



"And now I am no more in the world,  
but these are in the world..." (John 17:11).

Use this recent news story to help your students see the relevance  
of this week's lesson from the Standard Lesson Commentary®  
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### **WHO SHOULD PAY THE PRICE?**

A resurrection of sorts took place just over a week ago after a 1-year-old child became dangerously ill while aboard a disabled sailboat in the Pacific Ocean. An experienced sailor, his wife, and their two small children were 900 miles off the coast of Mexico, on a round-the-world adventure, when it all happened. Responding to a distress call, rescuers parachuted into the sea beside the craft to render aid; the family was then brought to safety aboard the USS Vandegrift. All this set the pundits to arguing about who should foot the bill for the rescue, given an alleged lack of good judgment on the part of the parents for embarking on such a journey with small children.

### **JESUS HAS PAID THE PRICE!**

Jesus' horrific and unjust death was payment for the world's sins. And on the third day he broke the bonds of death and rose, alive forevermore. There should be no argument about who deserved to pay for the sins: we, the ones who committed them. There should also be no argument about who does and does not lack good judgment in their reactions to those facts.

1. What parallels, if any, do you see between society's paying for the Pacific Ocean rescue and Jesus' paying the price for our sin? Explain.
2. How do we make sure to include ourselves in the world's sin problem? What will happen if we fail to?
3. What earthly blessings have come to you as a result of Christ's resurrection?
4. What more can we do to live out daily the fact of Christ's resurrection?
5. What causes sin to be resurrected in our lives? How do we prevent this from happening?

—Charles R. Boatman

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