

Easter Sunday



Bible verses:
 Matthew 28:1-10



Aim:
 To consider Jesus' resurrection
 and the difference it makes to us



Today's fruit:
 Joy



Memory verse

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.'

(John 15:5 NIV)



Start it

Last week we saw how the crowds cheered when Jesus entered Jerusalem. Things are very different for Jesus in this week's story. On Good Friday we remember why Jesus died on the cross, and on Easter Sunday we celebrate him rising from the dead. The story of Easter Sunday fills us with joy, just like the women who found the empty tomb.



Share it

Share a child-friendly version of Matthew 28:1-10 or watch the following clip. Explain that 'resurrection' means rising from the dead.

The Resurrection (Easter story, Jesus is alive) by Little Seeds Children's Ministry (stop at 1:33 'And they found an empty tomb, just like the women had said.')

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share together:

- What happened to Jesus on Good Friday?
- How do you think the women felt when they first found the empty tomb?
- What did the angel tell the women to do?
- What happened when the women told the disciples about Jesus?
- Why was it so difficult for the disciples to believe that Jesus was alive again?



Sing It

'Great big God!' Vineyard Kids, Vineyard Worship UK and Ireland (2:51)

'Jesus song' by Saddleback Kids (2:45) This song tells us about the amazing thing Jesus did.



Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- Act out the moment when the women found the empty tomb.
- Imagine what you would have said if the women had come to tell you that Jesus was alive.
- Draw a picture of the empty tomb and write the words 'He is risen!' above it.
- Our fruit of the Spirit this week is joy. Name three things that bring you joy.