

Family Page

Here is a little Easter play that the whole family can take part in. It will help you to feel the joy of Jesus' friends when they realized that he still lived.

JESUS IS ALIVE!

CAST: Jesus; Mary Magdalene; her companion; Peter and John; the angel.

SCENE: The tomb of Jesus.

(The play opens as the two women [looking very sad] walk slowly toward the tomb.)

Woman: How could they have killed our Master? He was so good.

Mary: I'll never forget how he helped me when everyone else was against me. There will never be another like him. Ah, here we are at the tomb.

(As they approach the tomb, they notice that the stone has been moved. They look inside.)

Woman: Look! He is not here! They have taken him away.

Mary: We must hurry back and tell the others!

(The two women run back to Peter and John.)

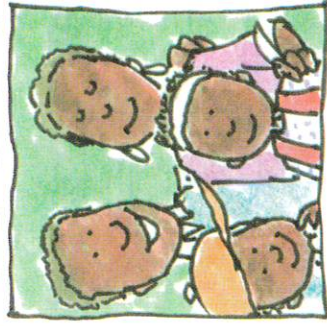
Mary: The Lord has been taken from the tomb! We don't know where they have put him!

(Peter and John jump up and run with Mary to the tomb. John enters the tomb.)

John: Peter, it's true. He has been taken away.

(Sadly, the two apostles turn and go home. Mary remains at the tomb, weeping. Enter, an angel in dazzling robes.)

Angel: Woman, why are you weeping?



Mary: Because the Lord has been taken away, and I don't know where they put him.

(Enter Jesus, behind Mary. She turns and sees him but doesn't recognize him.)

Jesus: Why are you crying?

Mary: Sir, if you know where they took him, tell me.

Jesus: Mary!

Mary: Teacher, it is you!

Jesus: Do not hold on to me; I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go tell the others that I live. I will see them soon.

(Mary runs back to the disciples.)

Mary: I have seen the Lord! He is alive!

(They jump up and hug each other and laugh for joy.)

All: Jesus lives! Praise God!



explaining GOD'S WORD

Easter (A) • John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 or Luke 24:13-35 • April 12, 2020

Easter Egg Hunt



Hidden in this picture are eight Easter eggs. How many can you find?



The First Easter Sunday

On the first Easter morning, there were no Easter baskets or brightly colored eggs.

That first Easter morning began as a very unhappy day. Jesus had died; his friends were sad.

Very early in the morning, two women walked to Jesus' tomb. When they reached that place, Jesus was not there! The tomb was EMPTY! They ran to tell the apostles, "Our Master is gone!"

The apostles ran to see for themselves. Sure enough — the tomb was empty.



They went home very sad — all but one woman, who stayed by the tomb. "Where have they taken our Master?" she asked a gardener nearby.

LOOK! That's not the gardener, it's Jesus! Then the woman remembered! Jesus said he was going away, but he promised to come back. The sadness of his friends was turned into joy. The one they loved was alive!

Jesus is the Living One. You can find him in your heart and talk to him in your prayers, for he is with you always.



"NEW LIFE" PLACE CARDS

The day Jesus rose from the dead was the first Easter Sunday. Every Easter, we celebrate his promise of new life. You can make your Easter meal more special by making "New Life" place cards for your table, using these symbols. Color them brightly and add the names of all who will share your Easter meal with you.

