

Ages 5-6

## Mark 16:1-7

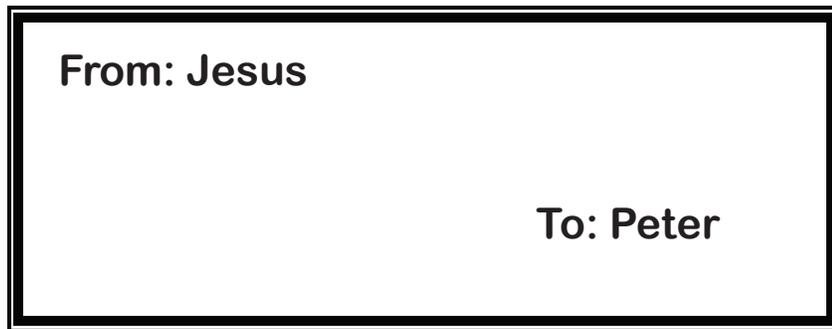
### Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Listening

## GIVE MY FRIENDS A MESSAGE

### Loving



Jesus has a message for you, "I invite you to meet me at church."

### Prayer

Thank you for inviting my family and me to church. I am happy to be with you.  
Alleluia!

### Living

- Put your picture in your room or on the refrigerator to remind you to listen to the messages.
- During the Easter season we sing, "Alleluia" because Jesus has risen to be with us forever. When you say your prayers this week, end them with a big "Alleluia" to show how happy you are that Jesus is with you always.

Ages 7-8

## Mark 16:1-7

### Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Listening

An Easter Alleluia  
Palms they laid across his path.  
Glory to God, Alleluia!  
Condemned him as King of the Jews  
Glory to God, Alleluia!  
Hung him on a cross of wood  
Glory to God, Alleluia!  
Jesus Christ is risen today  
Glory to God, Alleluia!

### Loving

Draw an Easter picture and write the word, ALLELUIA underneath. Share your picture with those in your group as you tell them what Easter means to you.

### Prayer

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Living

- Put your picture in your room or on the refrigerator as your celebration of Easter.
- During the Easter season we sing, "Alleluia" because Jesus has risen to be with us forever. When you say your prayers this week, end them with a big "Alleluia!" to show how happy you are that Jesus is with you always.

Ages 9-11

## Mark 16:1-7

### Invitation to Prayer

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### Listening

Read this Easter poem and reflect on its meaning for a little while.

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Palms they laid across his path.  
Glory to God, Alleluia!  
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Jesus Christ is risen today  
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### Loving

During Lent you prepared for Easter. Now the Church celebrates Easter.

- At Easter we renew our baptismal vows with the rest of the community. Share with each other one meaning of Baptism.
- We also sing Alleluia throughout this season. Share with each other your favorite kind of praise to God.
- There are many ways to celebrate Easter. Share one way your family celebrates this great Church event.

### Prayer

Pray that the joy and peace of Easter will last all year, especially for those who are in war torn countries or who experience violence in our own country. As each one shares his or her prayer for peace and joy, respond with, "Lord, hear our prayer."

### Living

- Write three action statements, one for each part of the Creed that is said as we renew our baptismal vows.

I will show I believe in God the Father by \_\_\_\_\_.

I will show I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son by \_\_\_\_\_.

I will show I believe in the Holy Spirit by \_\_\_\_\_.

Ages 12-14

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### Invitation to Prayer

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### Listening

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

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### Loving

Quietly think about how you would have felt if you were with the women going to the tomb that morning. Would you have been alarmed when you saw an angel in a white robe in the tomb? Would you have a hard time believing Jesus had been raised? How do you think the Apostles and Peter will react to the news that he is going to Galilee to meet them?

### Prayer

Pray for all who seek the peace and joy of Easter. End your prayers with, "Lord, hear our prayer."

### Living

Have a conversation with members of your family to discuss the message of Easter. Share a way you can be messengers of this Good News.