the internet and printed. Alternatively an object can be found for each Station that depicts the scene (some examples are given below). A member of the group explains what happens at each Station.

- **John 18: 1-14**
Jesus is arrested (handcuffs / sword)
- **John 18: 15-27**
Peter denies Jesus (charcoal i.e. they sat by a fire)
- **John 18: 28-40**
Jesus before Pilate (a Roman crown / eagle)
- **John 19: 1-7**
Jesus is mocked (crown of thorns / purple material)
- **John 19: 17-25**
Jesus is crucified (cross / nails)
- **John 19: 38-42**
Jesus is buried (myrrh and aloes / funeral flowers)
- **John 20: 1-18**
The empty tomb (white cloth)

Discuss the following :

What stands out to you in this story?

Why did Jesus die this way?

How does the resurrection bring us hope?

Explore – Apply

- What is one thing that you can do this week as a result of what you have learned?

Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need, or to work together on any shared projects that you have.

Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for.

Share your own prayer of thanks for what Jesus has done.

Give thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus.

Ask Him to forgive your sin.