

Bible Story: Luke 24:1-12

Main Idea: When the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they knew exactly what they were going to find and they were prepared. They were ready to roll away the big heavy stone that protected the tomb. And they were ready for who would be there when they got the stone moved. A tomb is a place where people who have died were laid, and this tomb was given to Jesus, whom they loved and followed. So, they brought anointing oils to say goodbye to their friend together and to honor who he was in his life.

But when they showed up—the stone was already rolled away and Jesus was not there dead, but he was among the living. The tomb was empty, which was the best surprise. Jesus' resurrection, or coming back to life after death, helped them see clearly that Jesus is God. And we believe that we share in that great surprise with Jesus after our death in heaven. Alleluia! Christ is risen! What good news!

Activity: On the next page you can use the paper to create a surprise egg or tomb. Fold the paper so the lines meet making an oval shape, leaving a secret area of paper behind the egg shape. Then decorate the outside in an expected way (a dyed Easter Egg or a rock tomb)—then on the inside “hidden” section, draw something unexpected. When you're done show people your art and watch their joy as you open it up to share the surprise—and imagine the joy of the women and the disciples on the first Easter.

