

### 3. Plan with your co-workers the upcoming worship.

Choose activities that fit current needs and local customs.

**Dramatize** one or more of the events in Jesus' life that you studied under Part 1.

Tell the seven important things about Christ that you learned in Part 1, and ask questions about them: Let folks answer what they know. Only tell what they cannot recall.

- What the prophets foretold about Jesus.
- What Jesus did for people.
- What Jesus taught about how we should live and the future of the world.
- How Jesus died and rose from the dead.
- To whom Jesus appeared after rising from the dead.
- What the risen Christ promised to do for believers who repent and follow Him.
- How Jesus finally left this earth.

Have the **children** present the drama, poem and questions that they have prepared.

To present the **Lord's Table**, read Hebrews 7:7–12. Explain that Jesus entered into His Father's presence, not with the blood of animals as the Old Testament High Priest entered into the Most Holy Place, but with His own blood. You might also read some of the verses that you studied in Part 1 that tell about His death on the cross and about his final coming.

Memorize together **Hebrews 1:1-2**.

Let the folks gather in little groups to **pray** for each other and ask God to take the story about Jesus to all their families and friends and to other ethnic groups near and far.

## THE GREATEST LIFE

### Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection

Those who teach children should read study #38 for children.

**Prayer:** "Heavenly Father, Let your flock and me learn about the wonderful life that Jesus lived on earth, so that we can thank you together for all that He did for us."

### 1. Prepare your mind and heart to teach about the Greatest Life.

**Teach** your flock the Good News about Jesus in a way that they can tell about him to others.

Before Jesus came into the world, the **Old Testament** prophets made more than 300 predictions about the one whom the Jews called the Messiah or Christ.

**Find** what each of these seven prophets said about the promised Messiah (Christ) who was to come into the world.

- a) Abraham (Genesis 22:18)
- b) Moses (Deuteronomy 18:18–19)
- c) Isaiah (Isaiah 53:7–8)
- d) David (Psalm 2:7)
- e) David (Psalm 16:8–11)
- f) Nathan (2 Samuel 7:16)
- g) John the baptizer (Luke 3:15–17)

When the Messiah came into the world, many eye witnesses saw and heard all that he did, and some of them wrote those things in the books called the New Testament. The apostles of Jesus told seven things about Him that they considered to be most important:

- a) When Jesus was on earth, he showed who he was by what he did for people. Find what Jesus did in these Bible texts:
- For blind folks (Matthew 9:27–31)
  - For a man with a demon (Matthew 9:32–33)
  - A child who died (Luke 8:49–55)
- b) Jesus taught people about the holiness of God, how to have faith, and how to lead a holy and joyful life. He taught by using stories about simple things, like a man sowing seeds. Find in these texts:
- The kinds of people whom God will bless (Matthew 5:1–16).
  - How Jesus' followers are to lead their lives (John 14:1–17).
  - What will be the future of the world (Matthew 21–31).



- c) Jesus died when his enemies had him nailed to a wooden cross. Find in these texts:
- Who wanted to kill Jesus (Luke 23:12–21)
  - How Jesus was executed (Luke 23:32–34)
  - How Jesus died (Luke 23:44–53)
- d) Three days later, God raised Jesus back to life.
- As Jesus said before he died (Mark 9:31–32)
  - As reported by angels from heaven (Matthew 28:1–10)
  - As Jesus explained after rising from death (Revelation 1:17–18)

- e) Jesus appeared to many people who knew him and became his witnesses. Find:
- How Jesus proved that he was alive (Luke 24:36–43)
  - What Jesus talked about (Acts 1:1–3) [“Talked about”??? unclear]
  - To whom he appeared (1 Corinthians 15:3–8)
- f) Jesus promised to forgive everyone who turns to him. Find in these texts what the risen Christ said:
- About forgiveness (Luke 24:44–48)
  - About God's Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4–8)
  - About how to become Jesus' followers (Matthew 28:16–20)
- g) God took Jesus up into heaven till he comes back. Find in these texts:
- What angels said to Jesus' followers (Acts 1:9–11)
  - What Jesus said to his enemies (Mark 14:60–62)
  - What Jesus will say to those who serve others (Matthew 25:31–34)

## 2. Plan with your co-workers the coming week's activities.

- If your culture allows art work, then have an artist paint or draw pictures of the seven true things about Jesus. Practice telling from memory the main things about Jesus. Then go tell them to people in their homes. Show the pictures as you tell the story.
- Plan to hold a training seminar at which you will instruct believers in how to tell the story of Jesus using pictures, songs, poems, in ways that fit the culture.