

Play: What's missing?

All family members find 2 small objects each. Put all the objects on the tray and take a look at everything on the tray. Cover the tray with a tea-towel and choose one family member to remove an object without anyone seeing what it is. Show the items again and ask what's missing. Play as many times as you like. The last time we saw that Jesus' body was put into the tomb, but when His friends went there three days later, it had gone!

Activity: Design a punishment

Put different objects inside different boxes and ask your family to guess what's in each box. Congratulate those who identified the most objects. Were you surprised by what was inside? Today we will be hearing how some people were very surprised by what was found, or rather didn't find behind a sealed entrance of the tomb.

Watch: Resurrection <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4&t=12s>

Read: Resurrection

On the Sunday morning after Jesus was crucified, a woman named Mary went to visit the grave where the body of Jesus had been laid. When she got there, she found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. She ran to find someone to tell them what she had seen. She found two of the disciples, Peter and John, and she said to them, "They have taken our Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." The three of them immediately ran to the tomb. When they got there, they all saw the same thing, but they didn't all look at it in the same way. Peter looked and was curious. The Bible says Peter went in the empty tomb and looked around. He saw strips of linen laying around and the cloth that Jesus had been buried in folded neatly and placed where the body had been. "Hmmm, very interesting," Peter might have said to himself. Mary looked and was sad. The Bible tells us that

Mary didn't even go inside the empty tomb. She just stood outside the tomb and wept because she feared that someone had stolen the body of Jesus. John looked and believed. The bible says that John went inside the tomb and he saw and believed. Now, I don't know exactly how much John understood, but I think he believed that Jesus had risen from the grave just as he said he would. Three people -- they all saw the same thing -- one was curious, one was sad, and one believed. I think that is pretty much the same way people react to the story of Jesus today. Some people hear the story and they are curious, others hear it and think it is sad, others hear it and believe. What do you think?

- How would Jesus' friends have felt after He died? Come up with three words to describe that. Why have you have chosen these words?
- How would the soldiers have felt? Can you come up with one sentence that they might have said to describe what happened and how they felt?
- How would Mary and her friends have reacted when they saw the angel?
- Come up with three words to describe how Jesus' friends would have felt when they heard the news.
- How do you think Jesus would have felt in this story?

Make: Empty Tomb <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyG4pdXIBN4>

Remember: Bible verse (1 Peter 3:18)

When Christ died, he died for sin once and for all. But now he is alive, and lives only for God." 1 Peter 3:18. Lie down to say the first sentence and jump up to say the second sentence to help you remember the verse.

Pray: today we've look at an empty grave. Help us all to see and believe that Jesus has risen just as he said he would. Amen.