

## FROM DEATH TO LIFE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EPHESIANS 2:1-10



# The STORY

Read about being dead in our sins in Mark 9:2-13.

**Please note:** *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What does it mean to be dead? (Dead is when there is no life, no breath and no ability to move left in you.)
- What does it mean to be dead in your sin? (Dead in sin means that there is no Spirit of God in a person, and there is no movement toward God. A person dead in their sin cannot come toward God. They only move toward sin.)
- What does it mean to be made alive in Christ? (Jesus can touch our hearts and make them alive again. He can do that because He already took the penalty for our sin on the cross. Jesus took our death so He can give us His life!)

## CRAFT QUESTIONS

**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: one man lying down, another upright, rejoicing. Engage the children by asking:**

- Thinking of the Bible passage we read, which man has been made alive in Christ? How can you tell? (The man upright is alive in Christ because he appears to be rejoicing.)
- What do you think the man alive in Christ should do to the man who is dead in his sin? (The man alive in Christ should share the good news of the Gospel with the man who is dead. Romans 1:16 tells us the Gospel is the power of God for salvation of everyone who believes.)
- If God doesn't help the dead man, can anyone else help him? (No, Jesus is the only way to eternal life with the Father in heaven. There is no other way.)

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### SNACK QUESTIONS

**While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:**

- Read Ephesians 2:10 to them again, then ask: Did you ever wonder what good works God has planned for you to do? (Accept any answer.)
- What good works would you like to do some day? (Accept any answer.)  
 Note: If any of the children say they want to become a Christian or believe in Jesus, commend them for their answer and instruct them to share that desire with their parents and to call out to the Lord to reveal Himself to them.

### WHERE IS the Gospel?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

Paul refers back to the Gospel when he tells us in Ephesians 2:5 that God made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Jesus died on the cross for sinners – His enemies.

We were objects of God's wrath, but Jesus took the wrath of the Father in order that we, who deserved death, might be made alive in Christ! It is the work of Christ which saves us. That removes the boasting. There is nothing we can do to make ourselves perfect. We can only accept the perfect work of Jesus on the cross. As a result, there is no boasting. Who can boast in a gift which he has done nothing in and of himself to receive?

### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

#### BE A DOER OF THE WORD

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

