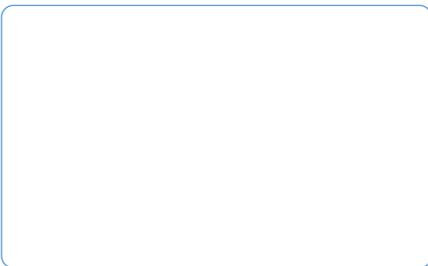


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Jesus is Risen

John 20

Circle the pictures of words you hear in the story or draw your own.



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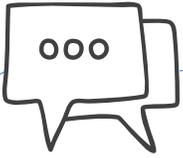
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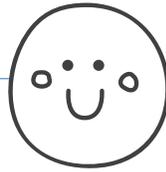
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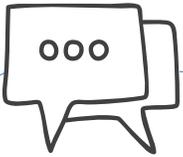
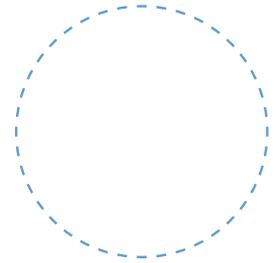




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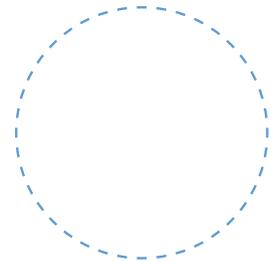
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What was new or interesting? I noticed....

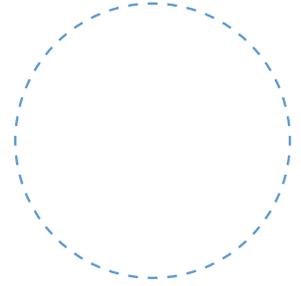
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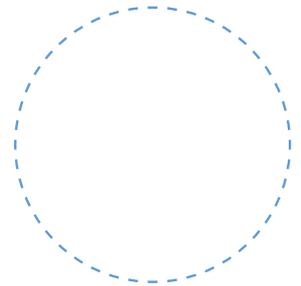
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Read

Consider reading the story a few times as you reflect and respond. You could use another translation of the Bible that you have at home, an app, or online to hear the story a little differently, maybe even read a kids version.

Jesus is Risen

John 20:1-8

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, gasping for breath. "They took the Master from the tomb. We don't know where they've put him."

Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus' body had been laid. They said to her, "Woman, why do you weep?"

"They took my Master," she said, "and I don't know where they put him." After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't recognize him.

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Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" meaning "Teacher!"

Jesus said, "Don't cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: "I saw the Master!" And she told them everything he said to her.

Jesus later appeared to the disciples and many others, performing God-revealing signs, before ascending to be with God the Father.

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Reflect

What did you wonder about in this story?

What did you find new or interesting in this story?

What word[s] or phrase stuck out to you in the passage?

How do you imagine Jesus felt in this story?

Think of a time when you felt that way. How did you respond?

Respond

Really notice the feelings the story evoked and the things that stood out to you in it. Use the following questions to consider how you can respond to this story.

What does this story tell me about who God is? And who I am?

What might that mean for how I live my life?

What might God be calling me to in response to this story?

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