

RESUR REction

DAY 1

WHAT'S THE GREATEST COMEBACK STORY

you have ever had? It may be a test, a game, a performance, a friendship, or something else. Or perhaps you don't have a great comeback story of your own but you have heard a great comeback story. Which comeback story do you love the most? Why?

TELL US A COMEBACK STORY IN THE
SECTION BELOW.

Most comeback stories have several things in common. First, the hero generally deserves to win. Second, due to circumstances or issues beyond their control, their chances of winning are slim to none. Third, in spite of all odds, our hero perseveres and comes out on top. Jesus may have the greatest comeback story ever!

DAY 2**READ: LUKE 24:1-12**

Christ's death was only just the beginning. It would be a very sad story if someone experienced the painful death of crucifixion and then just was laid in a grave. There has to be more to the story. It cannot end like this. Right?

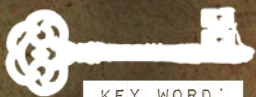
RIGHT!

Christ was placed in a borrowed tomb with a massive stone placed in front of it. Three days later He was gone. Some people thought He was stolen, that grave robbers had plundered the tomb or that His disciples came and took the body. But none of those things happened. The stone was rolled back. The burial garments were folded and the tomb was empty. What happened? Jesus rose from the dead. It's by His resurrection that we have won. Without the resurrection of Jesus the cross was meaningless (1 Corinthians 15:17-19).

If Jesus remained in the tomb, He would just be like any other dead man. But remember, Jesus is GOD with us. Death does not like to give anyone back. Death has a very strong grip on our lives. But death was no match for Jesus. And because Jesus' blood covers you, death is no longer something to fear (Revelation 12:11). Jesus conquered death when He rose from the grave (1 Corinthians 15:54-57). The bondage of sin was broken (Romans 6:14). The captives have been set free. We have complete access to God again (Hebrews 4:16). We have been restored back in right relationship with God. Why? All because of what Jesus did.

God has been weaving His plan of redemption throughout history. All of history hinges on this one point in our timeline. In Christ we have been rescued. In Christ we are the redeemed. In Christ we can experience the fullness of life.

So what's next? We won. In some ways the real story is about to begin.



KEY WORD:

Redemption: the purchase back of something that had been lost, by the paying of a ransom

KEY THOUGHT:

Jesus rose victoriously from the grave.



KEY VERSES:

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Use the space below to help you remember these verses. Feel free to write, draw, or design in ways that make sense to you.

The true victory over sin and death came when Jesus Christ rose again, showing once and for all that God is bigger and stronger than anything — even death. His kingdom, His throne, and His power will exist forever because the bondage of our sin has been crushed by the power of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

DAY 3

READ: JOHN 20:1-7

Jesus is gone. Mary Magdalene runs to Simon Peter and tells him that the tomb is empty. Jesus wasn't there. The disciples ran to the tomb. They needed to see the empty tomb for themselves. All the evidence was there. The burial clothes were there. But the most important item was the shroud around Jesus' head that was neatly folded and was separate from everything else.

WORK IT OUT:

Do you believe that resurrection happened? Why or why not? The disciples ran to the tomb to see. Where are you running to find your answers?

DAY 4

READ: JOHN 20:8-10

The other disciple makes his way into the tomb. The Scriptures say that *he saw and believed*. They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. There are times in our lives when we don't have all the answers. When it comes to our spiritual lives, we can believe but not completely understand what's happened (John 20:29).

WORK IT OUT:

Does your belief (faith) in God always have to come with complete understanding? What are you willing to accept and believe without God explaining everything for you?

DAY 5

READ: JOHN 20:11-16

Mary was at the tomb crying and filled with sorrow. Then Jesus shows up. Mary does not recognize Him. You see, we have a lot of trouble recognizing Christ when our hearts are fixated on the circumstances around us. Mary were so caught up in Jesus' traumatic death and mourning for Him that they missed Him when He rose from the grave.

WORK IT OUT:

Are you more focused on the circumstances around your life rather than what God has promised in His Word? Describe a time when you focused on the truth of God's Word rather than your problems or issues.

DAY 6

READ: JOHN 20:17-18

Mary was holding on to Jesus with everything she had, so much so that Jesus told her to not hold on too tight. Jesus had a mission for Mary. Jesus has a similar mission for you.

WORK IT OUT:

Write out the name of one person who needs to hear the good news of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection this week. How do you plan to tell them about Jesus this week?

THESE PAGES ARE YOURS. WRITE, DOODLE, DRAW IN THE MARGINS. ATTACH PICTURES, FOUND OBJECTS, ETC., AS YOU EXPLORE YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST.

DAY 7

SPEAKER NOTES:

DATE:

WHAT IS ONE TRUTH THAT YOU
LEARNED THIS WEEK? WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

NEED MORE SPACE? ATTACH STUFF HERE!

- LESSON 3.7 AWARD TRACK CHECKLIST -

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ARE YOU ON TRACK WITH YOUR BIBLE READING? RECORD WHAT YOU READ HERE:	LEADER'S INITIALS
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