

Jesus Is Risen

JOHN 20:1-18

This week's theme is **SURPRISE**. What a surprise the women found in the tomb! Jesus is alive! Spend the week celebrating this good news!

IN THE GARDEN

Find the traditional hymn "In the Garden" (first line: "I come to the garden alone.") Learn the words and sing it together. How do you think the women felt when Jesus appeared?

BIBLE SEARCH

Each of the 4 gospels tells the resurrection story in slightly different ways. Look up Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20:1-8. What is the same? What is different? Talk about why there might be different stories about the same event recorded in the Bible.

THE EMPTY TOMB

Make a shoe-box diorama of the empty tomb. You can use play dough for the tomb and the stone that is rolled away. Include pieces of fabric for the linens that were no longer on Jesus' body. Somewhere in your diorama, hide the word *Surprise!*

SURPRISE!

Write the name of each family member on a slip of paper. Mix them up and ask each person to choose one that is not their own. Plan a secret surprise for that person, such as making a special treat, writing a note, or doing something helpful for them.

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GARDEN WALK

Take a walk in a botanical garden or outdoor park. Imagine how surprised you might be if the gardener or caretaker was someone you knew. Share the story of the empty tomb while you are taking this walk.

PANTOMIME

Get together and act out the Easter story in pantomime for an audience. Don't use any sounds or words, just exaggerated expressions. You will share the good news and surprise your audience!

WHAT DID PETER THINK?

Try to retell this story from Peter's perspective. What words would you use to describe what Peter might be thinking? How does Peter's perspective change the story for you? Is Peter's surprise the same as or different than Mary's?

This week our family is praying for ...

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