

LESSON PLAN

TITLE: Easter/Mary at the Tomb

TEXT: John 19:14-19; Luke 23:50-56; 24:1-9; John 20:1-21

MEMORY VERSE: See Lesson Sheet

KEY SCRIPTURE: Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. ~ Matthew 28:5,6

LESSON OUTLINE:

1. The people in last Sunday's lesson, who sang praises to Jesus, would have liked for Him to be their King.
2. But the people who didn't like the singing, or Jesus, wanted Him to be killed.
3. They told lies about Him, and got others to believe that Jesus should die. So they nailed Him to a cross.
4. Jesus didn't fight back or make a fuss. He forgave them!
5. He went willingly for you and for me that all the sin-spots can be washed away and we can go to be with Him in Heaven some day.
6. His friends came and took His body down from the cross, wrapped it in linen and laid it in a tomb (grave) in a garden close by.
7. The next day, being their Sabbath, the friends of Jesus rested, but early the next morning some of them went to the tomb and found it EMPTY!
8. Where was Jesus? Had someone taken His body elsewhere?
9. While they thought on these things, two angels appeared and told them such good news. "Jesus is risen, as He said!"
10. Jesus' friend, Mary looked up through her tears and saw Someone standing nearby.
11. Thinking He must be the gardener, she asked Him if He had taken Jesus' body someplace else.
12. Jesus looked at her and said, "Mary," and she knew it was her Lord. Joy and gladness filled her heart.

MAIN OBJECTIVE:

- The children will know that Easter is a very special time, because Jesus didn't stay in the tomb, HE AROSE!

APPLICATION TO DAILY LIVING:

- You can look to Jesus' life here on earth as your example. Think "What would Jesus do?" or "What would He say?" when you start to do something you know would make Him feel sad, He'll help you.

TEACHING AIDS:

- Popsicle sticks for cross.
- Covered box for tomb, rock (to roll away) and angels.
- Perfume and spices.

- Picture of heart with Jesus wearing a crown in it. Jesus came to be king of our lives. He has gone to prepare a kingdom for us to live in.
- Picture of Jesus and children. Jesus rules with love.
- Picture of children (or child) praying. King Jesus will listen when you have a problem and need someone to help.
- Picture of children (or child) helping. King Jesus showed us how to love our neighbors, family and friends.
- Picture of happy children. King Jesus wants us to be happy every day.
- Guardian Angel picture. King Jesus sees that we are protected and watches over us.
- Invitation to Sunday school or picture of children talking. If we love our King
- Jesus, we will want others to know Him, too.
- King Jesus wants us to tell Him how much we love Him. Pictures of singing, praying, reading the Bible etc.

NOTES: