
Lesson 18: Jesus Rises From the Dead

BIG IDEA

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Matthew 27:59, 66; 28:1-10 (paraphrase)

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Teacher Preparation

Read Scripture

- ☐ Matthew 27: 59, 66; 28: 1-10 in your Bible
- ☐ Matthew 27: 59, 66; 28: 1-10 paraphrase (on page 191)

Read *Meet Jesus Book*

- ☐ Chapter 18 – Jesus Rises From the Dead

Print Resources

- ☐ APPENDIX 18.1 – Print 1 set for the whole class.
- ☐ APPENDIX 2.2 – Print 1 set for the whole class (or reuse from earlier lesson).
- ☐ APPENDIX 18.2 – Print 1 for whole class (in A3 if possible) and a further 1 for each pair of students in A4.
- ☐ APPENDIX 18.3 – Print 1 for teacher's reference.
- ☐ APPENDIX 18.4 – Print 1 copy of the text for each student. There are 2 per page.
- ☐ APPENDIX 1.5 - Reuse print from lesson one.

Other Equipment

- ☐ Whiteboard / table
- ☐ Whiteboard markers

Activate Prior Knowledge and Build Vocabulary

APPENDIX 18.1 – Print 1 set for the whole class.

Display pictures.

Write on the board:

- ☐ What do you see?
- ☐ What do you think?
- ☐ What do you wonder?

Attach the corresponding icons (eyes, thinker, ?) next to each question.

Invite students to respond.

Clarify and build vocabulary.

Pre-teach relevant vocabulary

Tomb: a place where a dead body is placed

Sealed: blocked and locked shut

Angel: a messenger (heavenly being) sent from God

Disciple: a follower of Jesus

Predict the Content

Say, 'In this text, two women visit Jesus' tomb.'

Ask, 'What do you think will happen?'

Read and Comprehend

Depending on the level of your students you might:

- ☐ Read the passage of scripture to them;
- ☐ Direct them to read the passage of scripture in English;
- ☐ Direct them to read the passage of scripture in their heart language; or
- ☐ Read the passage of scripture later in the lesson.

OWN HEART LANGUAGE

Depending on the level of your students, you might like to invite them to read the passage in their heart language.

Visit bible.com or biblegateway.com to find a number of international translations.

Activities

Activity 1: Words and pictures

APPENDIX 18.2 – Print 1 for whole class (in A3 if possible) and a further 1 for each pair of students in A4.

APPENDIX 18.3 – Print 1 for teacher's reference.

Display the A3 sheet of sketches.

Teacher/helper reads text aloud. While reading, teacher or a helper points to correlating symbol.

Turn the text over and collaboratively retell the story.

Activity 2: Reading in pairs

APPENDIX 18.4 – Print 1 copy of the text for each student. There are 2 per page.

Give a copy of the text to each student. Students read through silently.

Invite students to ask for help with unknown vocabulary.

In pairs students re-read the story aloud to each other.

Activity 3: Telling the story from pictures

APPENDIX 18.2 – Print 1 for whole class (in A3 if possible) and a further 1 for each pair of students in A4.

Give out an A4 sketch sheet to each pair.

Without the text, students retell the story using the sketch sheet as a prompt.

? Invite Curiosity

APPENDIX 1.5 - Reuse print from lesson one.

Place the ? on the table and ask:

- ☐ Are there any new words?
- ☐ What questions might someone have about this text?
- ☐ What comments might someone have about the text?

💬 An Important Question

Ask, 'What does this text say about Jesus?'

! Concluding Statement

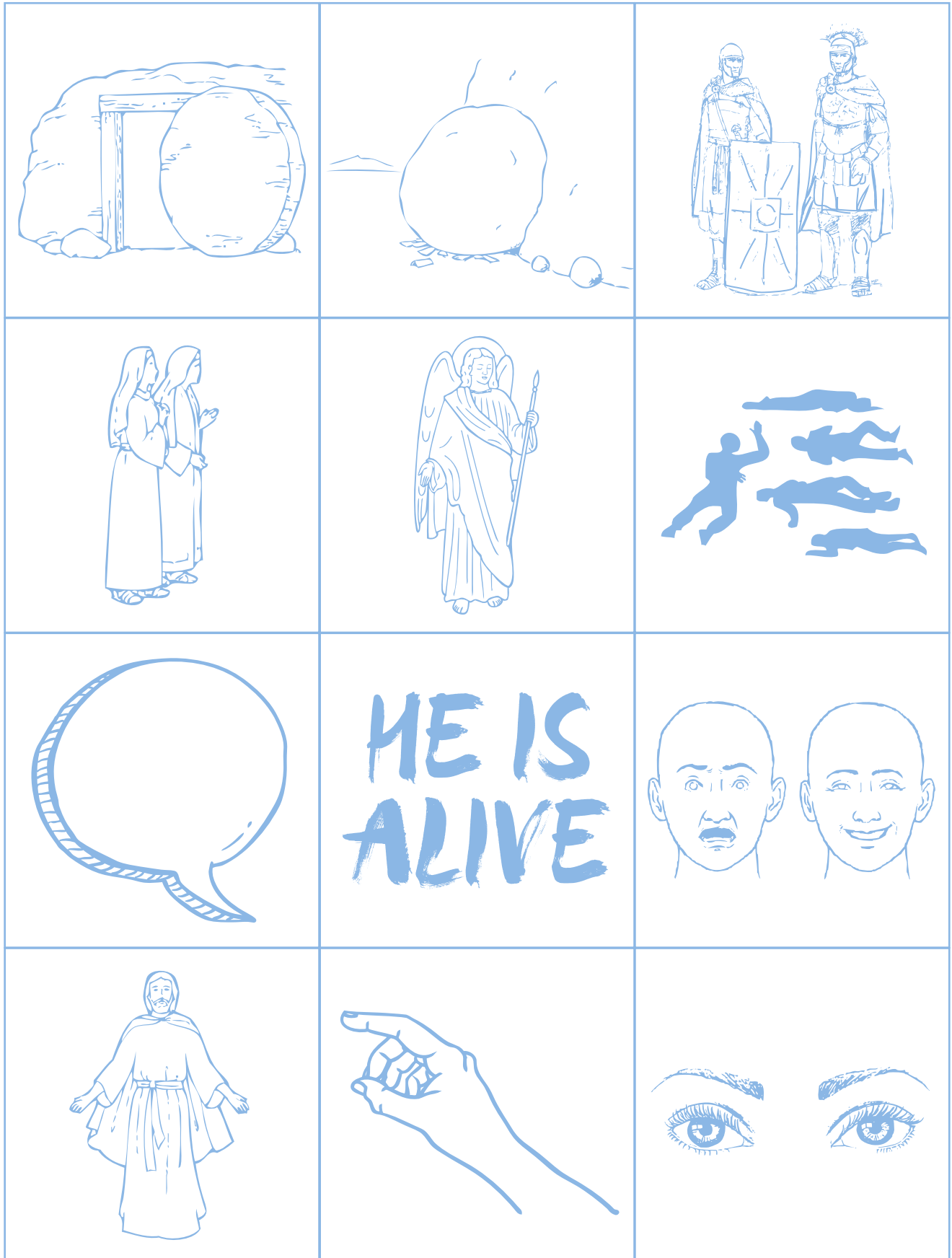
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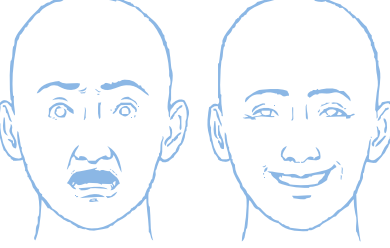





Sketches - storytelling aid to illustrate the text



Symbols and text for teacher

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 <p>After the day of rest had finished, two women went to the tomb.</p>	 <p>There was an earthquake and an angel appeared. He rolled the large stone away and sat on top of it.</p>	 <p>The soldiers were frightened. They fell to the ground and could not move.</p>
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