

New Life in Jesus Changes Lives

Penny Crusade 2017



ALIVE!

John 5:24

Introduction (for teacher's use):

This week's Penny Crusade video focuses on Cristo Salva's school scholarship program, a program that has changed countless lives in Honduras. This week, we will use this video as a springboard to talk about the life-changing power of our new life in Jesus. (Watch the week 4 video with the kids before beginning this lesson.)

Scripture Passage: Luke 4:18–19 (ESV)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Teacher Notes:

All through the Gospels, we see examples of how Jesus changes lives. We see him healing those who'd been forgotten and ministering to the oppressed — both physically and spiritually. This is one of the amazing things about the ministry of Jesus, the way he changed the lives of those who were in need. Following his example, the people of Cristo Salva, ministering in the name of Jesus, have offered an opportunity for a changed life to many children in need through the school scholarship program. This program has helped many kids, who wouldn't have gotten a chance to go to school, get an education, and have a new and better life.

But the bigger and more exciting thing is that not only will these kids have the chance to have their lives changed now, but for eternity, because through this ministry, they have the opportunity to hear about a new life in Jesus that brings eternal life and all the amazing things that comes with it. And that is the really amazing thing about Jesus. He doesn't just change lives through healing sickness and meeting our needs now; he changes our lives forever.

Let's talk more about how our new life in Jesus changes lives ...

Discussion Questions:

- *In what ways has Jesus taken care of your needs?*
- *What kinds of needs did the children in the video have?*
- *How has Cristo Salva helped the children with their needs?*
- *Why do you think Cristo Salva does this?*

- *What do we learn about Jesus in these verses?*
- *What should we do to follow Jesus' example?*

Activity: Clean Penny Experiment

Needed Supplies: 4 Tbsp. of white vinegar, 1 tsp. of iodized salt, small glass jars or glasses, 1 dirty penny for each child, 1 shiny new penny, paper towels, a wooden spoon, salad tongs or latex gloves

Mix the vinegar and salt in a glass jar. You may want to make enough for each child to have a jar of it. Pass out a dirty penny to each child. Show them the shiny new penny and explain how hard it would be to make those old coins as clean as the new one. Talk about how those old, dirty pennies are like us before Jesus changes our lives. He is able to change us very quickly back into what he first made us to be. Have the children drop their coins into the vinegar and salt solution and let them sit for about 1 minute. Remove the pennies and dry them with the paper towels. Review the theme of the lesson and tie it into how the dirty pennies were changed and made clean.