Easter!

Before you start find a rock that can fit in your hand.
Previous items needed: Jesus, road, woman/Mary, tomb backdrop, (“Get Ready to Worship Card”)

Come close to this story of Jesus. Wait...
Something has changed.

Lay out the white felt underlay.
Unroll the road from left to right on the white underlay.

The road looks the same, but something has changed. Hmmm...

Place Mary on the road.
Place background of tomb in the box at the end of the underlay.

Mary was on the road to go to the tomb where Jesus had been buried.

Everyone who loved Jesus, like Mary, was very sad that he had been crucified.

Move Mary down the road toward the tomb.

It was very early in the morning. When she reached the tomb, something had changed. The stone that was to protect Jesus’ body had been rolled away!

Roll the stone or rock in your hand and in front of the tomb.

The tears she had been crying became even worse and everything became blurry. How could someone take Jesus?

Take a moment to comfort Mary.
Move the angel in front of the tomb.

Mary yelped as someone else answered her question! An angel said, “Do not be afraid, Jesus has risen!”

Put Jesus in place of the angel and set the angel aside.

“Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?”

Place Mary next to Jesus.

Mary had been looking for Jesus and she found him... ALIVE! That moment changed Mary, the other women, the disciples, and it can change you!

Jesus was alive!
He had risen from the dead!
He had been resurrected!
He was alive! Indeed!

If you know the tune to “Amen,” sing together!
Feel free to dance, raise your hands, and celebrate!

Shout! “Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Indeed!”
Wondering with God’s Story

I wonder...
how Mary felt to see Jesus’ body gone?
how Mary felt to see Jesus again?
how Jesus felt to see Mary?
how you feel when you are excited?

Continue Working with God’s Stories... 

While the season of Lent has come to a close, The Easter Season lasts for 50 days. You have many of the tools to continue to faithfully worship and learn at home as a family. You have a candle to light, a white underlay for Easter, access to Bible stories, and faithful questions to ponder. Here are some of the stories you can write and tell with the pieces you already have acquired.

The Road to Emmaus (Two Disciples, Jesus, Road)
The Commissioning of the 12 Disciples (Jesus, Disciples, Mountain Backdrop)
Doubting Thomas (Table, Jesus, Disciples)
The Ascension of Jesus (Jesus, Adults, Mountain Backdrop)

What other stories can you tell? What other items can you create to tell more? (Red underlay for Pentecost? Green underlay for other stories? Cut outs?)

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John 20:1
(Common English Version)

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.
**Puzzle Piece**
Take this FINAL piece of the puzzle and color and cut it out. Glue, tape or staple it to the matching piece from the first week.

**Family Prayer**
There are so many ways to pray. This week’s prayer challenge is to write a family prayer that shares with God why you are grateful for the Easter story.

I/We are grateful for the story of Easter because

_____________________________________________
_____________________________________________
_____________________________________________

___________________ Thank you for your son, Jesus Amen.

**Tech/Text God’s Messages Daily**
Holy Week, wearesparkhouse, [https://youtu.be/ipAcuR-NiYc](https://youtu.be/ipAcuR-NiYc)
(For Fun): Kids Tell the Story of Easter, Jimmy Kimmel, [https://youtu.be/Tig2ddQyzbo](https://youtu.be/Tig2ddQyzbo)

Reflect on this image: Visual Faith: [https://vibrantfaith.org/visualfaith/](https://vibrantfaith.org/visualfaith/)

What story does this image tell?
As you read the scripture for this week, how is this image helping you understand this passage in a new way?