



SESSION 5

BIBLE STORY SKIT

Jesus Lives Forever

Materials: None.

Preparation: None.

Characters

Mary Magdalene: Friend of Jesus

Mary: Mother of Jesus

Joanna: Friend of Jesus

Peter: Friend of Jesus

John: Friend of Jesus

Angel: Messenger from God

Jesus

Scene One: On the road to Jesus' tomb.

Mary Magdalene: So? How are we going to do it?

Mary: It's a very heavy stone.

Joanna: Maybe if we all push together?

Mary Magdalene: Maybe the guards will help us.

Mary: Maybe we should go and get some of the men to help us. Four of the stronger ones should be enough to roll away the stone.

Mary Magdalene: If the guards saw so many men coming, they'd attack first and ask questions later. But maybe the guards will help three women.

Joanna: Yes! We're only going to make sure the body is properly buried. They'll be there the whole time. It's not like we could steal anything.

Mary Magdalene: Are we almost there?

Mary: It's right over there.

Joanna: But where are the guards?

Mary Magdalene: And why is the stone over on the side and not in front of the entrance?

Mary: There's something strange going on here.

Joanna: *(Looks in.)* The body's gone!

Mary Magdalene: I'd better go and tell Peter and John. *(She runs off.)*

Mary: Should we go in?

Joanna: It's awfully dark.

Mary: No it's not. It's light! *(To herself.)* Where did the LIGHT come from?

Angel: *(Enters.)* Who is it that you seek?

Joanna and Mary: Who are you, sir?

Angel: I am an angel of the Lord. Why do you seek for the living among the dead? Do you not remember that He said evil men would kill Him, but on the third day, He would rise again?

Mary: *(Stunned.)* Are you telling us that He's alive?

Joanna: *(Excited.)* Just as He said in Galilee. I remember!

Angel: Go to the disciples and tell them the good news. He's alive.

Joanna and Mary: We will! We will! *(They run off.)*

Scene Two: A room in a house.

(Peter and John are talking quietly in the room. Suddenly, Mary Magdalene enters, out of breath. She pretends to knock on a door as someone offstage knocks on a wall or the floor.)

Peter: Who's banging on the door?

Mary Magdalene: *(Gasping for breath.)* Mary.

Peter: Who?

John: She said, "Mary."

Peter: It could be a trick. Mary who?

Mary Magdalene: *(Gasping for breath.)* Mary . . . *(Gasp.)* Magdalene.

John: It sounds like her. Let her in.

Peter: *(Pretends to open a door.)* Okay. What is it?

Mary Magdalene: *(Gasping for breath.)* Jesus. Tomb. Stone. Gone. Body.

John: Whoa. Whoa. Whoa!

Peter: Pull in your nets, woman. Take a deep breath and start over.

Mary Magdalene: We went to Jesus' tomb. To anoint His body. To give Him a proper burial.

John: How were you women going to move that stone?

Mary Magdalene: We didn't have to. It was already moved.

Peter: Sure it was. With guards all around the tomb?

Mary Magdalene: I'm telling you. The stone was rolled away from the entrance.

John: You must have gone to the wrong place.

Mary Magdalene: No, we didn't. Go! See for yourselves.

Peter: We will! C'mon, John. *(They run off toward the tomb.)*

Peter: *(Puffing while jogging.)* It looks peaceful enough so far.

John: *(Also puffing.)* Try to keep up! But be quiet. We don't want to alert the guards.

Peter: I am being quiet. Just over this hill, we'll see the tomb. Don't get so far ahead.

John: I can see the tomb.

Peter: And?

John: I can't see the guards.

Peter: What?

John: I can't see the guards. They're not there.

Peter: What? Let me see. What's the stone doing way over there?

John: I don't know. *(Moves closer.)*

Peter: Where are you going?

John: To get a better look. C'mon.

Peter: Something strange is happening.

John: C'mon. Maybe Mary was right.

Peter: Slow down. Okay, you got here first and you're blocking the entrance. So what do you see?

John: Nothing.

Peter: What do you mean, "nothing"? Get out of the way. *(Pushes John to the side.)*

John: Well, you don't have to push.

Peter: Look. *(Points.)* Look at the burial cloths!

John: What about them?

Peter: They're still completely wrapped. Just like the body floated out of them. Whoever did this was certainly neat.

John: What? Peter! He's alive! He must be.

Peter: What are you talking about?

John: Jesus is ALIVE! It's the only thing that makes sense!

Peter: He's dead. You saw Him crucified. You saw the spear in His side.

John: But nobody would be able to steal a body and leave the grave clothes this way. He's alive, I tell you!

Peter: Maybe. I want to study this some more.

John: But He's alive! We have to tell the others.

Peter: Just keep quiet. Dead people don't come back to life.

John: What about Lazarus?

Peter: Just keep quiet and let me think. *(They exit.)*

Scene Three: At Jesus' tomb.

Mary Magdalene: *(Sobbing softly.)* Why? Why? Why? *(Jesus enters.)*

Jesus: Why do you weep?

Mary Magdalene: Because somebody took away my Lord. And I don't know where they put Him. *(She sinks to her knees and covers her face with her hands.)*

Jesus: Whom do you seek?

Mary Magdalene: Sir, if you are the gardener and took away my Lord, please tell me where to find Him. Let me take Him to another place so that we can visit His grave.

Jesus: Mary.

Mary Magdalene: *(Looks up, amazed.)* Master?

Jesus: Go and tell My brothers that I am going back to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.

Mary Magdalene: I will. I will. *(She gets up.)* He's alive! He's alive!