



**Resurrection Sunday**  
**April 17, 2022**  
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**Kids: The Jesus Storybook Bible - "God's Wonderful Surprise"**

**TEXT: John 20:11-18 → The story isn't over...**

*11-13 11 Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. 12 She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. 13 "Dear woman, why are you crying?" the angels asked her.*

*"Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put him."*

**When the story looks like it is over...we can lose sight of hope.**

- Mary wept bc she believed that her Savior was dead & gone forever... **SHE LOST SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- The pain of our present circumstances covers up our ability to see the future.
- Your parents are fighting... **YOU LOSE SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- You can't get things right... **YOU LOSE SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- You make bad choice... **YOU LOSE SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- You are afraid of sickness... COVID-19... **YOU LOSE SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- You have mean friends... **YOU LOSE SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- Your pet dies... **YOU LOSE SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- Mom or dad is mad at you... **YOU LOSE SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- You feel like you don't fit in... **YOU LOSE SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- Your family doesn't have enough money... **YOU LOSE SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- You feel like you've been... **CANCELED!! YOU LOSE SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- We've all sinned... hurt God... and we know it deep down in our hearts... **WE'VE LOST SIGHT OF HOPE.**
- When we feel the pain... we lose sight of hope. A lot like how this paint covers up HOPE.

*14-16 14 She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. 15 "Dear woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who are you looking for?"*

*She thought he was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him."*

*16 "Mary!" Jesus said.*

*She turned to him and cried out, "Rabboni!" (which is Hebrew for "Teacher").*

**...but the story ISN'T over?**

- When we lose sight of hope... sometimes it is a process to gain sight again.
- God works in processes... and Mary didn't recognize Jesus right away... she thought he was a gardener!

- We must learn to take notice of the small signs...bc the small signs point to someone bigger...JESUS!
  - The small sign of Mary thinking Jesus was a Gardener...is actually a BIG sign bc God WAS the original Gardener in the Garden of Eden...where God cultivated more than plants....but LIFE ITSELF.
  - When we He calls our names, HOPE is revealed.
  - Only the master gardener can turn your grave into a garden once again!
  - This doesn't mean things are the same...things do CHANGE...

**17-1817** *“Don't cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”*

*18 Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.*

**Our story, isn't over because Jesus isn't dead. He's alive, and so is our hope!**

- Jesus warns Mary that things are different now...he isn't here to STAY. He is here to commission her/them.
  - Jesus has defeated sin & death.
  - The world needs to hear this word!
- When God resurrects our lives...or something in our life...it is always for His mission!
- HOPE was ALWAYS there, but we couldn't see it or feel it...but it was THERE. GOD WAS IN CONTROL!

**If you need help seeing HOPE again this morning...**

**→ I believe Jesus died, rose again, forgives my sin, & restores my hope. Help me to live for him!**

**TALK ABOUT IT - Questions to GROW through with family, friends, & myself.**

1. What stories in my life feel have caused me to lose sight of hope?
2. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important in the Christian faith?
3. How does Jesus' resurrection change the ending of MY story/ies?
4. Who needs to know the story is not over? What is Jesus asking me to share?
5. **PRAYER:** Father, I believe Jesus died, rose again, & forgives me of my sin. Help me to live for Jesus!

**LINKS / RESOURCES:**

- The Gospel Project for Kids: Jesus' Crucifixion & Resurrection: <https://youtu.be/X69BRjpALSE>
- Saddleback Kids: The Story of Easter (Jesus' Sacrifice): <https://youtu.be/HL8R158Ujp4>
- Bible Project Luke 24: Jesus' Crucifixion & Resurrection: <https://youtu.be/Vb24Lk1Oh5M>
- Book: "The Jesus Storybook Bible," by Sally Lloyd-Jones

**QUOTES / SONGS:**

- "Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection." - Watchman Nee

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