LESSON 11

MARY AND JESUS AT THE TOMB



Aim: **To show the children that death could not hold the Son of the living God.**

Scripture Reading: **John 20:1-2, 10-18**

Memory Verse: **John 1:9**
The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

If you have ever seen something very surprising, you will remember how at first you could not believe it was real. **Give an example of this, such as someone unexpectedly returning to the community after a long absence.**

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Mary Magdalene had such a great surprise. When she went to Jesus' tomb on the third day after he was crucified some amazing things happened. When she set out that morning, she probably was very sad remembering all that had happened. **Show Picture 10.** Her first surprise was when she saw that the large stone in front of the entrance to Jesus' tomb had been rolled away. She was upset and ran to tell Simon Peter (20:1-2).
2. While Peter and John went into the tomb to investigate, Mary stood outside crying. When they had left she looked inside. **Show Picture 11 and describe what she saw and heard (20:3, 10-13). Use a piece of paper to cover up the figure of Jesus (on the left in the picture) when you show it to the class.**
3. Mary was weeping so much that she couldn't see clearly when a man appeared beside her outside the tomb. She thought he had to be the gardener and that he might know where the body of Jesus had been put (20:14-15). **Tell what happened when Jesus said Mary's name (20:16). Remove the paper from Picture 11 as you tell this part of the story.**
4. For the second time that morning Mary had a huge surprise. Only this time it filled her with joy! Jesus told her to go and tell the disciples that he was alive. Mary was so delighted that she ran to them with the wonderful news (20:17-18).

Our Response to the Story

Mary knew Jesus when he said her name. Jesus knows the name of everyone who belongs to him.

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Are you as delighted as Mary was that Jesus is alive? He overcame death because he had triumphed over sin and evil. He rose from the grave to give us everlasting life.

Instil the Memory Verse



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