



ELEMENTARY

Week of November 1

Bible Story: Jesus is Alive (Matthew 27:27 – 28:10)

The Jesus Storybook Bible (JSB): God's Wonderful Surprise (310-317)

BIG Idea: Jesus rose from the dead, so I can find new life in Him.

Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/XOgKAuEpcE>

THE BIG BIBLE STORY

After Jesus died, Joseph, a follower of Jesus, took His body and wrapped it in cloths. He took Jesus' body and placed it in his own tomb, which is like a small cave, and rolled a giant stone over the entrance. And when I say "giant," (*have your child spread arms fully out*) I mean GIANT! Pretend like you are the giant, immovable stone.

Wow—you won't even budge! And get this—the stone they rolled in front of Jesus' tomb was even bigger, heavier, and more immovable than you! In fact, the stone that was used would have weighed about 2–3 thousand pounds! Whoa! Now that's a BIG rock!

That wasn't the only thing keeping Jesus in the tomb, though. The Roman leaders were worried that the disciples might try to steal Jesus' body and pretend like He had come back to life. So, they sent a bunch of soldiers to guard the tomb and make sure no one could mess with it. These were probably the biggest and baddest guards they could find. Show me your meanest look and give me a "grrrr." (*prompt your child to "grrr"*) No, you've got to be meaner than that—try again! No, I mean so mean that your grandma won't even give you a hug! That's more like it!

Even though these guards were the biggest and baddest around, something happened to make them run like a couple of scaredy-cats. Three days after Jesus died, an angel appeared at the tomb. His body was as bright as lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The angel rolled back the ginormous, immovable stone all by himself. Can you imagine how the soldiers reacted? The Bible says they freaked out and fainted! (*have your child freak out and faint.*)

While this was happening, Mary, the mother of Jesus, and some other women arrived at the tomb. The women were going to put perfume on Jesus' body, but when they got to the tomb, the stone was already rolled away and the angel was sitting on top of it. Listen to what the angel told the women. (*Open Bible to Matthew 28:5–6 and read aloud.*) "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here! He has risen, just as he said he would! Come and see the place where he was lying." (*Close Bible.*)

Jesus was ALIVE! The women rushed off to find the other disciples and tell them the news. Before they got too far, though, they ran into Jesus himself. And when they saw Him, they fell to His feet and worshipped Him.

BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

- Why do you think the women worshipped Jesus when they saw Him?
- How do you think your life is different because Jesus rose from the dead?
- JSB Question: Would you have been frightened to see that Jesus was not in the tomb?

BIG BIBLE STORY ACTIVITIES

Journal: Write out your favorite part of the Easter Story. At the bottom of the page, write "Best Story Ever!" to remind yourself how important this story is to you.

Art: Draw a picture of Jesus after He rose from the dead and write the word "ALIVE" underneath it.