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Jesus Comes Alive Again



Bible Story: Matthew 28:1-18

Divide students into two reading groups. Have them read the rhyming story with feeling and enthusiasm.

Group 1

Early in the morning, before the sky was light,
Mary Magdalene went out and saw a scary sight.

Group 2

Jesus' tomb was empty; the door was open wide!
She ran to Simon Peter; "They've taken Him!" she cried.

Group 1

Had someone really stolen Jesus' body in the night?
John and Peter ran back to the tomb in awful fright.

Group 2

There was no body in the tomb, just strips of cloth were there,
The cloth He had been wrapped up in. All they could do was stare.

Group 1

They did not remember what Jesus Christ had said,
That after dying, in three days He'd rise from the dead.

Group 2

They both went back to their homes, but Mary stayed and cried.
When she looked into the tomb, two angels were inside.

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Bible Story: Matthew 28:1-18 (cont.)

Group 1

“Why are you crying?” the angels asked. “What is wrong with you?”
“They’ve taken Him away,” she said, “and I don’t know what to do!”

Group 2

She turned around and suddenly saw a man nearby.
When He spoke her name she recognized Him with a cry.

Group 1

She saw that it was Jesus, alive as He could be!
“Go tell the others,” Jesus said, “that you have just seen Me.”

Both Groups

Jesus was alive again! And Mary did just what He said.
She told all His disciples, “He has risen from the dead!”

Discussion

- Why do you think Mary Magdalene went to Jesus’ tomb so early in the morning?
- Why did not Peter and John immediately realize that Jesus had come back to life?
- How do you think the disciples reacted when Mary told them she had seen Jesus, alive?
- Read the memory verse below. Jesus did not just die; He conquered death by coming back to life. That is why those who trust in Him are “justified” or saved from our sins. Say the memory verse in your own words.

Memory Verse

“He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.” (Romans 4:25)



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Craft Materials

- patterns on pages 100 and 101
- white cardstock
- crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- scissors
- tape

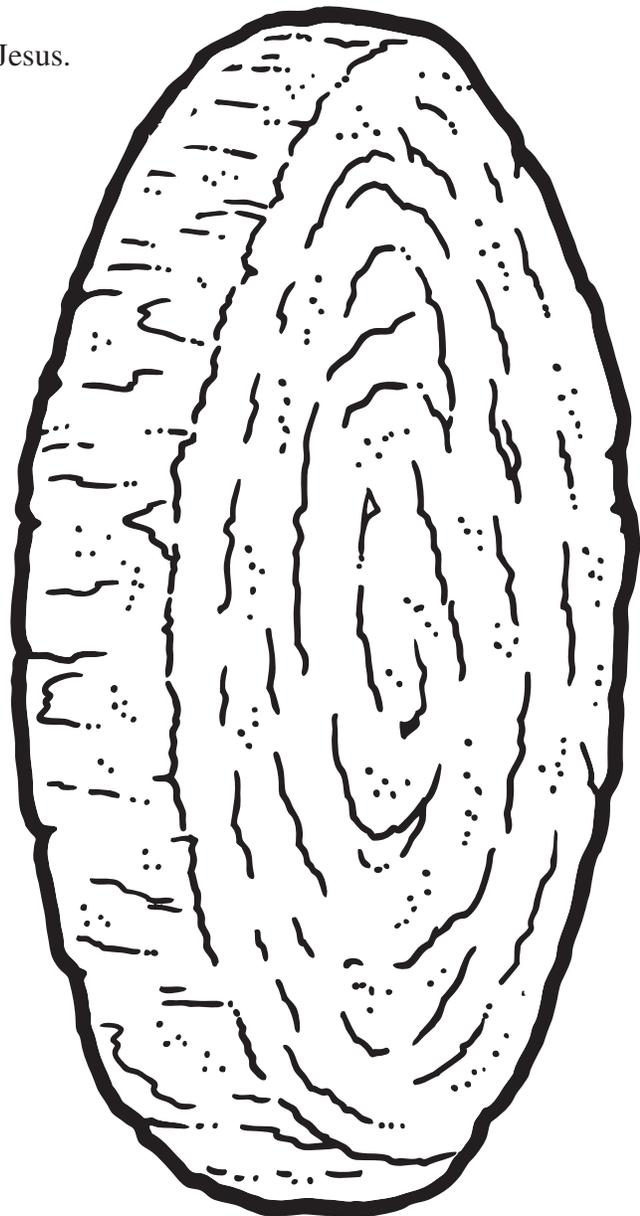
Craft Directions

1. Copy the patterns on cardstock.
2. Color and cut out the patterns.
3. Tape the rock over the door of the tomb.
Tape it only on the left side.
4. Flip open the rock to read what happened to Jesus.

Rock Pattern



Finished Product





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