



Jesus Lives!

A Holy Week/Easter Children's Sermon
to Accompany the Distribution
of the MLT Easter Puzzle Magnet

Good morning, girls and boys! And Happy Easter to you all. I brought a Easter present for each of you, today, and I am very excited to share these with you. I've brought you Easter magnets. As you can see, each large magnet breaks into five pieces, like a puzzle. Before I hand them out, I would like to tell you about each piece.

The first and largest piece is the cross. (Face the back/black side of the cross to the children.) We may feel sad when we look at this dark cross, because we know that Jesus went to the cross to die for us. He gave up his life and paid the price for each and every one of our sins.

They placed Jesus' body in a tomb. (Show the second magnet piece: the tomb.) The King of heaven and earth had truly come to die in our place. The tomb was sealed shut for three days.

Early on the morning of the third day (show the third magnet piece: Mary), women came with spices to anoint Jesus body. They came to say their last good-byes.

What the women saw truly surprised them. (Show the fourth magnet piece: the angel.) An angel sat upon the tomb. "Why are you looking for Jesus here?" the angel asked them. "Didn't he tell you that he must die. Didn't he say he would rise again on the third day?" The women could not believe the news...even coming from an angel!

But then Mary saw Jesus (reveal the Jesus magnet piece) with her own eyes. She saw for herself that the Lord had risen, just as he said he would. "Go tell everyone," Jesus told Mary. Soon the news of Jesus resurrection was spreading around the world!

That great and glorious news is ours to share, too! We know that Jesus died, but we've heard the first-hand account of his rising! The sad news of the cross turns into the greatest news of all. (Show the "Jesus Lives" side of the cross magnet.) Jesus lives! And because he lives, we will rise to live forever with him, too. Take this magnet gift, boys and girls, and share the Easter news that Jesus lives! Alleluia!