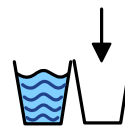




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The Tomb is Empty

Matthew 28:1-10

Mark 16:1-8

Luke 24:1-12

John 20:1-10



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9 Crucifixion - The Tomb is Empty

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Reading the stories.

1. Reading the text with symbols gives you the basic story.
2. Reading all the text gives you the simple truth.
3. Reading with a partner is fun!

Will you read the text with symbols or the text without symbols?



The women go to the tomb.

It is very early on the first day of the week.

The women have sweet smelling spices to go on Jesus' body.

They wonder how they can move the big stone covering the entrance.

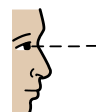


An angel pushes away the stone in front of the tomb.

There is a very strong earthquake.

An angel comes down from the sky.

The angel rolls away the stone and sits on it.



The soldiers in front of the tomb see the angel.

The angel is shining bright like lightning.

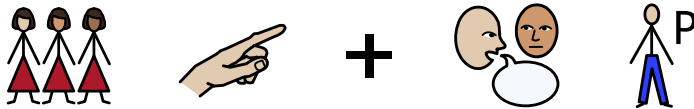
The angel's clothes are white like snow.

When the soldiers guarding the tomb see the angel they are afraid.



The angel says, "Jesus is not dead."

The angel says, "Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus.
The man who was killed on the cross is not here anymore.
He has risen from the dead, just as he said he would.



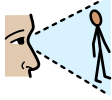
The women go and tell Peter.

Peter and another follower come to the tomb.
They look inside the tomb and see the linen on the floor.
The cloth that was round Jesus' head is folded and put to one side.



Mary cries and stays at the tomb.

Mary sees two angels in the tomb who ask her why she is crying.
Mary says, "Someone has taken Jesus' body.
I don't know where it is now."



Mary sees Jesus.

Mary turns round and sees Jesus.

Mary does not know that it is Jesus.

He asks her why she is crying.



Mary thinks Jesus is the gardener.

Mary thinks the gardener has moved the body.

Mary says, "Tell me where you have put Jesus.

I want to go and get the body."


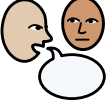


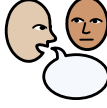
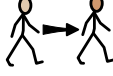


Mary recognises Jesus.

Jesus says to her, "Mary."

Mary turns and sees that it is Jesus.


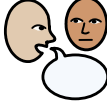

She says, "Rabboni" which means teacher in the Jewish language.

    +   Jesus tells Mary to go and tell the followers.

Jesus says he is going to Galilee.

Jesus says, "Tell the followers to go to Galilee.

I will see them there."

   The soldiers talk to the priests.

The women go and tell the followers.

At the same time the soldiers go into the city.

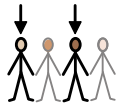
The soldiers tell the priests what they have seen.

    The priests pay the soldiers to tell a lie.

The priests say to the soldiers,

"Tell the people Jesus' followers came in the night.

They stole the body while you were sleeping."



Some people

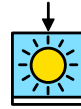


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today.

The priests say the soldiers will not get into trouble.

So the soldiers keep the money and obey the priests.

The story is still told today.