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**Objectives:** To explain that:

- Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.
- An angel was at the tomb and announced what had happened to Jesus.
- Jesus conquered death and is alive.
- We can have eternal life because of Jesus.

**"I Wonder" Questions:**

What do you see in this picture? (empty tomb, 3 ladies, sunshine)

I wonder who the ladies are?

I wonder who was in the tomb?

I wonder why the tomb is empty?

Let's find out more in our story. (Read Mark 16)

**Lesson Summary:**

Mary and her friends were crying as they were going to the tomb where Jesus was buried. When they got to the tomb, they found that the large stone door had been rolled away and Jesus' body was not there! Instead, there was an angel there who said, 'Why are you looking in a tomb for someone who is alive? He isn't here! Jesus is risen and he is alive!'

The greatest story ever told is the story of Easter, that Jesus is Alive!

Jesus was the perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world. He was crucified and conquered sin on the cross. Jesus died and was buried in a tomb but he was resurrected! He conquered death. Now, Jesus is alive and we can have his life in us! We can have eternal life because Jesus, the perfect sacrifice, has conquered death and is alive! When we believe in Jesus, we begin a new life. We are a new creation!

**Suggested Questions:** **What does this story tell us about Jesus?** (He truly is the Son of God, he is powerful, he overcame death, he has a glorious eternal body) **How does this event change how I live?** (I am thankful that Jesus overcame death, I can live knowing that someday I will have a new and glorious body too.)

- Why is it important that Jesus rose again from the dead? (It shows that Jesus defeated even the enemy of death. The resurrection of Jesus is the guarantee that we who are united to him by faith, will be resurrected to everlasting life too. We will also rise from the dead and will be given a glorious, new and eternal body like Jesus has; we will live in God's Kingdom with Jesus as the Forever King)

**Bible Memory Verse:**

"Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone! The new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17--NIRV)