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The Resurrection

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Scripture

“But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).” John 20:11-16

Devotion

When I was a little boy I went on a big trip with my parents. On one day of the trip we went to a really large park. It was a lot of fun, but it was also crowded with a lot of people. I was having such a good time, until I wandered away from my parents. Suddenly I wasn't having so much fun. I remember feeling a little scared. I looked around and couldn't find them. I looked here and I looked there, but I couldn't find them anywhere.

Then, like the sweetest sound I could ever imagine, I heard my parents' voices calling my name. I immediately recognized their voices, and I turned in their direction. There they were! They had been watching me the whole time. I ran back into their loving arms.

Mary was one of the first ones to arrive at the empty tomb on that first Resurrection Sunday morning, and she was the last one to leave. She didn't want to leave because she was so sad. Why was she sad? She had been weeping because she thought someone had taken Jesus' body out of the tomb, and she didn't know where his body was laid. At one point she talked with a man she thought was the gardener, but it was really Jesus. However, she didn't recognize it was Jesus - until - she heard the sweetest sound she could ever hear. “Jesus said to her, ‘Mary’.” She immediately recognized his voice calling her name, and she turned to him. She knew it was Jesus, and she was so happy! With joy in her heart and a smile on her face she went back to the disciples and told them “I have seen the Lord!”

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Questions

3-5-yr-olds

How do you feel when you hear your loving parent or grandparent call your name? Do you smile? Do you love to jump in their arms?

1st-3rd graders

Have you ever been unable to find your parents for a little while? How did it make you feel, when you heard them call your name? Can you imagine how Mary felt, when Jesus called her name? How would you respond?

4th-6th graders

Can you imagine what it must have been like to be Mary, when Jesus called her name? Would you love Jesus to call your name? How would you respond to him, even today? Nobody ever trusted Christ until that person heard his or her name called. Have you heard him call your name? If so, then trust him!

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life, and death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for His loving kindness, when He called Mary. What joy she must have felt and known when she heard Jesus call her name. Give us ears to hear You call our name, and fill our hearts with joy!



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