



Week 3 -The Miracle Morning!

Bible Story: Jesus Raised and Appears to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)

Additional Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, Matthew 28:1-10, Revelation 1:17-18

Lesson Main Idea: Jesus' resurrection brings us joy and the promise of eternal life with Him.

Gospel Connection: Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene after His resurrection shows that He is alive and continues to meet us in our lives today. His victory over death is our assurance of eternal life, offering us everlasting joy and fellowship with Him.

Corporate Teaching Time (K -Gr 5)

ONE80 MC: Good morning Everyone! Today is the most exciting day EVER!!! Like EVER EVER! For any Christian any where today is the reason for everything that we believe. ITS EASTER!!! I'm sure your tummies have been filled with chocolate all weekend, maybe you went to a really fun easter egg hunt, but Easter has very little to do with chocolate and Easter bunnies. The reason that we we celebrate Easter is because Jesus died on a cross for all of our sins. But that

wouldn't be worth celebrating! That would be super sad and depressing actually- the saviour, who everyone had been waiting for was dead and everything looked so helpless and sad. But what makes this so amazingly exciting, is that Jesus didn't stay dead! He rose from the dead after 3 days- and this is what makes Easter so exciting!!!!

To get us started lets play a game called The Empty Tomb Challenge!" I'm going to invite a few volunteers up to the front. In this basket we have several Easter eggs. Each egg has something inside. Some of them have a small picture or object that reminds us of part of the Easter story, and some of them have a small treat. Here's how the game works. One at a time, each player will come up and choose an egg from the basket and open it. When they open the egg, they have to show everyone what's inside. If there's a picture or object, they have to try to tell us what part of the Easter story it reminds us of. But here's the twist: one of the eggs is completely empty. If someone opens the empty egg, they win the round! And do you know why the empty egg is special? Because it reminds us of the empty tomb. After Jesus was placed in the tomb, the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty—because Jesus is alive! So keep watching carefully... who do you think will find the empty egg?

Background Story

Play the Easter story to provide a full understanding of the Easter Story

Worship (song liked on YouTube)

1. Hosanna
2. Thats who I Praise

Bible Story: Miracle Morning!!

ONE80 MC: Imagine you wake up one morning and find a huge surprise waiting for you. It could be a new puppy, a giant box of your favorite toys, or maybe a long-lost friend at your door. How would you feel? Excited, joyful, maybe even a little shocked? Today, we will hear about an incredible surprise that brought amazing joy to one of Jesus' closest friends, Mary Magdalene. Our lesson is called "The Miracle Morning," and it's all about celebrating Jesus' resurrection as the ultimate demonstration of His victory over death. Jesus' resurrection brings us joy and the promise of eternal life with Him. The story we're reading today comes from the book of John. John was one of Jesus' closest friends and wrote his book to show people who Jesus is and how much He loves us. John wanted everyone to know that Jesus' resurrection means new life and hope for all of us.

READ: John 20:1-2

Early on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She was probably feeling very sad, thinking she was just visiting the grave of her dear friend. But when she got there, she found something unexpected - the stone had been rolled away! Have you ever been surprised by good news when you were feeling sad? That's what was about to happen to Mary.

READ: John 20:11-13

Mary Magdalene was very sad because she thought Jesus was gone forever. But when she looked into the tomb, she saw two angels. They asked her why she was crying. Imagine how confused and upset Mary must have felt. But God had an amazing surprise in store for her!

READ: John 20:14-16

Mary didn't recognize Jesus at first. She thought He was the gardener. But when Jesus said her name, she knew it was Him! Imagine how surprised and happy she must have felt. Has someone ever called your name when you weren't expecting it? How did it make you feel? Jesus calling Mary's name shows how personal His love is for each of us. How will you feel when you hear Jesus call your name aloud? That's the promise we can keep - when we meet Jesus face-to-face, he will welcome us just like he welcomed Mary that morning.

READ: John 20:17-18

Jesus told Mary to go and tell His disciples that He was alive. Mary ran to share the good news with them. Jesus' resurrection wasn't just for Mary; it was for everyone. He wants us all to know the joy of His victory over death. When something amazing happens, don't you want to share it with your friends? That's what Mary did. We can share the good news of Jesus' resurrection with others, too.

READ: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Paul tells the early Christians about Jesus' resurrection and how many people saw Him alive. This helps us understand that Jesus' resurrection is real and that it's a promise of new life for everyone who believes in Him. Every time we remember Jesus' resurrection, we can feel joy and hope. It's a promise that we will have eternal life with Him.

READ: Revelation 1:17-18

Years later, Jesus appeared to John in a vision and reminded him that He is alive forever and ever and has power over death and the grave. This means that because Jesus is alive, we don't need to be afraid of anything - not even death

itself! Knowing that Jesus is alive forever and has power over everything can give us great comfort and joy. We can trust Him and begin our NEW Life right now through faith.

LESSON SUMMARY: Today, we learned about the most amazing morning ever – when Jesus rose from the dead! Mary Magdalene went from being sad and confused to being filled with joy when she saw Jesus alive. This miraculous morning changed everything. It showed that Jesus had defeated death and that His promises are true. Jesus' resurrection brings us joy and the promise of eternal life with Him. Just like Mary, when we encounter the risen Jesus, our sadness can turn into joy, and we can't help but share this good news with others!

GOSPEL CONNECTION: The resurrection of Jesus is at the very heart of the good news. When Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment for our sins. But if the story ended there, we wouldn't have much hope. The amazing truth is that Jesus didn't stay dead – He rose again! This proves that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice for our sins and that Jesus has power over death itself. When we put our faith in Jesus, believing that He died for our sins and rose again, we receive forgiveness and eternal life. This isn't something we earn by being good; it's a free gift because of what Jesus has done. The resurrection means that just as Jesus rose to new life, we too can have new life in Him – a life filled with joy, purpose, and the promise of being with God forever. No matter what we've done wrong or how far we feel from God, the risen Jesus invites us to come to Him and receive this new life. His resurrection is our assurance that His promises are true and that He has prepared a place for us to be with Him forever. That's why we can celebrate every day like it's that first Easter morning.

BACK TO CLASSROOMS

Small group Discussion, Reflection & Prayer

Split into 2 groups- preferably boys and girls. Create an atmosphere where children feel welcome and comfortable to share. Play worship music in the background. A calm worshipful atmosphere should be created. Please prepare prayerfully for this time and do not rush it. Pass a talking object around, giving each person an opportunity to share.

ONE80 Volunteer: Great job today, everyone! You all listened so well as we learned about the incredible morning when Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to Mary Magdalene. Remember, the main idea of our lesson is that Jesus' resurrection brings us joy and the promise of eternal life with Him.

Here are a few questions we can discuss together:

1. How do you think Mary Magdalene felt when she realized Jesus was alive?
2. Have you ever been surprised by something wonderful? How did that make you feel?
3. Why is Jesus' resurrection important for us to remember? How does knowing that Jesus is alive help us in our daily lives?
4. What are some ways we can share the joy of Jesus' resurrection with others?

Can you think of someone you can tell about Jesus and His love this week?

Prayer Requests:

Alright, thank you for sharing your thoughts! Now, does anyone have any prayer requests? We can pray for anything - whether it's something you're

thankful for, something you're struggling with, or a prayer for someone else. We can also pray and ask God to help us to listen to Him.

*Allow time for children to share- and jot down their requests. Make sure each child's request is prayed for. As a volunteer you can lead this prayer time by asking specific children to pray for specific requests, break into pairs and pray for each other or you can pray corporately- however you feel led.

Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank you for teaching us today about the joy and promise of Jesus' resurrection. Help us to remember that Jesus is always with us and that we can trust Him with everything in our lives. Please take care of the things we are worried about and help us to share the good news of Jesus' love with others. Thank you for loving us so much. Amen.

Memory Verse Challenge

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in me shall not perish, but have everlasting life!