

The Tomb is Empty

Bible Verse

He began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's son," he declared. (Acts 9:20)

Did You Know?

The Christian church has chosen to gather on Sunday mornings to remind ourselves of that early Sunday morning many years ago when it was discovered that the tomb was empty. Every Sunday morning is a "little Easter" celebration. We come together to praise God and give thanks for the good news of the empty tomb.

Although their accounts differ in details, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all give accounts of the empty tomb. None of the gospels, however, describes the Resurrection itself. Jesus' resurrection remains part of the mystery of our faith. Ours is a resurrection faith, one that does not rely on evidence of how the Resurrection occurred. We know Jesus is alive because of the witness of those who experienced the presence of the risen Jesus, and by our own experiences of Jesus' presence with us.

In Luke's account, it is the women who discover that the tomb is empty. The women weren't looking for an empty tomb. When they arrived, the stone was rolled away. Not knowing what to make of this, they looked inside, but Jesus' body wasn't there. According to Luke, the disciples heard the news of the empty tomb from the women. The disciples thought the women were talking nonsense and didn't believe them. Peter ran to the tomb and discovered for himself that the tomb was empty, but didn't encounter any angels. Enjoy celebrating Easter with your children. Easter is a time to celebrate God's great, never-ending love. Jesus is alive!

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Bible Story

Luke 24:1-12

Anchor Point

Go and tell about Jesus.

Your Lesson

JUMP IN:

- ☐ Welcome
- ☐ Empty Tomb
- ☐ The Women
- ☐ Just the Bible

DIVE DEEPER:

- ☐ Deep Blue Bible Adventure

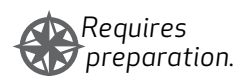
- ☐ The Tomb is Empty

GROW STRONGER:

- ☐ Easter Bracelets
- ☐ Learn & Serve with the Deep Blue Kids
- ☐ Suncatchers

WORSHIP:

- ☐ Prayer and Praise
- ☐ Bible Stories & Stuff





JUMP IN!

After welcoming the children, lead them into the Bible story with at least one of the following activities.



≈ TIP ≈

You may have new children in class today. Welcome the children at the door and invite them into Sunday school.

WELCOME

Supplies: Class Stuff—pp. 2 & 31, Adventure DVD; DVD player; offering basket



Hang the Attendance Chart (Class Stuff—pp. 2 & 31).

- Play “Be A Believer” (Adventure DVD), as you welcome each child.
- Show the children where to place their offerings and ask them to record their attendance on the chart.

EMPTY TOMB

Supplies: Kids Stuff—p. 11, pens or pencils

- Hand out “Empty Tomb” (p. 11) and pens or pencils. Encourage each child to complete the puzzle.

THE WOMEN

Supplies: Kids Stuff—p. 12, pens or pencils

- Hand out “The Women” (p. 12) and pens or pencils. Encourage each child to complete the puzzle.

JUST THE BIBLE

Supplies: Class Stuff—pp. 6 & 27, 21



Hang the “Unit 2 Bible Verse” and the “Unit 2 Bible Verse Signs” posters (pp. 6 & 27, 21).

- Read the verse together and teach the children the signs for the verse.
- Have the children sign and say the Bible Verse with you several times.

DIVE DEEPER

DEEP BLUE BIBLE ADVENTURE

Supplies: Bible Stories & Stuff—“Songbook,” Adventure DVD, DVD player, TV or projector and screen

- Hand out the “Songbook” (Bible Stories & Stuff). Using the songbook, invite the children to sing along with “Be A Believer” (Adventure DVD).

SAY: Asia is looking for Indie but is not finding her. Kat shares a story about women looking for Jesus. Let’s see our video.

- Show the children the Adventure DVD for today’s session.

THE TOMB IS EMPTY

Supplies: CEB Kids Bibles, Class Stuff—pp. 16–17



Hang the “Go and Tell Collage” (pp. 16–17).

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SAY: Our Scripture reading for today is from Luke 24:1-12. Let's read this wonderful story of Jesus together.

ASK: I wonder:

- How you felt hearing this story today?
- How you share this story with others?
- What in the story stood out for you?
- How the women in the story felt?
- How God is working in this story?

GROW STRONGER

EASTER BRACELETS

Supplies: Leader Guide—p. 35; pony beads in white, brown, green, yellow, purple, and blue, yarn; scissors; ruler

 Copy "Easter Bracelets" (p. 35) for the children.

SAY: We are going to make Easter bracelets. These bracelets will tell the story of the Resurrection.

- Pass out "Easter Bracelets."
- Cut a length of yarn about 9 inches long.
- Allow children to thread the beads onto the yarn in the order they wish to tell the story.
- Tie a knot in the yarn to connect the two ends.

SAY: This will be your bracelet for telling others about the Resurrection.

LEARN AND SERVE


Supplies: Bible Stories & Stuff—session 5

- Give each child a copy of Bible Stories & Stuff—Session 5.

SAY: This quarter the Deep Blue Kids are visiting Alaska. They will be learning about the state, what animals are there, and much more. Let's open our Bible Stories & Stuff from session 5 to learn more about Alaska.

SUNCATCHERS

Supplies: Leader Guide—p. 36, clear contact paper, colored tissue paper, scissors, glue dots, craft sticks, string

 Copy "Suncatchers" (p. 36) for each child.

SAY: During the summer months in Alaska, many areas experience almost 80 days of sunlight. This means that even when the hours say that it is nighttime, there is still sunlight in the sky. Some people consider this the midnight sun. Today we are going to create a suncatcher to help us to remember how the sun shines for us.

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- Give each child a piece of clear contact paper and different colors of tissue paper.
- Direct children to cut or tear pieces of tissue paper and place on the sticky side of the contact paper to create a design.
- Place another piece of contact paper on top of the tissue paper. Remind children to be careful because the contact paper sticks very quickly.
- Once the contact paper is attached, take your scissors and cut out a design from the contact paper.
- Use the craft sticks and glue dots to create a frame from your tissue paper design.
- Glue the tissue paper design onto the frame. Tie a string on the frame for hanging in a window.

SAY: Take your suncatcher home and place it in a window to help you remember that light shines in our lives.

WORSHIP

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Supplies: CEB Kids Bible, Adventure DVD, Bible Stories and Stuff—"Songbook," DVD player, TV or projector and screen, table, fabric for covering table, candle, cross on the table



Sing together "Be a Believer" (Adventure DVD).

SAY: As we gather together for worship, let's remember our anchor point today is "Go and tell about Jesus." Our anchor point helps us to remember we need to tell the world about the Resurrection. While thinking about what it means to tell the world about Jesus, let's light our candle for worship. (*Light the candle.*)

SAY: Happy Easter! Today is Easter Sunday. It is the day we remember that Jesus was resurrected and lives. For our closing worship today, we are going to have a Prayer Circle. In a circle, we will all have an opportunity to say a prayer. I will begin. Then we will go around the circle. When you finish your prayer, lightly squeeze the hand of the next person. When it is your turn, you can pray out loud, pray quietly to yourself, or pass. When everyone has had a time to pray, I will close our prayer and our time together.

ASK: Are there any prayer requests for today?

- Participate in the prayer circle.

PRAY: Gracious God, thank you for Jesus. We praise you that Jesus was resurrected. We celebrate together today. Amen.

SAY: Remember to take home your Bible Stories & Stuff for session 5.



TIP

Do you have children waiting at the end of class? Check out the Deep Blue app at the QR code below.



Easter Bracelets

Supplies: pony beads in white, brown, green, yellow, purple, and blue; yarn; scissors; ruler

Instructions: **Cut a length of yarn about 9 inches long. Then thread the beads onto the yarn in the order you want to tell the story. Tie a knot in the yarn to connect the two ends.**

White	Jesus
Brown	Tomb
Green	Resurrection
Yellow	Women
Purple	Disciples
Blue	Angels



Suncatcher

Supplies: clear contact paper, colored tissue paper, scissors, glue dots, craft sticks, string

Instructions

- Cut or tear pieces of tissue paper and place on the contact paper to create a design.
- Lay another piece of contact paper on top of the tissue paper.
- Take your scissors and cut out a design from the contact paper.
- Use the craft sticks and glue dots to create a frame for your tissue paper design.
- Glue the tissue paper design into the frame.
- Tie a string onto the frame for hanging in a window.
- Place the suncatcher in a window to help you remember that light shines in our lives.

