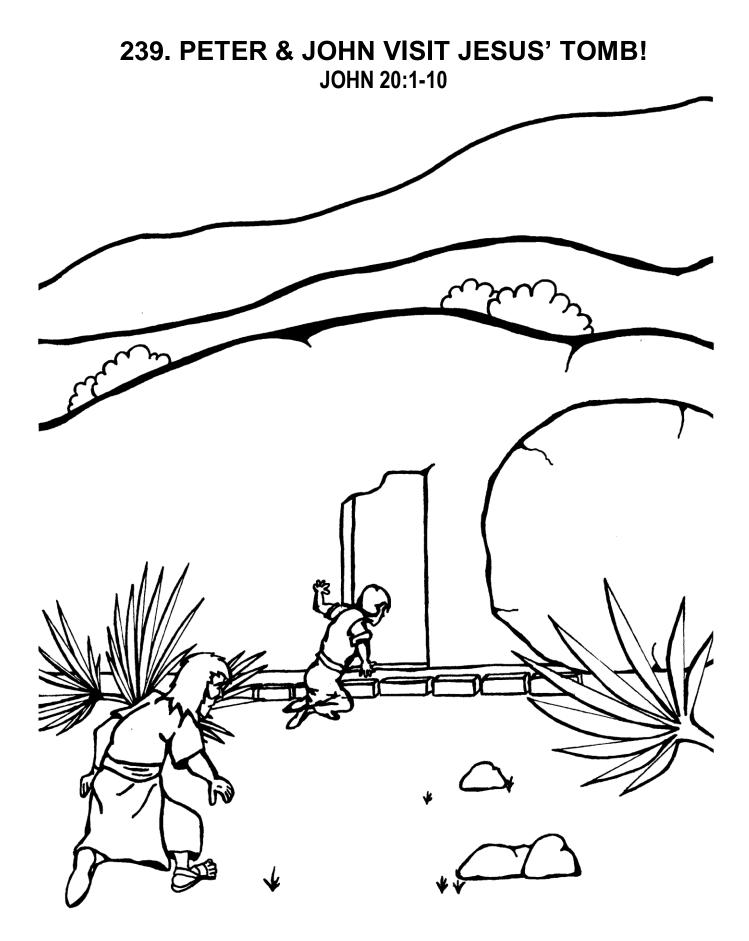
Story Time - Read the story to the children Lesson 239: PETER & JOHN VISIT JESUS' TOMB! JOHN 20:1-10

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the large stone was taken away from the entrance of the tomb. So she ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple (the one Jesus loved very much). She said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They were both running, but the other disciple with Peter ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down and looked in. He saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he did not go inside. Then Simon Peter finally reached the tomb and he went in. He saw the pieces of linen lying there. He also saw the grave cloth that was on Jesus' head. It was folded and wrapped up and laid in a different place than the other pieces of linen. Then the other disciple went in--the one who got to the tomb first. He saw what had happened and believed. (These followers didn't know the Scriptures yet that Jesus must rise again from the dead.) Then they went back to their own homes.



"Peter and John visit Jesus' tomb." John 20:1 – 10

239. PETER & JOHN VISIT JESUS' TOMB! JOHN 20:1-10

MEMORY VERSE:

"For He taught His disciples and said to them, 'The Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.' " MARK 9:31

Review Questions True or False

- 1. Very early on Sunday morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was still there covering the tomb's entrance.
- 2. Then she ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple that Jesus loved very much.
- 3. She said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we know exactly where they have put Him.'
- 4. Peter went out, and the other disciple, but they did not go to the tomb.
- 5. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.

Questions

- 1. Where did Mary Magdalene go?
- 2. What day was it, and was it early in the morning or late at night when Mary Magdalene got to the tomb?
- 3. What did Mary see when she got there?
- 4. What did Simon Peter and the other disciple do?
- 5. When Simon Peter went inside the tomb, then the other disciple went in too, what did they see?
- 6. Did they know the Scriptures yet that says that Jesus must rise from the dead?

Lesson 239 Activity

Just a Man?

Tell your class that you are going to describe different characteristics. Instruct them to stand if they are characteristics of God or to sit if they are characteristics of a man. Examples:

Having a mommy and a daddy (man) Creating all the earth (God) Being hungry (man) Being thirsty (man) Forgiving sins (God) Able to do anything (God) Being playful (man) Being everywhere all the time (God) Being perfect (God) Getting hurt (man) Being in control of everything (God)

After several moments of up and down, explain to your class that all of these characteristics are the characteristics of Jesus, who was so much more than a man.

What about each of you? Have you come to the point in your life that you understand, like the disciples did, that Jesus died for your sins and that He has risen again to show you the way to eternal life? Jesus loves you and wants you to have a relationship with Him.

Ask Him to come into your heart; and He will make a wonderful difference in your life! Jesus has conquered death, which means He has overcome death.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for the victory Jesus won over death, hell and the grave. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.