

## LESSON 4 THE RESURRECTION EXPERIENCE IT! SCRIPT

Once kids are gathered, tiptoe onto the stage area like a detective hunting for clues. Have fun with the discovery of the three clue boxes! Maybe while tracking footprints, you bump into the first box. You try to lift it, but it's too heavy. Perhaps you observe the outside of the second box for fingerprints. Maybe you pick up the third one and gently rattle it to hear what's inside. When the kids' interest is sufficiently piqued, take notice of them, squint your eyes a bit like you're deep in thought, scratch your chin, and say, "Hmmm." Then announce: **Jesus was missing!**

Pace back and forth like you're thinking it out. **These are the facts: After Jesus died to make the way from slavery to freedom and from death to life, His body was taken from the cross, wrapped in linen cloths, and placed in a nearby tomb. The tomb was in a garden. A large stone was placed in front of the tomb's entrance. Jesus had died on a Friday. The next day was the Sabbath day of rest, which ended at sundown. Stop pacing. Then early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark ... that's when everything got ... mysterious.**

**On that dark Sunday morning, a woman named Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. Mary was one of Jesus' friends and followers. She was very—oh, what's the word?** Act sad and encourage the kids to name the feeling by shouting it out. **Sad. Mary was very sad about Jesus' death. His followers had put so much hope in Him. How could He be dead?**

**When Mary got to the tomb** (head to the first box), **there was the first clue!** Open the first clue box to reveal a stone. Hold it up, and in your best shocked/dramatic voice, say: **The stone had been moved from the entrance. Mary ran to tell Peter and John, two of Jesus' disciples. Peter and John ran to the tomb. John got there first. He bent down and looked inside. And there** (go to the second box) **was the second clue!** Open the second clue box to reveal folded linen cloths. **The linen cloths were lying there ... but Jesus' body was gone! What was going on?! When Peter showed up, he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths and the funeral cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. It was lying in its place undisturbed. Why would grave robbers take time to leave the cloth so neatly wrapped? John came inside the tomb and saw the same thing. Peter and John were very—oh, what's the word?** Act confused until the kids say, "Confused." **Confused.** Scratch your chin and say, "Hmmm." **Jesus was missing!**

**Peter and John went back to the place where they were staying, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. Remember she was—oh, what's the word?** Act sad until the kids say, "Sad." **Sad. Mary bent over to look in the tomb and through watery eyes saw something unexpected: the third clue!** Open the third clue box and then jump back like a really bright light just shone into your face from inside the box. **Whoa, that's bright! Take another peek. Whoa, my eyes! It's hard to see, but ...** Peer inside box. **Two angels dressed in white were sitting where Jesus'**

**body had been. “Woman, why are you crying?” they asked Mary. She answered, “They have taken my Lord away. ... I don’t know where they have put him” (John 20:13). Scratch your chin and say, “Hmmm.” Jesus was missing!**

Have an adult volunteer sneak onstage behind you with the fourth box labeled “The Final Clue” and place it somewhere kids can see it. The volunteer then exits. Continue the next few lines until the kids point you to the box or you discover it. **What now? We are out of clues. Will we ever solve this mystery?** Make a disgruntled or frustrated face until you see the fourth box: **Oh! The final clue!**

**Then Mary turned around. Someone else was standing behind her. Who was it? The gardener? Mary couldn’t tell. The man asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?” Mary said, “Sir, did you carry him away? Tell me where you put him. Then I will go and get him” (John 20:15). She just wanted to know where Jesus’ body was. Then the man said ... (open “The Final Clue” box) “Mary.” He said her name. “Mary.”**

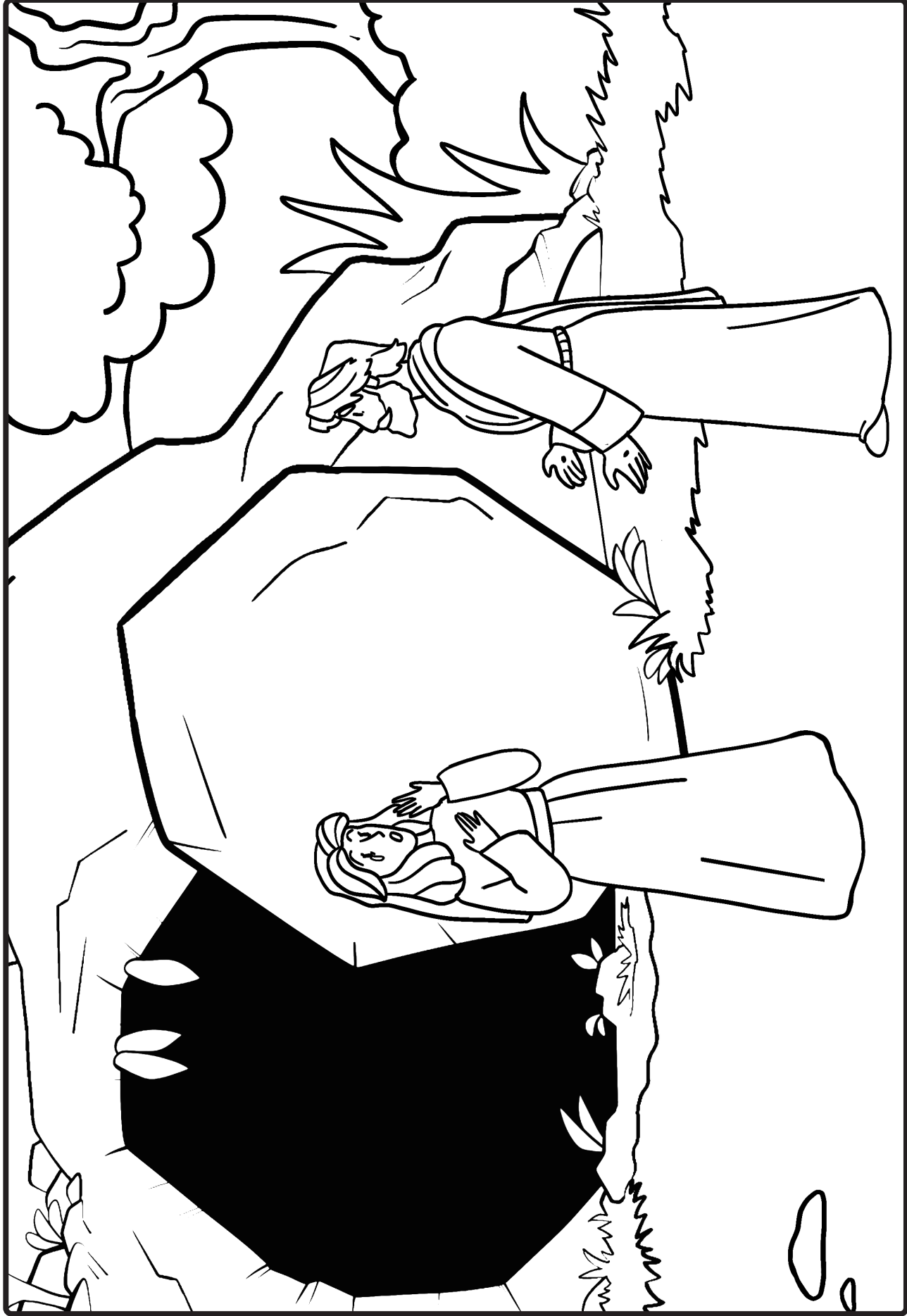
**Mary knew that voice. She had heard it many times before. It wasn’t the gardener. It was Jesus! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead! He was right there in front of her. Mary cried out, “ ‘Rabboni!’ (which means ‘Teacher’) ” (John 20:16, NIV). She was so—oh, what’s the word? Act really excited until the kids say, “Excited.” Excited to see Jesus. He had died, but now He was alive again!**

**Jesus told Mary to go to those who believe in Him. He said, “Tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God’ ” (John 20:17). Soon the risen Jesus would be with His Father in heaven. Mary went to tell the disciples the incredible news. “She said, ‘I have seen the Lord!’ ” (John 20:18).**

**That night, the disciples were in a room. They had locked the doors because they were—oh, what’s the word? Act afraid until the kids say, “Scared/afraid.” Afraid of the Jewish leaders. But locked doors couldn’t keep out the risen Jesus. He came in and stood among His disciples. Now they saw what Mary had seen. Jesus was alive! He said to them, “May peace be with you!” (John 20:19). Then He showed them His hands and side, which had been pierced on the cross. The disciples were so—oh, what’s the word? Act happy until the kids say, “Happy.” Happy! It’s true: Jesus had really died. But now He was alive again! In His great power, He defeated death and rose from the grave forever. Jesus’ great power can free us from death’s hold too because ... (scratch your chin and say, “Hmmm”) Jesus isn’t missing ... Jesus lives!**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My Favorite Song Today:



Small Group Notes:

Today's Bible Story:



Today's Wonder Truth:



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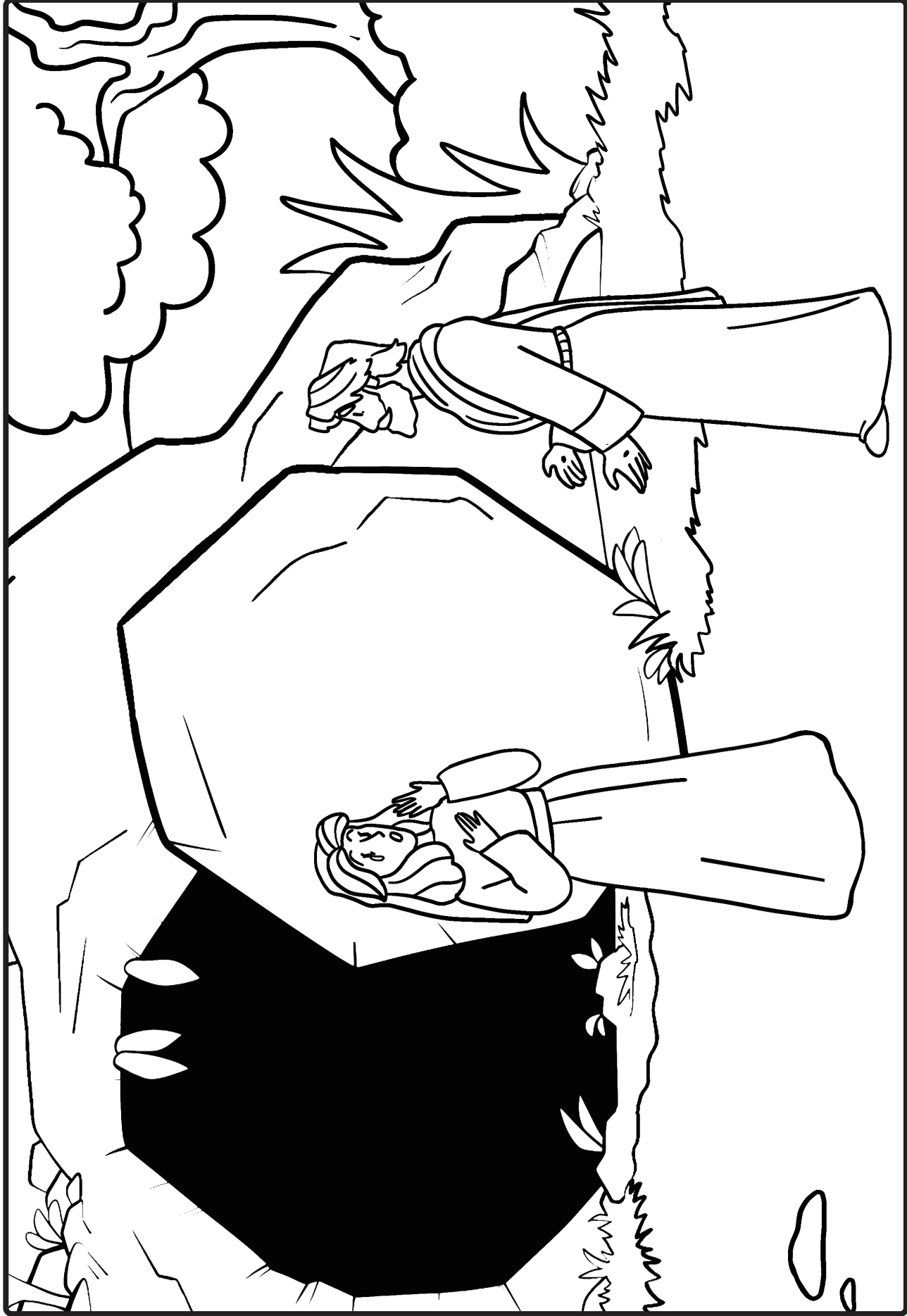
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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My Favorite Song Today:



Draw a picture of Today's Bible Story:

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Today's Wonder Truth:



JESUS

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Word of Wonder:



"I will spend time thinking about everything you have done. I will consider all your mighty acts." —Psalm 77:12

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