

Lesson 18: Jesus Appears to Mary

[John 20:1-18](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/SnRUuCkGGdY>

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/1hRPD_GfloM

Worship Theme: Jesus has power over death and He is alive today.

Memory Verse: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25)

Songs (Youtube links):

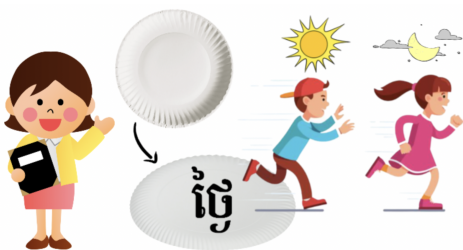
1. I Trust You Lord <https://youtu.be/WCZlwstAzc>
2. Everlasting God <https://youtu.be/suW4J1Wbxa4>
3. River of Life <https://youtu.be/AP6fwLxUqK0>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Night and Day

Materials Needed: A paper that says "Night" on one side and "Day" on the other side (or use paper plate)



1. Divide the children in two groups, group of Night and Day and ask them to stand back to back.
2. Teacher throws up the plate or paper. If the plate or paper falls on the word "Day," the "Day" group chases the "Night" group, but if the paper or plate falls on the word "Night," the "Night" group chases the "Day" group.

3. After the game, the teacher explains that "night" represents death and "day" represents the resurrection of Jesus.

Introduction:

Have you ever been to a funeral? How do people feel at the funeral? Have you ever seen someone die and rise again? We all know that no humans have the power to come back to life after they die. But there is one person who died and then returned to life! Let's learn about this very special person who promises to give us the same power through him!

Bible Story:

Last week, we learned that Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we can be part of God's family. After Jesus died, he was buried in a tomb. The tomb was like a cave. A large stone was put at the entrance. After Jesus was buried, all his friends were very sad. They thought they would never see Jesus again. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus was buried. She was surprised when she got there because the giant stone had been rolled away from it!

She ran to tell Peter and John, who were two of Jesus' special friends. Peter and John ran back to the tomb. They saw the cloth that Jesus had been wrapped in lying inside the cave. But Jesus wasn't there. After a while, Peter and John went home.

But Mary stayed outside the tomb and cried. She was sad. Then Mary peeked inside the tomb again. This time she saw two angels where Jesus' body had been! The angels asked Mary why she was crying. Just then Jesus came up behind her and called her name. When he said her name, Mary knew it was Jesus! She was so happy because he had risen from the dead! She went and told her friends all about Jesus.

Because Jesus didn't stay dead but came back to life, we know that he is God! We know that Jesus has power over death! We don't have to be afraid of anything, because Jesus' power is able to take care of us and help us, even from death! When we die, we will come back to life and live with God forever!

Questions to discuss:

- 1. What was the tomb like in Jesus' time? (Like a cave with a big stone in front of the entrance)
- 2. What did Mary Magdalene and the disciples find inside of the tomb? (The cloth that wrapped Jesus was there, but Jesus was gone)
- 3. What happened to Jesus? (He came back to life!)
- 4. Because Jesus came back to life, what hope do you have? (We can have hope that death isn't the end for us. We will come back to life and live with God forever)

Game: Pop the Message!

Materials Needed: Paper with messages (see below to print), balloons

He is risen, indeed!	Jesus is alive!
Jesus died for your sins!	Christ the Lord is risen today!
Praise God! The tomb is empty!	I can go to heaven because Jesus is alive!
He is risen, just as he said!	Believe in the power of the Resurrection!
Up from the grave he arose!	Christ is risen! Shout, "Hosanna!"



- 1. Before the children come, put the messages inside of the balloons and blow the balloons.

- 2. Explain to the children to consider the balloons like the tomb where Jesus was

laid. When the disciples came, Jesus wasn't in the tomb. But the disciples found the cloth that was used to wrap his body still inside of the tomb. That's like a reminder that Jesus is there. Inside the

balloons, you will find a message that will remind you of Jesus.

- 3. Give 1 balloon to each child and have them pop the balloon to find the message to remind them about Jesus.
- 4. Once they find the message, they need to shout it out to everyone!



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Craft: Empty Tomb (Coloring Page)

Please print the coloring page for the children and have them write the memory version on the paper.

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

After witnessing incredible miracles of seeing a dead man (Lazarus) brought to life and hearing predictions Christ made about his death, the disciples still weren't expecting a happy ending to the crucifixion of the Lord. It was the resurrection of Jesus that changed everything and gave them the courage they needed to face their own death without fear. How is the resurrection of Christ changing the way you live? Today, share the power and joy that we can find in the death and resurrection of Jesus with the children.

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