

Easter Lesson

“Putting it all Together”

Before the Lesson: There is an attached Excel chart of the events of Christ’s ministry and the Easter story, including references in Third Nephi. If you would like, go ahead and print it out to hang up and use as you would like. I found it very helpful in placing the order of events in my mind.

Read: The Easter story from the The Action Bible or a similar one that you enjoy using. During the story remind the kids that the signs of Jesus’ death were evident around the world. For example, explained in Third Nephi, there was a great and powerful storm that took place in the land of Zarahemla and its surrounding areas, that destroyed many cities and took many lives. After His death, there was darkness in the land of Zarahemla for three days. It was so dark they couldn’t even light a candle. But they heard the Lord’s voice and He talked to them so they weren’t afraid. After he arose, and appeared to his disciples in Jerusalem, he appeared to the Nephites and chose disciples in this land. There are many other key points in the chart you can bring out, and discuss. It might be a good idea for the older kids to read some of the key verses from Third Nephi out loud.

Activity #1: Watch “Chpt. 41: The Signs of Christ’s Crucifixion” at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYhit3REzEc>

Watch “Chpt 42: Jesus Christ Appears to the Nephites” at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUGXcvEgrGg>

Activity #2: Sometimes I feel like it’s like putting a puzzle together when we piece together events from the Bible and the Book of Mormon into one story. This is definitely one of those times, which led me to think of this project.

We will be making a timeline of events puzzle display. Yes, I will explain...

Materials: One white posterboard, markers, scissors.

Directions:

1. Each child picks out a key verse from the Easter story (teachers help with this– use the chart as a guide). Every child choose a different verse. Anywhere on the chart from Palm Sunday, or Jesus’ Triumphant entry forward would be okay to include. Make sure some kids have verses from the Book of Mormon, and that the children’s verses are well balanced to include all aspects of the Easter story.

2. Draw puzzle pieces onto the posterboard, one for each child. (If you have a very small class, less than 6 kids, try to have each child do two.)
3. Cut out the puzzle pieces.
4. Each child writes their verse at the bottom of their piece, (make sure it stays oriented in the right direction, because we'll put these back together at the end!)
5. Each child illustrates their verse.
6. When everyone's finished, make a display of all of the pieces fitting together.

Project Extension:

1. Present your project to the congregation on Easter. Each child can read their verse and possibly explain a little bit about their picture.
2. If you have more time, watch "Chpt. 46: Jesus Christ Teaches and Prays with the Nephites" at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3r2-F4F6Vg>

You will probably see more of these come up, once you watch them. They are very good tools!