

## Activity for Years 3-4 on 11<sup>th</sup> April , 2010

### Theme of the Lesson *Resurrection*

I suggest you conduct this activity at the end of the lesson, once they have talked about the resurrection.

I suggest you prepare the scene for the children to understand that we are going to work like detectives to prove that in fact Jesus rose from the dead. You could have a magnifying glass to look for clues and gloves, so you don't contaminate the evidence. Explain that detectives have to be sure of their facts before making any announcement.

Divide the class into four groups and give each group a plastic bag to 'tag and bag' the evidence. Explain how the activity is going to proceed.

Then set up 4 stations with a servant at each. The questions and the Bible reference will be cut into strips and two questions will be placed at each station with pencils.

Move one group to each station. Give them a question; they have to read the question and Bible reference, then write their answer below the question. They then place it in their bag. The servant may need to guide them (not tell them) the answer, so we get the main point, not all the information in the reference. This can be done by asking questions. They do the same with the second question.

Allow two minutes to go over the 'evidence'. If time runs out for them to complete all the questions, a sheet with all the questions and answers will be given to each child, so encourage them to go home and find the remaining answers.

**1. How do we know that Jesus body wasn't just stolen? Was the tomb secure?**

**' Joseph bought a linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth and laid Him in a tomb that had been hewn (cut) out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.'** mark 15 v 46

**2. What did the women see when they first saw the tomb?**

**'But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away.'** Luke 24 v 1,2

**3. What did the women find when they went to see the body of Jesus?**

**'But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away. But when they entered they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.'** Luke 24 v 1-3

**4. Who told the women that Jesus was alive?**

**' But when they entered they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened that while they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling apparel. And the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen."' Luke 24 v 3 - 6**

**5. Who saw the tomb was empty?**

**'But Peter arose and ran to the tomb, stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at that which had happened,'** Luke 24 v 12

**6 How does Jesus prove he is real and not a ghost?**

**‘ And when they were telling these things Jesus stood in their midst. But they were startled and frightened and thought they were seeing a spirit. He said to them “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your heart. See my hands and my feet that it is I Myself; touch me and see, for a spirit Does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”’ Luke 24 v 36 - 39**

**7. Again how does Jesus prove He is not a ghost?**

**‘And while they could not believe it for joy and were marveling, He said to them. “ Have you anything here to eat?” And they gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it before them.’ Luke 24 v 41 – 43**

**8. Where had it been predicted that these things would happen to Jesus?**

**‘ Now he said to them “ These are my words that I spoke to you while I was with you, that all things that are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” And He opened their mind to understand the scriptures, and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead on the third day.”’ Luke 24 v 44 - 46**