

The First Easter

John 19:1–20:10

Text Truth: Jesus did what God sent Him to do

Bible Story: John 19:1–20:10

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:3b,4

Christ in Context: The Book of John reveals Jesus' identity as God in the flesh and describes the eternal, all-knowing, ever-present, and all-powerful nature of Christ.

Bible Skills:

- Hear that the Bible tells about Jesus.
- Listen to brief Bible stories. Point to the Bible and pictures of Jesus.

WHAT HAPPENED AT EASTER

John 19:1–20:10

Jesus' friends were sad. Jesus was not with them anymore.

Jesus' friend Mary Magdalene decided to visit the garden where Jesus' body had been placed.

When Mary Magdalene reached the garden, she saw something strange. The big rock in front of the tomb had been rolled away from the doorway.

Mary Magdalene ran to tell Peter and John about her discovery.

Peter and John ran to see. They looked inside the tomb. All they saw were the white cloths that had been wrapped around Jesus.

Activity

Tape Crosses

Materials Needed: Blue painters tape, finger-paint paper

Place painters tape on finger-paint paper in the shape of a cross.

When children are done painting, help them remove the tape to reveal the cross.

EXTENSION: In advance, write phrases such as He Lives, He is Risen, etc. on the cross.

VARIATION: You could also do this at an art table using finger paint!