



## GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

(Luke 22: 23; 24: 1-9)

Even though Jesus only does good deeds, He is arrested. Influential men accuse Him of wanting to become king. Jesus does not defend Himself against these accusations. He is nailed to the cross, suffers and dies. His disciples and all their friends are very sad. They put Him into a grave inside a rocky cave and seal the entrance with a large, round boulder. Three days later, several women visit the grave site. They start out early in the morning. When they arrive, they find that the heavy boulder has been rolled away. Through the now-opened entrance, they go inside the cave, but it is empty. They are very sad, when suddenly, two angels appear and say: "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is resurrected and lives! Think about what He told you - they will crucify me, but on the third day I will arise." The women think this over. Then they rush back to the city to tell the disciples about this happy event.

**The children are happy that Jesus lives. He is stronger than death.**

- ▶ The instructors can create the scene at the empty grave with simple materials and act out the happenings of the story with play figures.
- V. 37 ▶ Create a puzzle showing the women, the empty grave, the angels and the resurrected Christ. By putting the puzzle together, the children experience how the situation becomes clearer. (The women slowly understand why everything had to happen and that Jesus lives)
- IV. 13 ▶ The children color or make an angel.





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