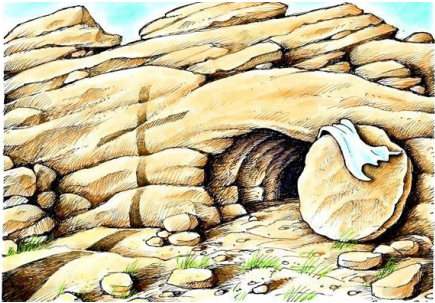


# Sunday School at-home Lesson

## April 12, Easter

Today is Easter, so our story is about the resurrection of Jesus.



Each of the four Gospels has a different version of the resurrection story. This year we hear the version from the Gospel of John. Here is a video of it, but just watch the first 3.45 minutes. This is the part that matches today's Gospel reading. [Journey through John / Ep.29 The Empty Tomb / Gospel of John Chapter 20](#)

### Prompting questions for the story

- In this story, Mary Magdalene, a friend of Jesus, goes to his tomb very early that first Easter morning, to honor Jesus. If you had been living back then, would you have wanted to do that? What could you do today to honor Jesus?
- Mary runs to tell her friends about what she has seen. When you find out something important, are you eager to share the news with friends? How does it feel to share important news?

### Sing with Mrs. Clemmitt

Jesus is often called The Prince of Peace. Shalom is a Hebrew word that means Peace. Shalom also means Hello, Good bye, and Be well!

Sing along with the Shalom song, one of our Sunday morning favorites, in this new video from Mrs. Clemmitt! You will learn the hand signs that go with the song too. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVMiq74fMBM&t=63s>

### The Tradition of Easter Eggs

Have you dyed Easter eggs at your house? Well, Easter eggs have a long history!

Even though decorated eggs are now associated with the Christian holiday of Easter, the tradition actually started with the pagans, way before Christian times.

The egg is an ancient symbol of new life and was associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring.

From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration. (Source: History.com)

Here are a couple egg dyeing techniques you might like to try!

### Tie-dye Easter Eggs

Easy and artistic! <https://onelittleproject.com/tie-dye-easter-eggs/>. Note: I (Melissa) made these and found that they do not need to dry as long as it says in the instructions. Letting them dry about an hour before unwrapping them should be okay. This method does use some paper towels, so if those are in short supply at your house right now, there's another technique below.



### Marbelized Easter Eggs

Glossy and elegant, perfect for a table centerpiece:

<https://happyhooligans.ca/marbelized-easter-eggs-oil-vinegar-food-colour/>



## The Gospel Story in Art

Following are three depictions of the Gospel story. Which one do you like best? Why? Can you imagine yourself in any of these scenes?

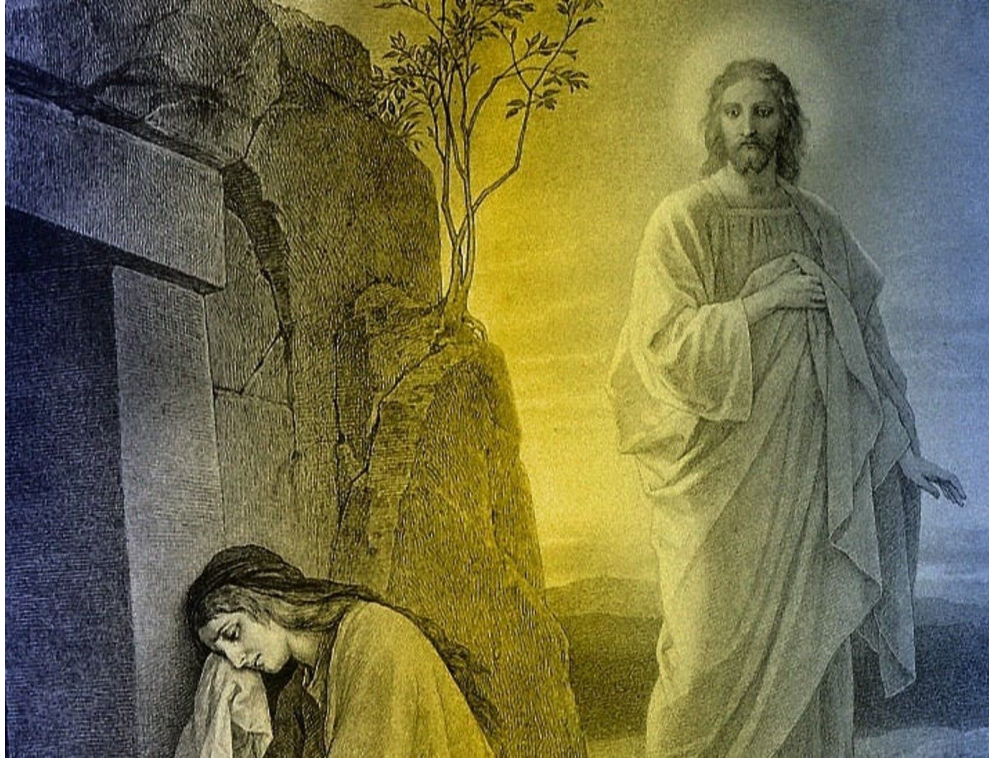


Pierre Parrocel, French, late 17th-early 18th c.



Alexander Ivanov, Russian, 1835.





J.M.F. Heinrich Hofmann, German, late 19th-early 20th c.

Check out the attachments on the next pages

- Word search
- Crossword puzzle
- Hidden words
- Coloring page
- The Reading from the Gospel of John (John 20: 1-18)

# The Case of the Empty Tomb

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John 20:1 (NIV)

Based on John 20:1-18 (NIV)



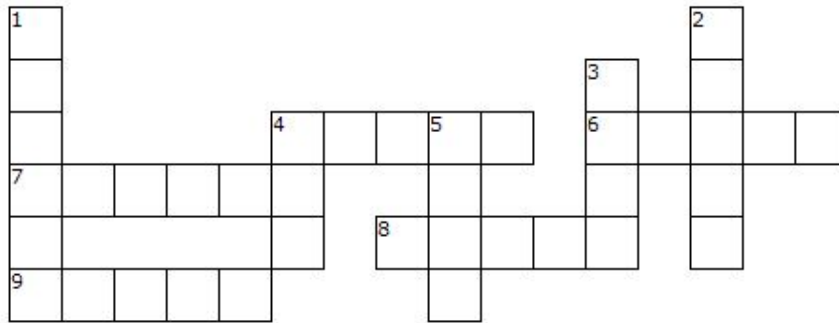
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CRYING	STRIPS	HEAD	DEAD	STONE
WEEK	ANGELS	FIRST	BURIAL	LORD
RISE	REMOVED	TOMB	FOLDED	MARY
BELIEVED	LINEN	DAY	DARK	CLOTH

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## ACROSS

4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers
6. Not dead
7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
8. To have nothing inside
9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

## DOWN

1. Messengers from heaven
2. The color of snow; the opposite of black
3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
4. To produce tears; to weep
5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

EMPTY	ANGELS	EASTER	CLOTH	WHITE
STONE	ALIVE	TOMB	CRY	MARY



# THE EMPTY TOMB



Discover the hidden words.

Y	S	H	V	J	H	E	L	C	Q	X	E	N	C	S
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## Word Bank

TOMB  
PERFUME  
GARDEN  
DISCIPLES

ANGELS  
JOSEPH  
NICODEMUS  
MARY

CROSS  
JESUS  
BURIAL  
PILATE







## Today's Gospel reading: John 20:1-18

### The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

### Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look<sup>[a]</sup> into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,<sup>[b]</sup> "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

