Story Time - Read the story to the children Lesson 238: JESUS IS RISEN! MARK 16:1-11

The next day after the Sabbath day, Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary the mother of James bought some sweet-smelling spices to anoint Him, which means to put them on Jesus' body. Very early in the morning, the first day of the week, the women were going to the tomb. It was very early just after sunrise. The women said to each other, "There is a large stone covering the entrance of the tomb. Who will move the stone for us?" Then the women looked and saw that the stone was moved. The stone was very large, but it was moved away from the entrance. The women walked into the tomb and saw a young man there wearing a white robe. He was sitting on the right side of the tomb. The women were afraid. But the man said, "Don't be afraid. You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, the one who was crucified on a cross. He is risen! He is not here. Look at the place where they laid him. Now go and tell his disciples. And be sure to tell Peter. Tell them, 'Jesus is going into Galilee and will be there before you come. You will see him there, just as he told you before.'" The women were very afraid and confused. They left the tomb and ran away. They did not say anything about what happened, because they were afraid. Jesus rose from death early on the first day of the week. He appeared first to Mary Magdalene. One time in the past Jesus had forced seven demons out of Mary. After Mary saw Jesus, she went and told his disciples. They were very sad and were crying. But Mary told them that Jesus was alive. She said that she had seen Jesus, but they did not believe her.



"And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white robe and they were afraid. And he said to them, 'Don't be afraid. You look for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him." MARK 16:5-6

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MEMORY VERSE:

"He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him." MARK 16:6

Review Questions True or False

- 1. The next day after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could come and anoint Him.
- 2. Late at night on the first day of the week they came to the tomb.
- 3. When they looked up, they saw that the stone had not been rolled away, because it was a very large stone.
- 4. When they went into the tomb, they saw a young man wearing a long white robe sitting on the right side.
- 5. The man told them not to be afraid, that Jesus was not there, that He had risen!

Questions

- 1. What did the young man tell them to do?
- 2. Where did he say that they would see Jesus?
- 3. Did they run out of the tomb? Were they afraid? Did they tell anyone?
- 4. Who did Jesus first appear to?
- 5. What did Jesus do for Mary Magdalene in the past?
- 6. After Mary told the disciples that she had seen Jesus, did they believe her?

Lesson 238 Activity

Act It Out!

Reenact the Resurrection

Pick some of the children in your class to be Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome and another to be an angel in a reenactment of today's study.

Then reenact a short segment where Mary Magdalene sees Jesus, and is happy & excited & runs to tell the disciples.

You may want to provide them with simple props and costumes to add to their reenactment experience. There are Bible robes & props in the loft in the garage behind the stage in the sanctuary in boxes if you need them.

The three women come to the "tomb" – have the "angel" sit on the right side of the tomb. Have the three women be afraid – have the angel tell them not to be afraid, that they are looking for Jesus who was crucified, but He is not here. His is risen! Look at the place where they laid His body!

Have the three women run away scared...

Next have Jesus appear, and Mary Magdalene see Him and be happy – then have Mary Magdalene go and tell the disciples that Jesus is alive – that she saw Him! Then have the disciples say things like, "You did NOT see Him... He is not alive. You're crazy... etc."

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer acknowledging that Jesus always keeps His word. If any children have not yet responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.