# THE TOMB IS EMPTY!

## CENTRAL TRUTH

As we will see this week, Jesus's death is not the end of the story. As Mary and a couple of the disciples discovered, the tomb was empty. Sin, death, and evil have been conquered—

**Jesus reigns victorious as the risen King.**

## KEY QUESTION

↑ **Why does Jesus's ascension matter?**

Though Jesus ascended to the right hand of God—a place of total authority and power—He did not abandon His people. Just as Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit indwells His people. Now, Jesus works through His people by the power of the Spirit.

## KEEP IN MIND

▌ It may be helpful to unpack why Jesus's resurrection is historically reliable. Using this week's **History Note** to assist you, walk students through some of Jesus's post-resurrection appearances. Jesus is alive, and this is a truth we can put our confidence in.

▌ Jesus gave Mary an assignment: share the news that He is alive. We're called to participate in this work as well. Students may find themselves nervous to talk to others about Jesus, not knowing where to begin. Remind them that we're not left to do this alone; the Holy Spirit is with us as we share Jesus's story and how His story has transformed our story.

## APPLICATION

→ **What is the work Jesus gave Mary to do? How do we participate in this work?**

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT**: This week, the win for students is to know that Jesus reigns victorious as the risen King who gives new life to those who believe in Him.

**FOR THE LEADER**: Like Mary, we're called to share the hope of the risen Jesus with those around us. The win for leaders this week is to encourage students to look for opportunities to share the good news with others.

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**7 ARROWS**

↻ What does this passage say?

↑ What does this passage tell us about God?

← What did this passage mean to its original audience?

↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?

↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?

↶ How does this passage prompt me to pray?

→ What does this passage demand of me?