



## **Week 1 –He Saw That Coming!**

**Bible Story:** Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection (Mark 8:31–38)

**Additional Scriptures:** Isaiah 53:5–6, Psalm 16:10, Mark 10:33–34

**Main Idea:** Jesus knows our future and promises NEW LIFE through His plan.

**Gospel Connection:** Just as Jesus predicted His death and resurrection to fulfill God’s plan, we can trust Him to lead us into eternal life and new beginnings. His resurrection proves that He holds the power over life and death.

### Corporate Teaching Time (K–Gr 5)

**ONE80 MC:** Good morning, everyone! Today, we start our NEW LIFE series, exploring the amazing offers Jesus gives us through His resurrection. Have you ever wished you could start something over? Maybe a game, a bad day, or even a whole year? Jesus offers us something better than a do-over: a new life! Today, we’ll see how Jesus knew all about His plan for a new beginning—even predicting His own death and resurrection. Let’s start with a fun game.

1. Call up 6 volunteers–2 teams. Each team lines up behind the starting line.

2. Each team needs to connect their cardstock half-pipes to form a channel for a ping pong ball to roll through. The team needs to keep the chain going by running from the back of the line, to the front of the line, until their ball is safely in the bucket. They only have 3 tries- if the ball drops after 3 tries, its GAME OVER, and the second team gets a try.

*Ad lib as the game is underway.*

Oh my goodness, well done Teams, what great work!!! That was tough that you only had 3 chances and then your game was over! Today we are going to learn about NEW LIFE in Jesus. That means that because of Jesus we have been given a fresh start 'a new game if you like. Jesus made a way so that if we accept Him, we have grace every time we drop the ball.

## Object lesson: The video game

Is there anyone here who loves video games? Is there a video game that you are really great at? Being great at a video game often means that you know what is going to happen in that level so you are able to preempt it and win the level. I'm not great at video games, but growing up I loved playing old school Mario. I wasn't really good at it but I could get through the first level without losing a single life- that was because I knew exactly where the mushrooms were, where the secret underground pipes were, and where the pesky tortoises were hiding. The only reason I knew this though, was because I played that game about a hundred times. In today's Bible reading we are going to hear how Jesus knew exactly what was going to happen in His future, and he warned His friends what was coming. This shows that Jesus was fully God, as

life is not like a video game and there is no way of knowing what is going to happen next.

## Worship (song liked on YouTube)

1. Lord I lift your name on High

## Bible Story: Jesus Knew Before It Happened

**ONE80 MC:** Welcome to our first lesson in our NEW LIFE series. Today, we're going to explore something amazing about Jesus - how He knew exactly what was going to happen to Him, even before it did! Have you ever had a feeling that something was going to happen before it did? Maybe you knew your mom was going to make your favorite dinner or that your best friend was about to call. Well, Jesus did something even more incredible - He told His friends exactly what was going to happen to Him, including His death and resurrection, long before it occurred. Today, we're going to learn that Jesus knows our future and promises new life through His plan. Let's read from Mark's book in the New Testament. Mark was one of Jesus' followers who wrote down the things Jesus said and did so that we could learn about Him, too. This story takes place during Jesus' ministry on earth, as He was teaching His disciples about His true purpose.

### **READ: Mark 8:31**

Jesus was very clear with His disciples about what was going to happen to Him. This might have been confusing or even scary for them to hear. Imagine if your best friend told you they were going to go through something really difficult - how would you feel?

### **READ: Mark 8:32-33**

Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends, didn't like what he was hearing. He probably felt worried and wanted to protect Jesus. But Jesus knew that this was all part of God's plan, even if it was hard to understand.

Have you ever had a time when you didn't understand why something difficult was happening? Maybe you had to move to a new school, or someone you loved got sick. It's okay to feel confused or upset when hard things happen, but we can trust that God has a plan, just like Jesus did.

**READ: Mark 8:34-35**

Jesus was teaching His disciples (and us) something very important here.

Following Him isn't always easy, but it's always worth it. When we put our trust in Jesus and His plan for our lives, we find true life - a life full of purpose and joy.

Think about a time when you had to do something difficult but knew it was the right thing to do. Maybe you had to tell the truth even when it was hard or stand up for someone who was being bullied. Jesus is telling us that following Him might mean facing challenges, but He promises to be with us every step of the way.

**READ: Mark 8:36-38**

Jesus is reminding us that nothing in this world is more valuable than our relationship with Him. He offers us something priceless - eternal life and a forever friendship with God. Now, let's look at some other parts of the Bible that talk about Jesus' death and resurrection.

**READ: Isaiah 53:5-6**

This was written hundreds of years before Jesus was born, yet it describes exactly

what would happen to Him. It shows us that God's plan for Jesus to save us was in place long before it happened.

**READ: Psalm 16:10**

This is another prediction of Jesus' resurrection, written long before it happened. It reminds us that God's plans are working, even if we don't understand them at first.

**READ: Mark 10:33-34**

Here, Jesus gives even more details about what will happen to Him. He knew exactly what was coming, but He faced it bravely because He loves us so much.

**LESSON SUMMARY:** Today, we've learned that Jesus knew what was going to happen to Him, including His death and resurrection. He shared this with His disciples to prepare them and to show that He was in control, even when things looked bad. Just like Jesus faced difficult things because of His love for us, we can trust Him to guide us through the challenges in our lives. Remember, Jesus knows our future and promises new life through His plan. We can trust Him, even when we don't understand everything that's happening.

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** The amazing thing about Jesus is that He chose to go through all of this - the suffering, death, and resurrection - because of His love for us. He knew that this was the only way to save us from our sins and give us new life. We don't have to earn God's love or try to be perfect on our own. Instead, we can put our faith in Jesus, believing that what He did for us is enough. When we trust in Jesus, we receive the gift of new life - a fresh start with God that lasts forever. This Easter, as we remember Jesus' death and celebrate His resurrection, we can also celebrate the new life He offers to each one of us

## Pray

BACK TO CLASSROOMS

# Small group Discussion, Reflection & Prayer

*Split into 2 groups- preferably boys and girls. Create an atmosphere where children feel welcome and comfortable to share. Play worship music in the background. A calm worshipful atmosphere should be created. Please prepare prayerfully for this time and do not rush it. Pass a talking object around, giving each person an opportunity to share.*

**ONE80 Volunteer:** Great job paying attention today, everyone! You all did fantastic listening and participating as we learned about how Jesus knew exactly what was going to happen to Him and still went ahead with His plan because He loves us so much. Remember, our main idea today was that Jesus knows our future and promises new life through His plan. Now, let's talk a little more about what we learned. I have some questions for you, and I'd love to hear what you think:

1. How did you feel when you heard that Jesus knew that he was going to die, but still chose to do it?
2. Can you think of a time when you were scared or unsure about something, but you trusted someone, and it turned out okay? Eg. Going to the dentist/starting a new school
3. You can always trust Jesus when you feel scared or unsure. When do you feel unsure or scared?
4. Jesus made a big promise about coming back to life, and He kept it. What are some promises you think Jesus makes to us? How do they make you feel?

## **GRADE 2-5 QUESTIONS**

1. How did you feel when you heard that Jesus knew all the difficult things that were going to happen to Him and still chose to go through them for us?
2. Can you think of a time when you were scared or unsure about something, but you trusted someone, and it turned out okay?
3. How does knowing that Jesus is like that person, help you?
4. Jesus made a big promise about coming back to life, and He kept it. What are some promises you think Jesus makes to us? How do they make you feel?

### **Prayer Requests:**

Alright, thank you for sharing your thoughts! Now, does anyone have any prayer requests? We can pray for anything - whether it's something you're thankful for, something you're struggling with, or a prayer for someone else. We can also pray and ask God to help us to listen to Him.

\*Allow time for children to share- and jot down their requests. Make sure each child's request is prayed for. As a volunteer you can lead this prayer time by asking specific children to pray for specific requests, break into pairs and pray for each other or you can pray corporately- however you feel led.

### **Let's pray together.**

*Dear God, thank you for teaching us today about how Jesus knew what was going to happen and still followed Your plan because He loves us. Help us too trust You like Jesus did, even when we are scared or unsure.*

*Please take care of all the things we talked about in our prayers today.  
We are thankful for Your love and the new life You give us. In Jesus' name,  
Amen.*

## **Memory Verse Challenge**

John 10:10b, 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.'