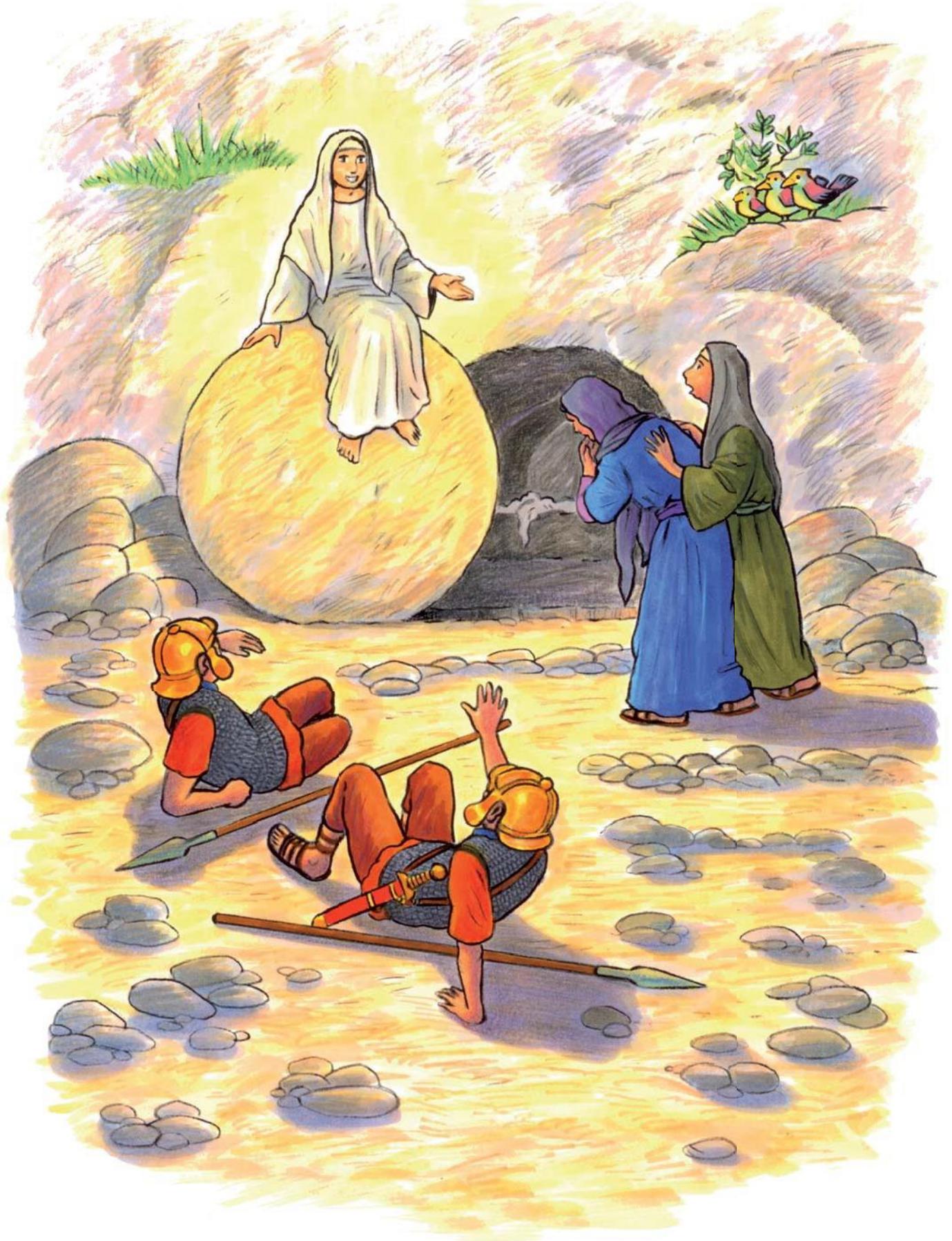


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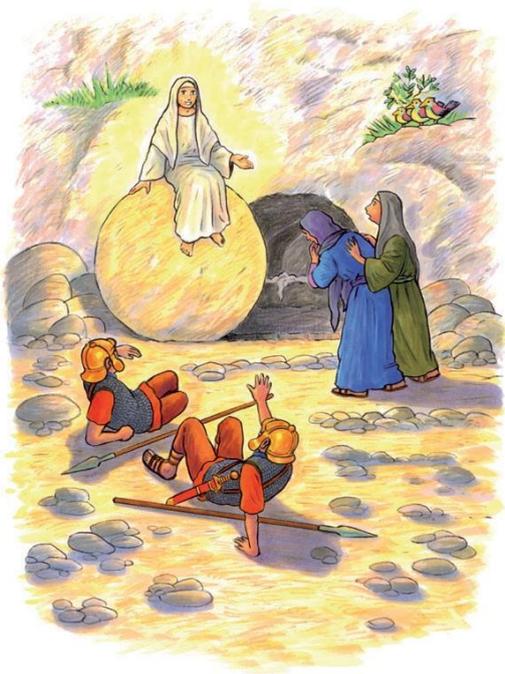
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Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ When Mary Magdalene and Mary went to Jesus' grave it was empty. Jesus had arisen.■ Through Jesus' resurrection God has also given us hope. We too can have eternal life.
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The angel's clothes were as white as snow and he shone very brightly. The guards stationed at Jesus' grave fell to the ground with fear.

The angel told the women, "Do not be afraid. You seek Jesus who was crucified but He is not here. He has risen just as He said. Look in the tomb. Go and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead. He will meet them in Galilee."

The women joyfully went out of the tomb to tell the disciples the message they heard.

Just as they were leaving, Jesus appeared to them.

They held Him by His feet and worshipped Him.

Jesus told them, "Do not be afraid. Tell My disciples to go to Galilee and they will see Me there."

Jesus died on the cross. Jesus' body was placed in a tomb and sealed with a stone. Pilate also commanded that guards keep the tomb secure so no one could steal Jesus' body.

After the first Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and Mary went to Jesus' tomb.

The earth shook and there was a great earthquake. An angel came down from heaven and rolled away the stone in front of Jesus' grave.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise, a white garment for the angel; the door is like the stone, swords, helmets....

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What do the women experience at the grave?
(An angel comes down from heaven and rolls away the stone. He speaks with them.)
- How do the guards feel?
(They fall to the ground with fear. Probably they believe in His power).
- What does the angel say?
(Jesus has risen. Go and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead.)
- How do you think the women feel? (They believe the angel and are filled with joy.)

Have the children repeat...

- When Mary Magdalene and Mary went to Jesus' grave, it was empty.
- Jesus had arisen.
- Through Jesus' resurrection, God has given us hope. We too can have eternal life.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus also lives today! How can we be sure of this?
(If we believe in Him, we will experience how He gives us strength in all circumstances.)
- That gives us courage and power.
- What is necessary for this? (That we give Him room in our heart.)

Repeat the Message
Jesus Christ, the Son of God, conquered death and rose
from the dead.