

Lesson #1-32 (Extended)***Empty Tomb & Great Commission***

Matthew 28:1-10; Matthew 28:16-20

**Key Verse:**

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

Matthew 28:6

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:19

The Point:

We are called to go and make disciples.

Unit Theme (April 14—April 28)

God's Greatest Promise

Biblical Improv

Acting out the stories and then creating lines for the characters.

You will need:

- † Nothing

Note:

1. This activity is designed to be used with both the Empty Tomb and the Great Commission stories. Choose one or both depending on your goals or needs.

Instructions:

1. **We are going to make an improv skit!**
2. See next page for character list and key words.
3. The narrator will read the text while the other characters stand in a line in the front of the room. The characters try to demonstrate the actions and their feelings as the narrator reads. For example, the narrator says, “there was a

great earthquake,” so all of the characters pretend the ground beneath them is shaking.

4. After the story (or stories) has been read and acted out once, invite the participants to consider what their character might have been thinking or saying throughout this story. As the narrator reads the text a second time, the characters speak their minds—but only using questions! For example, when the narrator reads, “When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted,” the disciples could respond with “How did she worship?” or “What doubts did he have?”
5. Encourage the group to have fun with trying to phrase their thoughts as questions – the goal is to learn the story better through reflection on the characters’ experiences while also having fun and being silly.

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The Empty Tomb

Bible Passage: Matthew 28:1-10

Characters/Parts:

- Narrator,
- Mary Magdalene
- “The other Mary”
- The angel of the Lord
- Three guards
- Jesus

Key Words to Emphasize: went; earthquake; stone; lightning; dead men; women; lay; you; disciples; Greetings; him; me.

The Great Commission

Bible Passage: Matthew 28:16-20

Characters/Parts:

- Narrator,
- Disciples (11 if possible)
- Jesus

Key Words to Emphasize: them; doubted; me; Spirit; you; age.