

# The First Appearance of Our Lord

Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-11; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18

## The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

Very early Sunday morning after Jesus was buried, women went to the grave to make Jesus' body sweet-smelling. They had wanted to go the day before, but it was the Sabbath Day. Mary Magdalene was the name of one of the women.

As they walked to the grave, the women wondered who would roll away the big stone in front of the grave. It was too heavy for the them to move. As soon as they arrived at the grave, they saw that the stone was already rolled away! The body of Jesus was not there. How surprised they were!

Something wonderful had happened that morning! An angel had come and rolled away the stone. He did this to show that Jesus had arisen. The angel's face was as bright as lightning and his clothes were as white as snow. The Roman soldiers were afraid and fell to the ground. They got up and ran to the city.

Mary did not know what had happened. She thought the enemies of Jesus had stolen the body. Mary ran back to the city to tell two of Jesus' disciples, Peter and John.

The other women went into the grave. Two angels were sitting there. They were dressed in white clothes. The angels said, "Don't be afraid. Jesus is alive again. Tell the disciples they will see Him soon."

Peter and John went to the tomb, followed by Mary. They discovered that Jesus' body was gone! Peter and John went back to the city, but Mary stayed. She was very sad. She was crying, but while she was crying, she heard a man's voice. She thought the man was the gardener and asked where the body of Jesus had been taken.

Jesus said, "Mary!"

Mary recognized Jesus' voice and

praised God.

Jesus showed Himself to the other women on their way to Jerusalem. They ran to tell the disciples the good news. Jesus is risen!

**Jesus, who died on Friday, appeared alive on Sunday as He had promised.**

**Jesus, who died to save us, arose from death as our living Savior.**

## Passages

Job 19:25 "For I know that my Redeemer lives."

John 14:19 (Jesus said,) "Because I live, you will live also."

## Hymn - TLH 200 v. 1

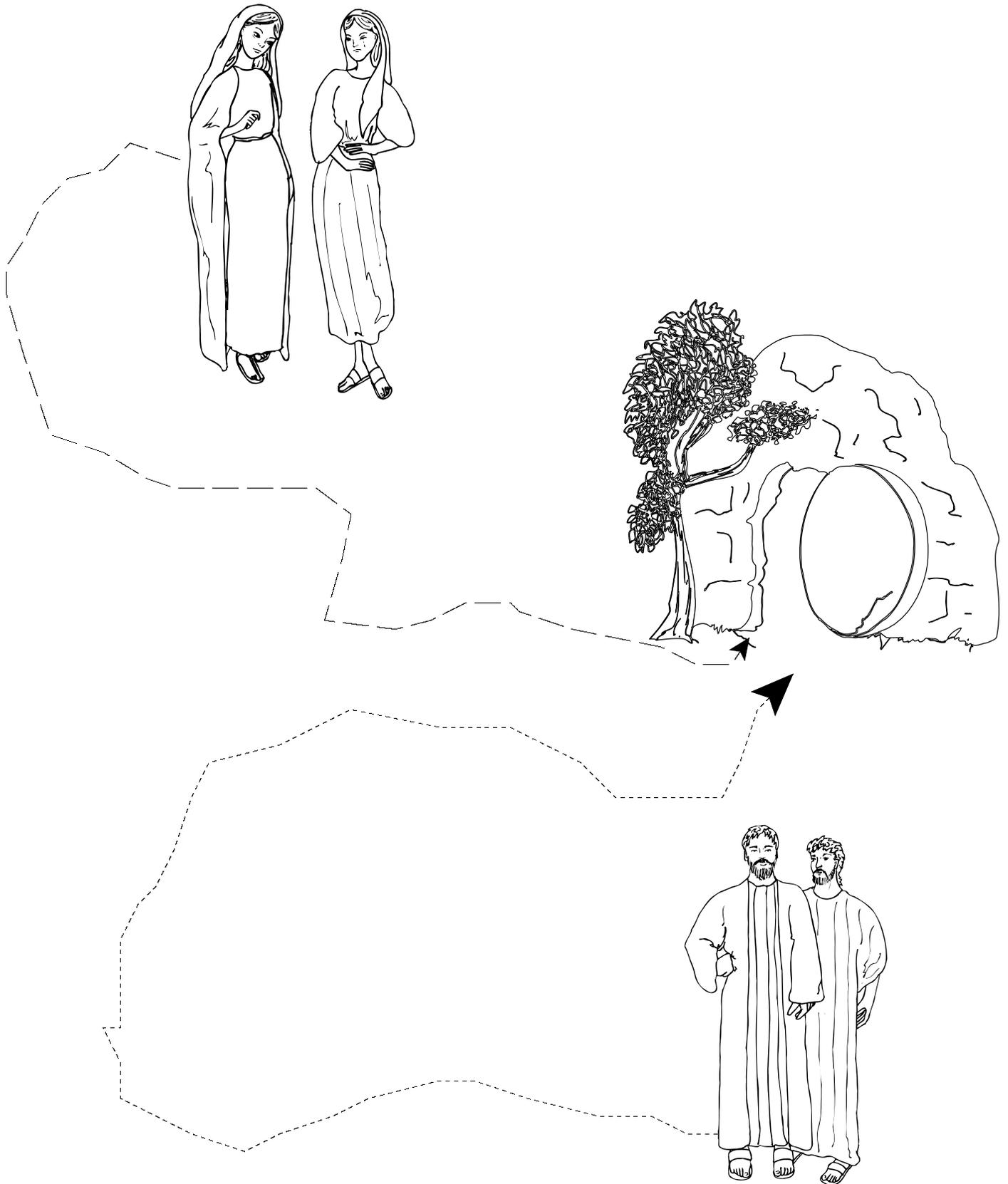
I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head.

## Prayer

Dear Jesus, We are very happy that You rose from the dead. After dying on the cross, You showed everyone that You are God and that You have saved us all from hell. Thank you for dying and rising so that we can go to heaven with You. Amen.



**Classroom Activity** - Help the women and Peter and John find the empty grave of Jesus. Use a crayon or pencil to trace the paths to the empty tomb. Say, "Alleluia, Jesus lives!" when you get to the tomb.



**Classroom Art Activity** - Help the children color and decorate the butterfly. Tell them that the butterfly is a symbol of the Resurrection because a butterfly comes out of a cocoon just as Jesus came out of the tomb. Cut out the hearts and fasten hearts and butterfly together with ribbon or yarn to make a necklace or mobile (as shown).

