

DANGEROUS CAMPING



Sunday Morning Pod Bible Time

 **Luke 24:1-8**

WHERE ARE WE GOING TODAY?

Jesus had said he would rise from the dead. The women remembered this when they saw the empty tomb and heard the angels' words.

YOU WILL NEED

- A tray of 15 small objects (they can be anything – a tent peg, an apple, a blade of grass...).
- A towel to cover the tray.
- Printouts of the Bible passage with illustrations (one for each person).





Let's go!

Pray: Ask someone to pray to start.



Intro activity

- Get out the covered tray of objects. Don't show the objects to the group yet. Instead, only you get to look at them, as you tell the group what they are. The group then have to tell you the objects they remember. Finally, show the group the 15 objects. What did they miss?
- *Make the link: In today's story some friends of Jesus are reminded of what Jesus had said to them before he died. It's only now that they remember and understand what he had said.*



Passage

- Where we are in the Bible: On Friday evening, just before sunset, Jesus' dead body was taken down from the cross and laid in an empty tomb, with a stone rolled across the door. It's now Sunday morning and the sun is just coming up...
- Look out for the surprises. How many surprises can you spot?
- Read the passage.

¹Very early on the first day of the week, the women came to the tomb where Jesus' body was laid. They brought the spices they had prepared. ²They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance of the tomb. ³They went in, but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, two men in shining clothes suddenly stood beside them. ⁵The women were very afraid; they bowed their heads to the ground. The men said to the women, "Why are you looking for a living person here? This is a place for the dead. ⁶Jesus is not here. He has risen from death! Do you remember what he said in Galilee? ⁷He said that the Son of Man must be given to evil men, be killed on a cross, and rise from death on the third day." ⁸Then the women remembered what Jesus had said.

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Questions for your group

1. Imagine the moment when God told the two angels about the job they had to do that day. Can you think of two or three things God gave them to do? *This is just a bit of fun. There are no wrong answers! The aim is to get quiet children talking, to build confidence.*
2. Discuss in your family, or as a couple of families together: What different things did you spot that surprised the group of women? *Ask all the children. Don't allow any child to give more than one surprise.*
3. According to the angels, what had Jesus told them to expect? And which of these things had already happened? *Get the children looking at v 6–7. Ask a dad to read them out loud again before you ask for answers.*

4. Discuss in your family, or as a couple of families together: If Jesus had already told the women to expect all of this, why were they so surprised? Do you think you would have done anything differently to the women? *Try to get a discussion going. Can the children (and dads) see that knowing/understanding something doesn't always mean that we believe it? Would they have believed that Jesus would rise from the dead? Would they have believed that Jesus would even die?*
5. To finish: how many of these surprises or reasons to forget are still true for us today? *How many of these surprises still surprise you? How much of what the women had forgotten (from what Jesus had promised them) do we still forget?*

Does anyone have any questions, or thoughts, or surprises that they want to share?



Prayer suggestion: What do you want to thank God for? What is surprising or brilliant about this story? What is the best thing that happened in this story? Is there something you want to ask God for?

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