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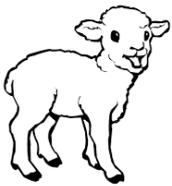
# THURSDAY BIBLE CLUB

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We hope that you enjoy this week's Bible story.  
We are praying that you are all kept safe that that we can all  
meet up again on a Thursday soon.

Hello and welcome to the next part of our Easter story. Can you  
remember what Easter is all about?

Is it...



Remember the Bible tells us that Easter is all about:

# JESUS

His death on the cross and ...did He stay dead?

Let's learn the next part of the story!

You can find this story in John chapter 20 verse 1-16.

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the

Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go

in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

**Very early in the morning, a lady called Mary went to the tomb. A tomb was like a cave, where a dead body would be laid, and a big stone rolled over the entrance. Whose tomb was Mary going to sit by? It was Jesus' tomb. Do you remember Jesus was nailed to the cross and died? Usually only bad people died like that as a punishment for all their bad deeds, but Jesus never did or said anything bad or wrong. Instead He died to take our punishment, for all the sin that we have said and done. So, we can be forgiven by God, if we confess, or say sorry for all our sin. Isn't that the most amazing news!**

**It was so early in the morning that Mary couldn't see very clearly but as she came to the tomb, she saw that the stone had been rolled away. She also saw that the body of Jesus was not inside either! Who had rolled away the stone and who had taken Jesus' body away? Where had they put it?**

**Mary was very sad. Mary loved Jesus very much, because she had been forgiven by Jesus, for all her many sins. She was sad He had died so cruelly on the cross and now His body had gone. Mary was so sad that her best friend Jesus was dead, that she sat and cried.**

**Mary looked into the tomb again, but this time she saw 2 angels, sitting down. "Why are you weeping?" they asked.**



Mary thought it was a silly question, everyone knew that she was sad that Jesus had died and she said "because they have taken away my Lord and I don't know where they have laid Him."

Mary turned away, maybe she could look for Jesus' body or ask people if they knew where it had been hidden. Her mind was very busy, she had lots of questions.

But someone was standing behind her. Who is it? Mary thought it might be the gardener. "Why are you weeping?" asks the stranger.

Mary says "Have you taken away Jesus' body?" "Where is it?"

"Mary", it was the most amazing sound, it was Jesus' voice. Jesus was alive! He was actually speaking to her.

Mary spoke to Jesus, she was so excited that He was alive and all that He said had come true.

Remember that Jesus is always true and trustworthy. We can pray to Him and thank Him for all He has done. Be like Mary and seek Him for yourself.

*Dear Lord*

*Thank you that you died to take away the sin of all your children. Thank you that you rose again and are alive forever more. Please help me to trust you and become your friend, just like Mary.*

*Amen*