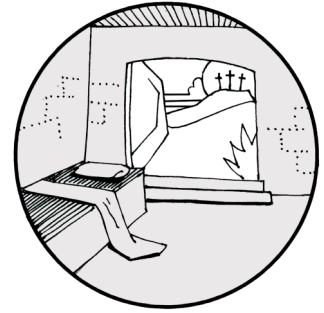


Lesson #1-R1*The Empty Tomb*

Matthew 28:1-10

**Key Verse:**

“He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”

Matthew 28:6

The Point:

Do not be afraid, but rejoice; Jesus is risen!

Unit Theme (April 14—April 28)

God's Greatest Promise

God Saves

Comparing and contrasting Exodus and the Resurrection.

You will need:

- † Play clay
- † Optional: paper and markers or crayons

Instructions:

1. **We remembered the Passover meal on Maundy Thursday, since Jesus' last meal took place at a Passover celebration. Today, we can remember what came after the first Passover—the story of the exodus, the central saving action of God in the Old Testament. God used Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery, through the waters of the Red Sea, into freedom and a promised land.**
2. **For Christians, the central saving action of God in the New Testament is Jesus'**

resurrection. Showing God's radical love got Jesus killed, but even death could not defeat love.

3. **How are the exodus and Jesus' resurrection similar? Different?**
4. **After some discussion, encourage small groups to use play clay or paper and markers or crayons to make their own symbol of either the exodus or the resurrection. How can you portray these stories in a simple, visual way? A doorframe with blood? The empty tomb? What symbols carries the most meaning and depth for each group?**