

## The Story of the Empty Tomb

**Skit:** An Easter Skit for Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> Grade age children  
*(No reading is necessary, actors repeat lines read by Narrator.)*

**Theme:** The Empty Tomb

**Synopsis:** Jesus had died on the cross a few days before. All of his friends and family members were very sad. Some of them came to the Tomb early on that first Easter Sunday morning. Imagine their surprise when they found the tomb empty!! Where was Jesus' body?! Mary Magdalene cries because she thinks someone has taken Him. Two angels ask her why she is crying. Then she sees Jesus! Jesus is alive! Mary Magdalene runs to tell the disciples the news; "I have seen the Lord!"

### Persons Represented in the Skit:

Narrator  
Mary Magdalene  
The other women (several)  
Two angels  
Jesus, the Risen Christ!  
The disciples (several)

**Setting:** The action takes place in front of and around the Empty Tomb.  
*(A table with a sheet over it makes a lovely empty tomb.)*

**Costumes:** If you have costumes, they can be as simple as large pieces of cloth placed over their shoulders and belted or tied at the waist.

**Notes:** This is a very simplified version of the verses in John 20:11-16 (NIV). The Narrator reads all of the lines, with Mary Magdalene, the angels, and Jesus repeating their lines after the Narrator as desired. The children act out the story as it is told. (The Director may need to give instructions during the skit.) At the end, everyone says "Jesus is Alive! Happy Easter!"

This simple skit is designed for learning about the story in class. For fun, you might do a "performance" for family members in your classroom. *(With punch and cookies afterwards!)* ☺

### **EASTER SKIT – The Story of the Empty Tomb**

**NARRATOR:** Jesus had died on the cross just a few days earlier. All of His family and friends were sad. After He died, He had been buried in a tomb. His family and friends missed Him very much!

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some other women went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away!

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she cried, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

**ANGELS:** Woman, why are you crying?

**NARRATOR:** "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

**MARY:** They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have put him.

**NARRATOR:** At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

**JESUS:** Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?

**NARRATOR:** Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

**MARY:** Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said to her, "Mary."

**JESUS:** Mary.

**NARRATOR:** Now Mary recognized Him. It was Jesus! He was alive!

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NARRATOR: Mary Magdalene ran to tell the disciples the news: "I have seen the Lord!"

MARY: I have seen the Lord!

NARRATOR: Now all of Jesus' friends and family were happy!

EVERYONE: Jesus is Alive! Happy Easter!

**THE END**