

THE EMPTY TOMB.

'They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus'

- Luke 24:2



GATHER

Lord, You are the source of all life because You are life itself. The empty tomb gives me the hope of being

raised from the dead to rejoice with You forever in heaven. Thank you for Your presence in my life. I love

You, and I want to follow You with all my heart and live as You want me to.

Be with me now, and inspire me. Amen

Play - Each young person takes off one of their shoes and places it into a pile in the middle of the room.

The group are then divided into Team Peter and Team John. Each team starts at either side of the

PROCLAIM

and when they here the instruction "Go!" they race to the centre, find their shoe, run back to their starting point and put their shoe back on. As soon as the whole team have completed the task the team shout

Jesus Has Risen - Luke 24:1-12
"He's alive!" and are the winners of the race to the empty tomb.

1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " 8 Then they remembered his words.

9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

BREAK

Watch - Peter and John and the Empty Tomb - <https://youtu.be/wmTzBibpOal>

Draw - Role out a roll of wallpaper and ask a young person to lie down whilst another member of the group draws around them with a marker pen to make the outline of a disciple (can do multiple people/groups)

Ask - Young People place themselves into the shoes of the disciples when they first heard that Jesus was gone from the tomb. What were your first thoughts? How did you feel when you arrived at the tomb?

What

had your heard about Jesus rising from the dead? When you realised that Jesus was alive and that you would see him again how did you feel? What did this mean for the future?

Invite - Young people write or draw their thoughts and feelings inside the outline of the disciple.



Encourage them to be creative and really imagine that they are experiencing the empty tomb for themselves.

Add - If you have extra time then you could ask one of the young people to play the role of Peter or John in the hot seat whilst other members of the group ask them questions about what it was like to know Jesus, to follow him and to experience the resurrection

SEND

Re-read Scripture Passage: Luke 24:1-12

Lord, we thank-you for the gift of your Son Jesus, and for His suffering and death. The joy brought to all

humankind by his Resurrection continues today. We remember the witness of the women who did not believe. We take time to think of the times when we have not been true believers and witnesses to

Your

love.

Pause for a moment of reflection.

We are grateful for Your everlasting love and eternal mercy. We pray for the strength to go out and live with the joy of the resurrection in our hearts and minds.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

Amen

