



## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Jesus is alive.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will be able to recount the story of Jesus' resurrection.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Matthew 28:1-10, The Resurrection

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15 (NIV)*

Practice saying the verse several times and then see if you can say it backwards.

**SUMMARY:**

We take you now, live on the scene. The women went to the tomb expecting to see a dead body. Instead they found Jesus, alive with resurrection power.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for giving us a friend in Jesus.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*



## EASY AT HOME OBJECT LESSON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

An Easter basket

Plastic Easter eggs (10-12 eggs, all but one filled with candy)

*Start the lesson by opening a few eggs. Pull out the candy, and let different kids eat what's inside. When you get to the empty egg, go on with the message.*

Uh oh! There's no candy inside this egg! That would be a real disappointment on Easter Sunday, wouldn't it? These eggs are supposed to have M&Ms or jellybeans or Skittles. They're not supposed to be empty.

Tombs aren't meant to be empty either. Tombs are supposed to have something, or someone, inside. But on Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene discovered an empty tomb.

We celebrate Easter, not because we love candy, but because we love Jesus. Jesus is alive. His tomb is empty, like an Easter egg without candy.



## FAMILY GAME TIME

### THE M&M EGG

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

9 identical plastic Easter eggs filled with various hard candies or foods (nuts, skittles, tic tacs, chocolate chips, buttons, coins, etc.) but only one with M&Ms.

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Spread the eggs on a table and give the first person a chance to shake the eggs. If they find the M&Ms, they win a prize. After each player's turn, mix up the eggs and let the next player try.

#### VARIATION:

To make it easier, use fewer eggs with younger kids.

#### WHAT'S THE POINT?

Just like Mary at the tomb, sometimes we don't find what we are looking for. But, Jesus is alive! What a wonderful surprise!!!



## FAMILY BIBLE LESSON

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### **INTRO:**

Every TV station with a news department has at least one truck and sometimes many of them have specialized vans. They're equipped with satellite dishes or extendable antennae so that they can send a live feed back to the station and out over the airwaves.

TV news teams love going live on the scene. It's one thing to read the news from a desk, but it's quite another to take a camera out to where news is happening. News reporters head out into the field with their camera person hoping to score the extra scoop or get an interview no one else has that will deliver the story in a more real and vivid way - all so you keep watching their news program.

Sometimes we all like to go out and see things for ourselves. It's one thing to see a football game on TV, but it's a whole different experience in person. The same can be said for fun vacation destinations like the beach or New York City or Disney World. The same can be said for seeing a band in concert or seeing a play. The same can be said for all sorts of things in this world. Hearing is one thing, but seeing is believing.

On that first Easter morning, there were a number of people who visited the scene of the resurrection. They came expecting to find a sealed tomb with the body of Jesus inside. Instead, they discovered a news story that would change our world forever! Jesus was not in the tomb. He was alive!

### **READ MATTHEW 28:1-10**

### **MAIN POINT:**

Jesus was buried quickly after his death on Good Friday. He had to be laid to rest before nightfall because the Sabbath, God's Holy Day, began that evening.

# FAMILY BIBLE LESSON

The Jewish law said that no work could be done on the Sabbath, so Mary Magdalene and the others could not properly anoint Jesus' body for burial until Sunday.

Mary was not expecting to find Jesus alive. She was expecting a dead body. But the body of Jesus was gone, and an angel sat in the place where he laid. The gospel of John says that Mary ran and told the disciples about the empty tomb after seeing the angel. Then, after the disciples had gone, she met someone else. She was the first to see Jesus alive!

Mary was there on the scene. She was the first to see the empty tomb and the first to see Jesus, but she was not the only one. Word quickly spread that Jesus was alive, and many others came to see Jesus face to face. Even though we cannot see him, we can believe from their witness that we worship a risen Savior!

## **DRIVE IT HOME:**

The Bible is a first-hand account of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It was written by men who were on the scene, and by people who knew the eyewitnesses. The author of Matthew was one of the twelve disciples, a man who was live on the scene for nearly every moment of Jesus' ministry.

Matthew's story can be trusted because he was present for what he wrote about. The same can be said for John, who wrote the gospel of John, and for Luke and Mark, who were members of the early church. But they are not the only people with a story to tell. There are people today, believers in Christ, who have walked with Jesus for years. They have never seen him in person, but Jesus lives in their hearts. They know that God loves them, and they know Jesus died for them. They can tell you that Jesus has made all the difference in their lives.

Jesus wants to make a difference in your lives too. He died so that he could forgive our sins, but also so that he could send his Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. The Holy Spirit is the living presence of God, and when we accept Jesus as our Savior, he sends his Spirit to live in our hearts.

If you've never accepted Jesus as your Savior, Easter is the perfect time to make that choice. Easter is the day we read the "on the scene" story of Jesus' resurrection. It's the day we remember that Jesus died for us, and the day we remember that he is alive. Jesus is waiting to hear you call his name so he can send you the Holy Spirit. Open your hearts, and begin your own live and in person walk with Jesus today.

## **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,  
Thank you for giving us a friend in Jesus.  
In Jesus' name, Amen*



## LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### ICEBREAKER:

What good news have you received in your life this week?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Matthew 28:1-10

When did Mary and the others go to the tomb?

What did they expect to find at the tomb?

What did they find instead?

When did they learn that Jesus is alive?

What did Jesus tell them to do?

How can we receive Jesus as our Savior?

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for giving us Jesus and for dying for our sins.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*



## LESSON REVIEW GAME

### FILL IN THE BLANK.

Mary Magdalene went back to Jesus' tomb on \_\_\_\_\_ morning.

SUNDAY

Before she arrived, an \_\_\_\_\_ came down and rolled away the stone from the tomb.

ANGEL

The angel said, "He is not here, he is \_\_\_\_\_ just as he said!"

RISEN

\_\_\_\_\_ appeared to the women outside the tomb.

JESUS

Jesus is alive and wants to send his \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to live in our hearts.

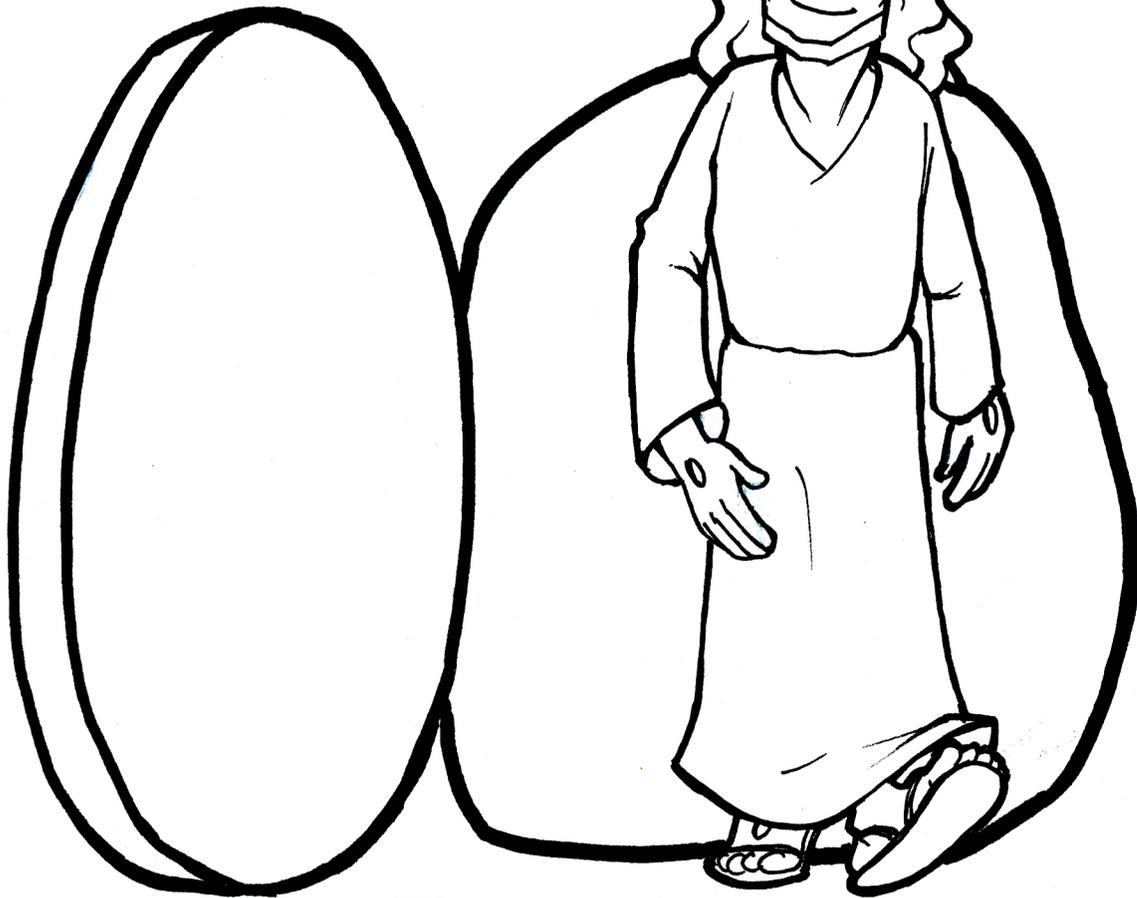
HOLY SPIRIT



## CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids do the included coloring page of the resurrection or draw and color their own picture showing that Jesus is alive.

He is



Risen