

# The Empty Tomb



Matthew 28:1-10

Go and tell the good news.



## I wonder...

- Why angels always say "Do not be afraid!"
- What you look like when you look like lightning.
- What it is like to have good news that no one else knows.

## Good News to Tell

Marta stepped off the bus and started to run home. She had such good news to tell her mom!

"Hi Marta!" said Mrs. Hendley, the neighbor down the street. "Did you have a good day at school?"

"I did!" said Marta. "And guess what? My teacher is going to have a baby. In the spring!"

"Wow!" said Mrs. Hendley. "That's good news!"

Marta slowed her running to a skip. She felt light and happy.

"Hey, Marta!" called out Hannah, her neighbor across the street. "Can you come play?"

"Maybe after I do my homework," said Marta. "Guess what, Hannah? My teacher is going to have a baby!"

"A baby! Just like we have at our house!" said Hannah.

"I know!" Marta said.

Marta ran up her driveway and the front steps. She dropped her backpack on the porch and burst through the front door.

"My goodness!" said her mom. "You look excited!"

"I am! Guess what? Mrs. Nugent is going to have a baby! In the spring! We'll have a sub for a few weeks at the end of school but she promised to bring the baby to school so we can see it. Maybe I'll get to hold her—or him! I guess we don't know yet!"

"Well, that is good news!" said Mom. "Did you tell everyone you saw on the way home?!"

"I did! Is Dad in the backyard? I'm going to go tell him, too!"





## Empty Spaces



Below are the 10 verses in the story of the Empty Tomb. See if you can fill in the blanks. Remember, if you need help, all you have to do is look in Matthew 28:1-10.

After the \_\_\_\_\_, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the \_\_\_\_\_ went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great \_\_\_\_\_; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the \_\_\_\_\_ and sat on it. His appearance was like \_\_\_\_\_, and his clothing white as \_\_\_\_\_. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the \_\_\_\_\_, "Do not be \_\_\_\_\_; I know that you are looking for \_\_\_\_\_ who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been \_\_\_\_\_, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and \_\_\_\_\_ his disciples, 'He has been raised from the \_\_\_\_\_, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will \_\_\_\_\_ him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with \_\_\_\_\_ and great \_\_\_\_\_, and ran to tell his \_\_\_\_\_. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "\_\_\_\_\_!" And they came to him, took hold of his \_\_\_\_\_, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to \_\_\_\_\_ them, "Do not be \_\_\_\_\_; go and tell my brothers to go to \_\_\_\_\_; there they will \_\_\_\_\_ me."



### Look it up!

Find the names of the two women who went to the tomb Easter morning.



### Memory Verse

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised!"

**Matthew 28:5-6a**



## Fun Facts

In all of the Gospels, the **women** are the first to learn that Jesus was raised.

The **tomb** Jesus was placed in was a small cave. A large stone would have been rolled across the entrance to close it.

A rich man named **Joseph** put Jesus in his own tomb.

Some of the religious authorities were afraid someone would try to **steal** Jesus' body and fool people into thinking Jesus had been raised from the dead. But he really was!

The word **angel** means "messenger."

## Easter Eggs

Cut out the Easter Eggs. Each egg contains a summary of one of the verses from today's story. See if you can put them in order.



# Empty Spaces

Direct kids to Empty Spaces on the second page of the leaflet. **Well, I bet you know this empty tomb story so well that this will be easy. Close your Bibles! Let's see if we can fill in the blanks without looking. If we need help, we'll look up Matthew 28 again.**

Answer Key

SABBATH

OTHER MARY

EARTHQUAKE

STONE

LIGHTNING

SNOW

WOMEN

AFRAID

JESUS

RAISED

TELL

DEAD

SEE

FEAR

JOY

DISCIPLES

GREETINGS

FEET

AFRAID

GALILEE

SEE

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