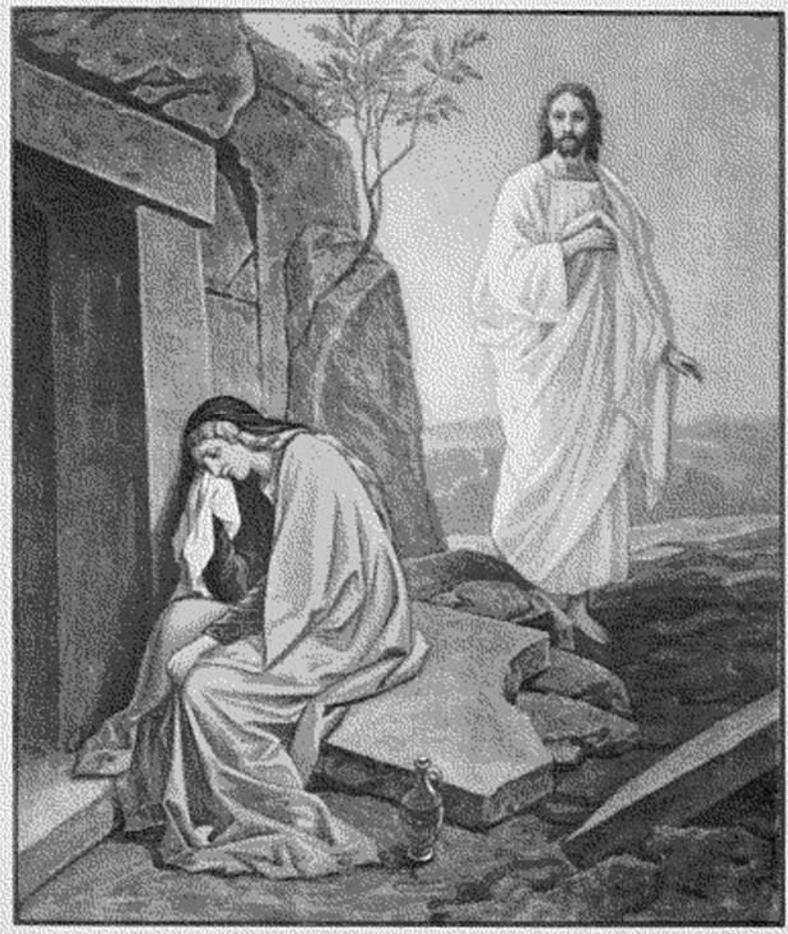


Easter

Study with Lapbook



*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth,
and the life: no man cometh unto the
Father, but by me.*

John 14:6



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I hope you find this study on the Resurrection helpful.

After each selection, there are questions to be answered. I am giving you two options.

1. You can have the student answer directly on the sheets.
2. Or, you can have them fill out the lapbook components.

Maybe you have a child who favors simply answering the questions to building a lapbook.

The questions are great for narration, discussion or for ideas on what to write in each lapbook component.

Enjoy the lapbook and your study on our Savior's greatest gift.

Many Blessings,
Cynthia

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THE BURIAL OF JESUS

"He wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in a rock." – Matt. 27:59, 60

"Auntie, did they bury Jesus in the 'potter's field' that was bought with Judas' thirty pieces of silver, and where Judas was buried?" asked Willie.

"No," answered Aunt Charlotte. "I will tell you about His burial. There were some good people even among the chief of the Jews; and two of these, named Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, went to Pontius Pilate and asked him to let them bury the body of Jesus. People generally were much longer in dying on the cross, so Pilate sent to see if He was dead. To make sure, one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and out came blood and water together. The robbers were still alive, so the soldiers broke their legs, that they might die sooner; and so the repenting one soon went to our Lord in paradise.

"Then Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea took the holy body down from the cross, quite dead. Now, close by, Joseph had a garden, and in it was a cave in which he had hewn out a new tomb in the rock, and in which he meant to be buried himself, but where no one had yet been laid. They carried our Lord's body there; and the good women who followed Him, Mary Magdalene and the rest, wrapped it up in linen cloths and sweet spices. They wanted to do more for it, but it was getting late on Friday evening, and the Jewish Sabbath day, or seventh day, was counted from sunset on our Friday, and then they could do no manner of work. So they had to wait till the Sabbath should be over; and Joseph rolled a great rock to close up the door, and they went away in their grief.

"And then came a guard of soldiers, whom the chief priests had sent to watch the stone, for fear, as they told Pilate, that the disciples should steal the body away in the night. So they put seals over the joinings of the rock and door. The seals were made of paper that had the governor's stamp on them, and they would be torn if any one rolled the stone away. It was a death penalty for any one to break this seal. So they thought they had made sure that no one should move the stone; and the soldiers were set to watch.

"Now, it is very fortunate for Christianity that all this was done, for it made sure that no one would dare to roll the stone away, for there was the seal they dared not break, and there were the soldiers to guard the tomb, with instructions to arrest or kill any one who should come to remove the stone or take away the body. All day long on the Sabbath day, and all that night, these Roman soldiers stood guard over the tomb of Jesus. Next Sunday I will tell you the most wonderful thing that ever happened in the world."

The Burial of Jesus

"He wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in a rock." – Matt. 27:59, 60



Questions:

Who asked for our Lord's body?

How was it made sure that our Lord was dead?

Name _____ Date _____

What was done to the robbers?

Where did Nicodemus and Joseph take the body?

To whom did the cave belong?

Who were there too?

How did they wrap the body?

What did they put in with the wrappings?

Name _____ Date _____

Why did they not do any more?

When did the Sabbath begin?

How did Joseph close up the cave?

Who watched outside?

Who sent the soldiers?

Why was this fortunate for Christian history?

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

"Now is Christ risen from the dead." – 1 Cor. 15:20

"Peace be unto you." – Luke 24:36

"Auntie, you said you would tell us the most wonderful thing that ever happened in the world this Sunday," said Willie.

"I know what it was," said little Anna; "Clara told me."

"What?" asked Aunt Charlotte.

"Jesus got up from the grave Himself," responded the child with a look of delight. "The old mean men and all the soldiers could not help it."

"Right, my darling," began Aunt Charlotte. "The good women of whom I told you waited all the Sabbath day in sorrow, for they wanted to put the spices on His body. All this time our Lord Jesus lay in His grave. But in the night there was a great earthquake, and an angel came from heaven, and rolled away the stone from the door of the cave, and sat upon it; and for fear of him the 'keepers did shake, and were as dead men.' And the Lord Jesus rose up and cast aside the linen cloths, and came out of the grave, and He is alive now and will be forever more. That was the wonderful thing I had to tell you. He had raised others from the dead. Now He raised Himself from the dead, that all men might believe in Him.

"Very early in the morning Mary Magdalene and the other women who wanted to embalm the body of Jesus as soon as the Sabbath was past, came with the sweet spices they had prepared. They wondered who would roll away the stone for them, and they thought perhaps the soldiers would drive them away, but they determined to go to the grave any how, and see what could be done. Their hearts leaped with joy when they came nearer and saw that the stone was taken away; but when they went in, they saw that the body of the Lord was gone. They feared at first that some one had taken it away; but behold! two men stood by them in shining garments, who said, 'Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.'

"And as the women went in great wonder to tell the disciples they saw Jesus Himself, the same whom they had seen and touched, quite dead the day before yesterday, standing before them, speaking kindly to them. So they held Him by the feet, and worshiped Him. For never was there such wonderful joy and gladness in all the world.

THE ENTERTAINING STRANGER

"It was the first day of the week, or the Jewish Monday, that our Lord rose from the dead, and we call that day the Lord's day, or Sunday, and have kept it

holy ever since, instead of the seventh day or Sabbath of the Jews. But on that first day it seemed too wonderful. The apostles had never understood when their Lord spoke of dying and rising again; and though the women said they had seen Him, they were afraid to trust their word, and thought it a mistake.

“Later in the day, two of the disciples were walking to Emmaus, a little village near Jerusalem, when a stranger came and joined them. He asked why they were sad, and what they were talking of. They told Him it was of Jesus of Nazareth, who had been a great prophet, and they had hoped would have redeemed Israel; but now He had been put to death the day before yesterday, yet that some of the women said that they had seen a vision of angels which said that He was alive.

“Then the stranger began to show them, as they had never seen before, that all the Old Testament meant that when the Christ came, the seed of the woman, He was to suffer and to save the world before His kingdom and glory could begin; and their minds understood, for they were opened to see and know the Scripture, so that they were sure that Jesus was the Christ.

“So they came to Emmaus, and went into a house; and the stranger made as if He would have gone farther, but they pressed Him to come in. He sat down with them, and took bread and blessed and broke it; and then their eyes were opened, and they knew it was Jesus Himself! And as they knew Him, He vanished out of their sight. And they said to one another, ‘Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way?’”

THE WONDERFUL APPEARANCE IN THE UPPER ROOM

“In the evening, the ten apostles were all together in the upper room, with the doors close shut, for fear of the Jews. There were only ten, for Thomas was not there; the wretched Judas had hung himself in his grief and despair. The two disciples came back from Emmaus, and told how they had seen Jesus; and while they were telling about it, though the door was not opened they found Jesus Himself standing in the midst, and they heard his voice say, ‘Peace be unto you.’

“They were afraid at first; but again He said, ‘Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have.’ Then He showed them that there were the marks of the nails in His hands and feet, and the spear-wound in His side; so that it was His own real body that had come again from the dead.

“And while they could not believe for joy, and wondered, He said, ‘Have ye here any meat?’ And they gave Him a piece of broiled fish and a honeycomb; and He ate with them, to make them quite sure it was Himself.

"And He explained all to them, and showed them how He really is the Christ the son of God; and told them that, as His father had sent Him, so He would send them to teach all nations how He had died and risen again to save men from their sins."

"That is, sure enough, the most wonderful story of all, Auntie," Said little Anna, as Aunt Charlotte paused. "I do love good Jesus; and I am so glad He came to life and got out of the grave."

"By and by," said Clara, with a sweet smile through eyes that almost swam with tears, "Jesus will raise us all from the dead, as He raised Himself. Will He not, Auntie?"

"Yes, my darling," said Aunt Charlotte. "Paul tells us that just as Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, so shall those who trust in Him rise up to meet Him one day."

"Did Jesus die any more after He rose from the dead, Aunt?" asked Willie.

"No; He went in His body to heaven. I will tell you of it next Sunday."

The Resurrection of Jesus

"Now is Christ risen from the dead." – 1 Cor. 15:20
"Peace be unto you." – Luke 24:36

Questions:

What happened all the night after the Sabbath?

Who came down from heaven?



What happened to the soldiers?

Who were the first at the grave in the morning?

What did they bring?

Name _____ Date _____

Who stood by them?



What did the angels say?

Whom did they go to tell?

Who met them?

Name _____ Date _____

How did they show their joy?

What day did our Lord rise?

What is it called?

Which day do we keep holy?

Where were two disciples going?



Name _____ Date _____

Who came and walked with them?

What did He explain to them?

How did they know him at last?

How did they lose sight of Him?

Where were the ten met?

Why were there only ten?

Name _____ Date _____

Who stood in the midst?

What did He say?

What did He show?

What did He eat before them?

Why did He do this?

Whom were they to tell about it?

1 Corinthians 15:20

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Luke 24:36

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

The Resurrection of Jesus

JESUS ASCENDS TO HEAVEN

"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."

- Acts 1:11

"You said you would tell us about Jesus going to heaven, Aunt," said Willie.

"Yes," responded Aunt Charlotte, "but before that I want to tell you of one or two more appearances which Jesus made to His apostles before He went away. You must know that after His resurrection our blessed Lord Jesus did not stay with his apostles as He did before His death and rising. They did not see him after that first day for a whole week; and they could not make Thomas, who had not been there when he came, believe that it was true that any man could come again from the grave. Thomas said he should never believe that it was the Lord Himself, unless he could put his fingers into the prints of the nails, and his hand into the wound in the side.

DOUBTING THOMAS CONVINCED

"The next Sunday evening, Thomas and the other ten were all in the upper room together, when Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to Thomas, 'Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing.'

"Then Thomas knew Him indeed, and could only say, 'My Lord and my God.'

"And the Lord answered, 'Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.' And that is the blessing for all of us, who have not lived when our blessed Lord was on earth. We have not seen Him, but we must believe in Him; and that faith is the beginning of all goodness."

"Did Jesus do any more wonderful things?" asked Willie. "It looks like there was no more reason for any one to doubt that He was the Son of God."

"Yes," said Aunt Charlotte. "I told you before how he made the disciples catch a great many fish on one occasion. Now I will tell you of -

ANOTHER WONDERFUL DRAUGHT OF FISHES

"Our Lord told His apostles to go into Galilee; and there some of them went out fishing on the lake, as they used to do; but they fished all night, and caught nothing. In the dawn of morning they saw a man standing on the bank, and He said, 'Children, have ye any meat?' They said, 'No.' Then He said, 'Cast the net on

the right side of the ship.' And directly the net was full of a hundred and fifty-three fishes, all large and good, and it did not break! Then John knew who it was, and said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' And Peter was so glad that he sprang out of the boat, and came hurrying through the water to His Master's feet.

"And Jesus said, 'Come and dine;' and the disciples found a fire ready lighted on the bank, with the broiled fish and bread; and they ate with Him again, and felt His care after their long, weary, hungry night.

"When they had eaten, the Lord said, 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me more than these?'

" 'Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee,' Peter answered.

" 'Feed My sheep,' our Lord said. Then again He asked, 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?' 'Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee,' said Peter. 'Feed my lambs,' He said. And again He asked, 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?' Then Peter was grieved, and said, 'Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee.'

"And again Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.' Peter knew that our Lord is the Good Shepherd, and that His sheep and lambs are the people, and the children of His flock, the Church; and that He was to show his love for His Master by taking care of them.

"Aunt Charlotte, why did Jesus make Peter say he loved Him three times? Was not once enough?" asked Clara.

"Yes," responded her aunt; "but don't you remember Peter had denied Jesus three times on the day of His trial, and now Jesus made Peter confess his love three times. The best people, under fear or impulse, sometimes deny or dishonor the Lord, and then they should do as Peter did – make friends with Jesus by confessing their love, and going to work for Him again. That is the way to be happy."

JESUS' PARTING WORDS AND HIS ASCENSION

"You haven't told us about Jesus going to heaven yet, Aunt," said Willie, who had been anxiously waiting.

"I am coming to that now," said Aunt Charlotte. "For forty days after He rose from the dead our Lord came in different ways, like those I have told you, to see and to teach His disciples. Once five hundred of them saw Him together; but He never came to the wicked, unbelieving Jews again.

"But when the feast of weeks was near, the disciples went back to keep it at Jerusalem. There our Lord came to them again, and He led the eleven apostles out with Him to the Mount of Olives. He taught them, and charged them much; and He gave them this great command, 'Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' And then He bade them stay at Jerusalem until they should be endued with power from on high. And, Willie," said Aunt Charlotte, laying her hand on the boy's head and looking earnestly into his eyes, and speaking very slowly, "*while Jesus talked with them, He was parted from them, and went rising up into heaven, going higher and higher, till a cloud received Him out of their sight, and no one except Peter ever saw Jesus since.*

"While they all still looked up after Him, two angels appeared and stood by them, and said, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.'

"And so it was that our blessed Lord Jesus ascended up to His throne in heaven again, after He had been born, and had lived, and died to save us."

"And Jesus is there in heaven now, watching over us, and laying all our prayers before His Father in heaven, and getting ready our home there for each of us," said Clara.

"Right, my darling," said Aunt Charlotte. "Jesus said, 'I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also,' and He promised to come again and receive all those who love Him to Himself, and make them His brothers and sisters in heaven."

"I'm so sorry Jesus had to go away," said little Anna. "Were not the disciples very lonesome, Auntie?"

"Yes, they were very lonely; but Jesus will not leave His followers long unhappy, and next Sunday I will tell you what He sent them to make them glad and joyous," replied Aunt Charlotte.

Name _____ Date _____

Jesus Ascends to Heaven

*"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."
- Acts 1:11*

Questions:

Who had not seen Jesus?

What could not Thomas believe?

What did he say?

Where were the apostles, and who appeared?

Name _____ Date _____

What did our Lord say to Thomas?

What did he answer?

What did our Lord then say?

Why had Thomas believed?



Name _____ Date _____

Where did our Lord come to His disciples again?

How did they know Him?

Had he ever done anything like this before?

What did He give them to eat?

What question did He ask Peter three times?

What had Peter once done three times?

Name _____ Date _____

What did Peter answer now?

What did our Lord three times bid him do?

How long did our Lord stay on earth after His resurrection?

Where did the disciples go?

What was the great charge He gave them?

In whose name were they to baptize?

Name _____ Date _____

Who would always be with them?

What happened while He was speaking?

Who came to tell them where He was gone?

When will He come again?



THE COMFORTER SENT TO TAKE JESUS' PLACE

"I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever." – John 14:16

"You said, Aunt, that you would tell us how Jesus made the apostles happy after He left," suggested Willie, as they took their seats the last Sunday morning in the year.

"Yes," said Aunt Charlotte. "As I told you, Jesus does not leave his followers without comfort. Our Lord had told the apostles that though He was going to heaven, He would send them another comforter, who would be with them forever, and in whom He Himself should be present with them—even God the Holy Ghost, who is One with God the Father and God the Son.

"Ten days after He had ascended up to heaven, on the great day of the feast of weeks, as the disciples were together in one place at Jerusalem, where Jesus had told them to go and wait, they heard a sound like the noise of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house; and there came flames like tongues divided in the midst, and sat on the head of each disciple—not burning, but shining. And wonderful knowledge came to all of them—they understood things they could not understand before; and they could speak all sorts of different languages, without ever having learnt them. These wonders were to show them that God the Holy Ghost had come down from heaven to be with them, and to dwell in them, and help them, and make them strong for ever and ever. And that is why these apostles were able to go out and suffer ill-treatment and work wonders, and even die for Jesus' sake."

"Did anybody but the apostles have the comforter, Aunt?" asked Willie, "and is he in the world now?"

"Yes, dear; the Lord God the Holy Ghost goes on coming and being with us still. He does not show us when he comes now, because it is more blessed to believe than to see; but we know he does come to each of us, when we are faithful in God's service, to help us and make us good."

"Does he make people speak different languages now, ever, Aunt?" again asked Willie.

"No, my boy. The reason he made the apostles able to speak all those languages was that they were to go and teach the nations the Gospel—that is to say, the good news that Christ was come, and had died for the sins of every one, and risen again. They did go and teach; and all who chose to believe and belong to Christ's kingdom were baptized. The apostles had to go at once, and this power to speak different languages was a miracle to show them that every people of every language must have the gospel. Nowadays missionaries have time to learn the

languages of people to whom they mean to go, and they may preach to them. What I want to teach you, my children, is that every one who truly loves Jesus and serves Him feels the presence of the Holy Ghost in his heart to help him to be good, and to keep God's holy law, the Ten Commandments, that He gave on Mount Sinai. More and more of that good help of the Holy Spirit is given to every one who comes, as our Lord bade, to do the work he gave his followers to do, and to serve and love Him with the whole heart. We belong to those nations that the apostles were commanded to teach and baptize, and bring into the fold; and we belong to Jesus Christ just as much as His own first disciples did. We are called Christians, after His name; and all the time we live here, He takes care of us; and if we serve Him, He takes our souls to be with Him in heaven, when death parts them from our bodies.

"This is the last Sunday in the year, and I want you to have one more talk with me to-night, and that will close our year's Sunday conversations. What shall it be about?"

Clara was thoughtful, and Aunt Charlotte said, "Come, my dear; I think you have a subject to suggest. What is it?"

"Auntie," said Clara, with big tears in her beautiful eyes, to show how deeply she felt, "I know after this Sunday you are going away, and we are all so sorry; but I am sure you will come again. You told us Jesus would come to earth again. Suppose you tell us some more about that to-night?"

"Happy thought!" said Aunt Charlotte, hugging the dear girl to her bosom. "So I will, my dear. And now we will not have the questions this time." The fact was, Clara's words had made good, loving Aunt Charlotte almost too near weeping to be able to ask the questions.

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

"We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth."

-2 Peter 3:13

It was a thoughtful little party that gathered around the glowing fire after supper this last night in the year. No one of the children asked a question, for they all knew what the subject was to be, but every one tried to get just as close as possible to dear, *good, sweet Aunt Charlotte*. Little Anna climbed up on her lap and laid her curly head close up against Aunt Charlotte's bosom, and pressed it so tight in her loving caress that she could hear the heart-beats of her loving aunt, for, really, Aunt Charlotte felt so sad at the thought of this last talk with her darlings about Jesus that her heart beat very hard, though her face was so calm and sweet.

The good woman took her Bible and read the third chapter of second Peter, and then without comment she said, in a sad, mellow voice, with one arm around little Anna and the other hand on Willie's head:

"My children, the Lord Jesus Christ is coming again. We do not know when it will be; but, some time or other, He will send His angel to blow a trumpet; and all that in their graves shall hear His voice, and their souls will come back to their bodies; and we shall all be alive again; and if we have been good and holy, we shall be caught up to meet the Lord Jesus in the air. For then He will come, with all His holy angels, and will sit on a great white throne; and all that have ever lived will be called before Him, and judged for all the things they had done, and the words they have said. And then those that have gone on doing wrong and never being sorry, and never caring for the Lord Jesus, but have made Satan their master, will be given to Satan, to be in misery forever.

"But those who have tried to do their best, and held fast to the Lord Jesus, and prayed Him to wash them clean in His blood, will be taken home for His sake. And they will have the happiest and most blessed home that ever can be in heaven. There will be all brightness, and no more pain, nor grief, nor sorrow; and the Lord shall wipe off all tears from all eyes; and there shall be gladness and joy forever and ever.

"The old earth will be gone; but there will be new heavens, and a new earth, all beautiful, with nothing that will hurt or spoil or fade, but all lovely and peaceful.

"And then there will be the great joy of singing the praise of God, who made us, and saved us, and helps us to be good, forever and ever."

Aunt Charlotte's last beautiful story was ended. Little Anna's face was buried in her loved aunt's bosom, and she was sweetly weeping; she knew not why, for she was very, very happy. Clara stood, thoughtful, with a bright countenance, looking her friend and teacher full in the face. Willie broke the silence:

"Well, dear Aunt Charlotte, you may have thought I didn't like these talks and stories like sister and little Anna, by my rough way sometimes, for I know I was not particular enough when I spoke; but I have loved them, and I love you for teaching us so much, and I shall try hard to live a Christian life, and I mean to read every word of the Bible through myself next year; and then, at the end of the year, I'll write and tell you some other things I've learned."

Aunt Charlotte pressed her lips to the boy's forehead, too full of tears to speak.

"Auntie," said Clara, "I was just thinking it might be very hard to part with you on New Year's Day, when you start back home in the East, for we might never see you again; but I feel like, if some of us do die before we meet, we will all be sure to see each other again when we rise up to meet Jesus when He comes. That's the reason I do not feel so sad at parting with you."

"And then," said little Anna, with a sunny laugh through her sparkling tears, as she threw her arms around Aunt Charlotte's neck, "we will all just stay with Jesus forever, and I will not let you, precious Auntie, go away from us; but you shall tell us pretty stories *every day* and EVERY DAY. Sha'n't she, brother?"

And so Aunt Charlotte was paid a thousand times over, on this last night, for all the stories and lessons of the year.

LAPBOOK COMPONENTS

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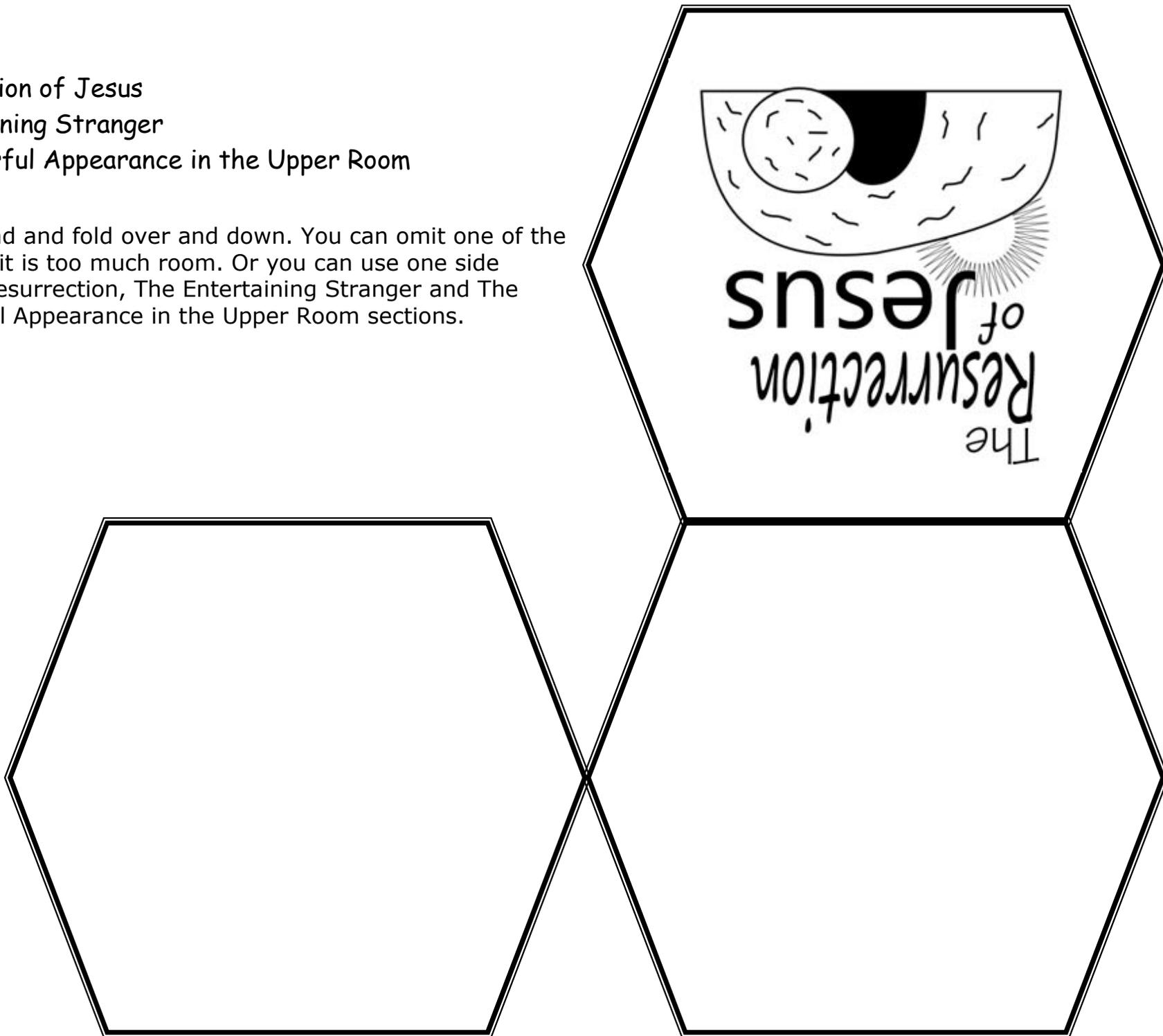


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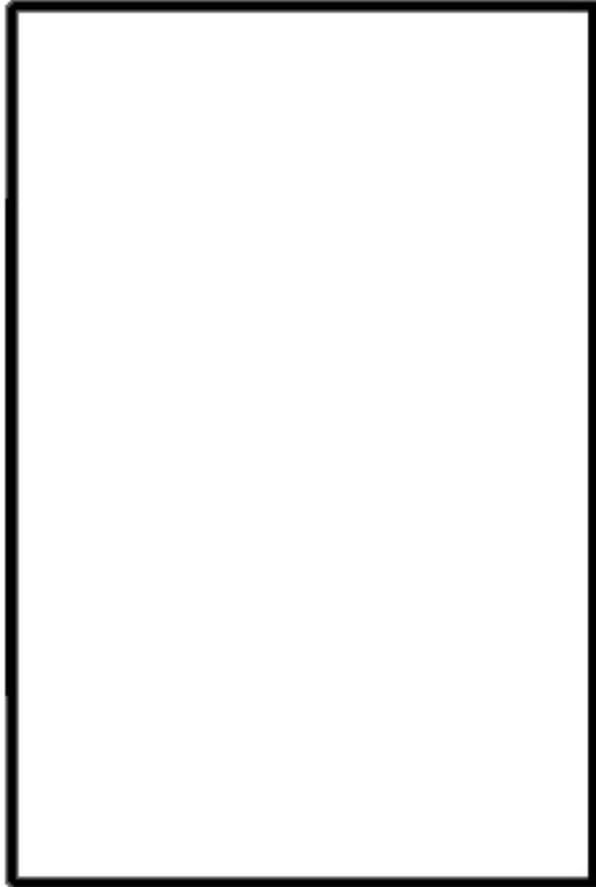


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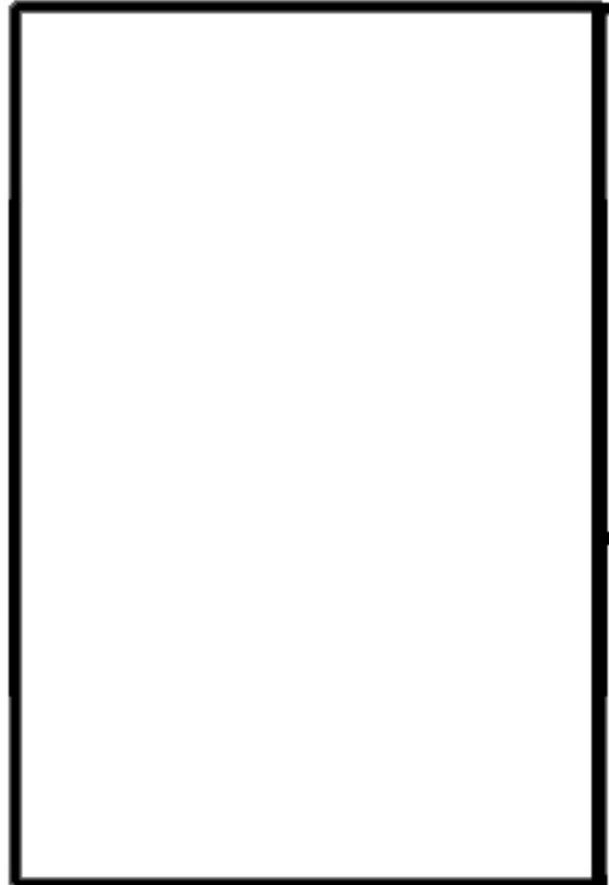
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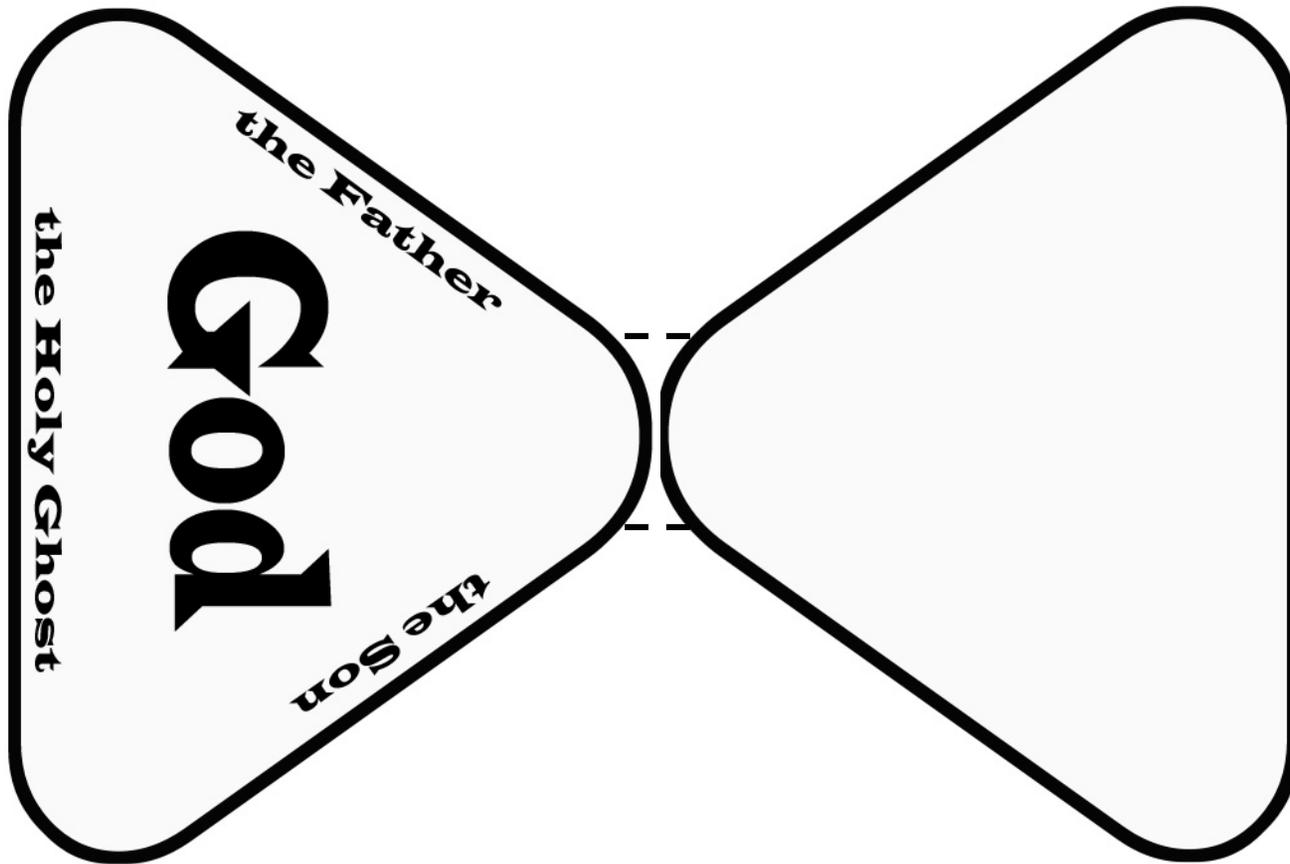


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