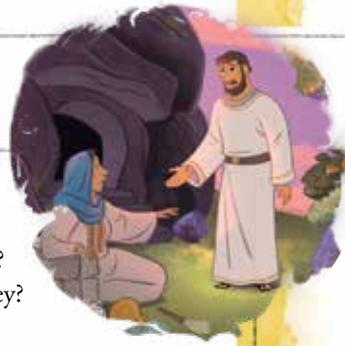


Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Do you believe Jesus is alive? Why?
- What did Jesus' rising from the dead prove about His sacrifice for sin?
- How does Jesus' resurrection change how we think about death?

Jesus' Resurrection

Matthew 28; John 20

STORY POINT: GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD TO DEFEAT SIN AND DEATH.

On the third day after Jesus' death, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the large stone at the entrance had been moved away. Mary ran to Simon Peter and John. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put Him!" she said.

Peter and John ran to the tomb. John looked inside and saw the linen cloths lying there. Then Peter went into the tomb and saw the linen cloths too. John believed that Jesus was alive. Then Peter and John went back home. Mary went back to the tomb and cried. She saw two angels. They said to her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"Because they've taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put Him," she said. Then Mary turned around. Jesus stood in front of her, but she did not recognize Him. Jesus said, "Who are you looking for?"

Mary thought Jesus might be the gardener. She replied, "Sir, if you have taken Jesus away, tell me where you've put Him and I will go get Him."

Jesus said, "Mary."

Mary realized who He was and said, "Teacher!"

Jesus sent Mary to tell the other disciples that He was going back to the Father. Mary did what Jesus said, and she told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"

Christ Connection: Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but He didn't stay dead. God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice and raised Jesus from the dead to reign as King over all creation. Jesus provides salvation from sin and the promise of eternal life.



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Clearing the Confusion

Unscramble the following words to discover an important word that describes Jesus.

DGEAERNR _____ - a person who cares for a garden

SNALGE _____ - created beings whose only job is to serve and worship God

DLSSIPEIC _____ - the people Jesus called to follow Him on earth

EIBEVLE _____ - to accept something as true

YMEPT _____ - containing nothing

What Did She Say?

Decode the message from Mary.

KEY: A D E H I L N O R S T V
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