

## Yr 2 Pascha/Easter Sunday Lesson, John1:1-17

**Opening Prayer:** Sing with great joy!

Christ is Risen from the Dead, Trampling Death by Death and to those in the Tombs giving life! 3X

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**Gospel:** [John 1:1-17](#) – Click to follow the link. You can here a simplified version here: [https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/letusattend/april\\_20\\_2014\\_john\\_11\\_17\\_told\\_for\\_younger\\_students](https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/letusattend/april_20_2014_john_11_17_told_for_younger_students)

You may want to watch the Easter Story today as well. See it here for younger children: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkNTU\\_Vv5Ew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkNTU_Vv5Ew) or here for older children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

**Lesson:** Christ the true God the light of the world has trampled death!

Who does life come from? God of course! God is the creator of everything and He gives each living thing its life. Jesus Christ Our Lord is God, so we know that through Him everything has life. Let's name some things that get life from God....

What does the Gospel call Jesus? The light shining in the darkness! What do you think that means? Sin and death are the darkness and Jesus brings light into the world so that people can open their eyes to God and follow Jesus - then sin and death disappear.

- object lesson - using a flashlight in a darkened room. Tape pictures of the good things that God creates taped around the room – eg. people, friends, church, flowers, animals, prayer, sun etc. Shine the light on each picture and explain to the children how we didn't see these things until we shone the flashlight on them. This is how Jesus helps us experience goodness and life instead of sin and death. He shines a light on the truth!

When Jesus died, He entered Hades, the place of the dead, and rescued people, even Adam and Eve, from death! We can see this on the Icon called “The Descent into Hades.” Jesus is pulling Adam and Eve and all the saints out from death. This is why over and over again we sing out “Christ is Risen from the Dead, Trampling Death by Death and to those in the Tombs giving life! Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю, смерть подолав, і тим що у гробах життя дарував!” We know that Jesus who is the Son of God has given us eternal life and we want to tell the world!”

**Craft:** Joy of the Resurrection bells, Descent into Hades Colouring Icon. Choose one or do both. This is a very exciting day!

**In Church:** Ring your bells loudly every time you hear the people sing: “Christ is Risen from the Dead! Христос воскрес із мертвих!