

Lesson #2-R1***The Empty Tomb***

Mark 16:1-8

**Key Verse:**

“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.”

Mark 16:6

The Point:

The tomb is empty. Jesus has risen!

Unit Theme (March 29—April 12)

God's Triumph

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Create a visual story.

Supplies:

† Bible(s)

Notes:

1. This activity can be performed in multiple ways, including at home or online. At home, a family grouping can portray each verse in turn. Online, households can be each assigned a verse and perform it via video or send in photos.

Instructions:

1. Read aloud Mark 16:1-8.
2. Assign a group, pair, or even individual one verse. If you have fewer than eight groups, assign more than one verse to each. If you have more than eight groups, assign the same verse to more than one group.
3. **Now we are going to tell this story by creating still shots, like a photo, of the verses you have been given. For example, Group 1, you will create a still scene that depicts the message of chapter 16, verse 1.**

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Create a visual story.

4. **When I read the whole story again, you will get into your still scene when I get to your verse. Together our still scenes will create a slideshow that will tell the story. Please remember to use every person in your group, and to not say anything or move.**
5. Read the story, allowing the groups to create their slideshow. Do it a second time if they would like.
6. Discuss as a congregation or group:
 - **What did you see in our slideshow that you did not envision when you just heard the story?**
 - **What surprised you about this story?**
 - **What do you wish you had heard that you did not?**
 - **What problem did the women expect to find?**
 - **What was the problem that they actually encountered?**
 - **How do you think the story got out if the women were too afraid to share it?**
7. **This version of the Easter story is one that we do not always hear. I bet it makes some of us uncomfortable to have it end without the women telling the news! It made people uncomfortable long ago, and some early writers added more to the end to close it on more of a positive note. But the empty tomb is the good news! And this version allows us to ask questions and to imagine the end of the story for ourselves. And sometimes those questions bring us to a deeper relationship with God.**