

# MD KIDS Preschool CURRICULUM

## Week 22: The Sadducees Doubt (from Luke 20:27-40)

### **To the Teacher: To the Teacher:**

My kids have asked me, “Will there be video games in the new earth?” Their focus, like mine often is, was on what this life can offer here and now. This passage shows us the Sadducee worldview focused primarily on this life, and doubted a resurrection would even occur. Jesus wanted them (*and us*) to know true life happens in and because of the resurrection. There is a lot in this text that can potentially be confusing (*marriage, angels, etc.*). Keep the lesson focused on the big idea that resurrected life is what Jesus wants us to look to.

**Big Idea and Missio Basic:** Resurrection through Jesus changes everything!

**Starter Ideas:** You may choose to set up all or some of these activity centers for the children to play with or do as they arrive. Help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

1. Playdough: Allow the kids to play with playdough and tools.
2. Free Play: Allow the kids to play with the classroom toys. (dolls, basketball, cars, tea party set, dress up, etc)
3. Play a game of ‘Wake Up’. This game is a take on freeze dance. The kids will lay down and pretend to sleep when the music is quiet, but when you turn the music on they get up and dance. Tell the kids today’s story is about being brought to life!

**Circle Time:** When all the kids have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one center, walk around the room and have each child follow you around the circle until you have a line with everyone in it. Lead them to the circle for prayer time. (Like playing follow the leader.)

**Welcome Song:** (To the tune of “Are You Sleeping?”)

**Welcome, [Name]**

**Welcome, [Name]**

**Hear God’s Word**

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**We can trust in Jesus.**

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**Welcome, friends.**

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Repeat until every kid and adult has been welcomed.

**Jesus taught us to share peace. We share peace in a special way by repeating Jesus' special words. Jesus used these words of peace when the disciples were scared. Jesus said, "Peace be with you." We share the peace of Jesus. During worship we can say, "Peace be with you."**

Make sure kids are sitting in a circle on the floor. Kneel down in front of each person/kid and share God's peace by shaking their hand and saying, "Peace be with you." Remember to honor those kids who do not want to be touched! **Let's all say Jesus' words of peace. "Peace be with you."** Repeat a few times before moving on to prayer.

### **Prayer Time:**

**Praying for Others:** Ask the kids if they have anything that they would like to have prayed for. Share requests and then have someone pray for them. Remind the kids to pray for friends throughout the week.

**Praying Together:** (*touch your nose for 'smell', your ears for 'hear', etc.*)

*God, help us use our **ears** to **hear** you, our **eyes** to **see** you, and our **brains** to **understand** your word. Thank you Jesus that you live in a body like ours.*

*God, we believe Jesus was dead but came back to life by Your Spirit. And we believe that through Jesus we can come back to life forever with You too. Help us to love this truth more than anything else in this world! Amen.*

### **Discussion to introduce the Story:**

What is your most important relationship? Is it with your mom, your dad, a friend? Today's story is about how life with Jesus is better than even the most important relationships on earth!☐

**Story:** from Luke 20:27-40 [READ]

*A group of people called the Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, came up and questioned Jesus: "Moses wrote the Law and taught us about many things, including marriage. You teach the Law, so let's see if you agree with Moses. Say there was once a woman whose husband died before they had any children. So, she married another man, but he also died. She ended up marrying seven men who all died and she never had any children with them! Finally, the woman died too. If they are resurrected, whose wife will the woman be? For all seven had married her." Jesus told them, "People may marry in this life, and for some, that seems like one of the most important things. But those who are raised to new life in the resurrection do not worry about marriage, for they can no longer die like the angels! The relationship that really matters is that they are children of God*

forever. You ask this question because you think there are things in this world more important than life in God's kingdom, and because you doubt I can raise people from the dead.

Even Moses, who you trust, talked about the dead being raised. When he saw the Lord in the burning bush he called the Lord 'the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob'. Now, you think those men are dead, but God is not the God of the dead, He is the God of the living. So even though those men died, there must be a resurrection to new life if Moses said God is their God!"

Some of the scribes, whose job it was to write down and study the Law of Moses, heard Jesus and said, "Teacher, you have spoken well." And the Sadducees no longer dared to ask him anything.

[Things to know]

- The Sadducees didn't believe in a resurrection...
  - So, they came up with a crazy scenario that wouldn't normally happen to try to prove resurrection didn't fit with their way of life.
  - Instead, Jesus proved it was their view of life that didn't fit.
- Jesus isn't saying marriage or other relationships aren't important (remember, God created unity between man and woman) but that there is something even greater to look forward to - our union with Him
- The Sadducees were people trying to serve God - they just missed the good news of the resurrection. Pray we don't miss it too!

**Snack Time: Let's take a big stretch!** Pause for kids to stretch and get the wiggles out. Clean the table for snack time. Help the kids wash hands together before delving into today's snack. Sing songs while you wash hands. You can give them each a wipe or a squirt of hand sanitizer. Have the children have a seat at the table. Today's snack is goldfish or veggie straws. Make sure none of the kids have an allergy to them. Begin passing out the napkins, goldfish or veggie straws, and cups of water.

**BLESS Activity:** \*For kids to do during the week\*

**Sabbath:** Jesus' resurrection brings us hope, joy, and rest. Ask your family to take some time this week to celebrate together that Jesus gives us new life. What are ways you can celebrate, play, or rest together?□

**Optional Playground Time:** If you have extra time please feel free to take the kids to the playground. Please be mindful that preschool class playground time does not start until 12PM.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for your word, The Bible.  
Thank you for sending Jesus in a real body so we can get to know you.  
Help us to trust that your word is true.  
Thank you God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.**