



# THE RESURRECTION

## THE EMPTY TOMB



Hello Explorers! My name is Zach and I am your faithful guide for your adventure today. Quick, we need a detective! I am using my magnifying glass to look for clues. You see, when Jesus died, they laid his body in the tomb. It is Easter Sunday morning, the third day, and Jesus is no longer there! What could have possibly happened? I'm willing to bet that in today's adventure we will see how God took what looked like a sad ending and turned it to the happiest ending ever!

A good explorer pays close attention, there is always something new to discover. Let's explore!

### PRACTICE YOUR PRAYERS

Let's get our Prayer Guide and practice our prayers! Let's start with the Sign of the Cross and The Glory BE. Then we can pick other prayers to practice.

#### Glory Be

Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

After Jesus died on the cross, finishing his mission to forgive our sins and open wide the gates of heaven for us, he was laid in an empty tomb. They rolled a giant stone in front of the entrance to seal him in and placed two guards outside the tomb so that nobody would disturb it.

All of Jesus' family and friends were very sad and were praying and comforting one another. Some of the women were preparing to go down to the tomb on Sunday morning to be close to Jesus and to make sure that his tomb had not been disturbed. Peter, John, and all the other Apostles were staying together and praying.

This is where our adventure picks up today!

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On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there but not Jesus.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned home.



## SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Jesus was right and there was proof that He accomplished his mission. Jesus came back to life, he rose from the dead! Because Jesus did all that for us, we can all go to heaven if we love God.



1. Do you remember our adventure with the Lost Sheep? Do you think that Peter and John were happy when they finally found Jesus?
2. The first thing Jesus wanted to do when He rose from the Tomb was to see his friends, who are your friends? Is Jesus your friend too?
3. Sometimes we are sad and it is hard to believe that we will feel better soon, have you ever felt sad and then felt better?

Jesus rose from the tomb, this is the day that we call Easter Sunday!

## SPECIAL PROJECT

It is time to complete our special project for the day and then we can collect our Hope Gem by checking it off on our Adventure Map. Find the special project with the number 9 label and follow the instructions inside! Great job Explorer!