**RE- From Easter to Pentecost**

**Lesson 2:**

LO: To understand the significance of the women finding Jesus’ tomb empty.

To write a diary entry from the viewpoint of one of the women who found Jesus’ empty tomb.

HOM- Listening and understanding with empathy.

**WHITE HAT**

How are most people buried today?

Where do we know that Jesus was buried?

**GREEN HAT**

What reasons might there have been for Jesus to be buried in a tomb?

Do you think he may have been special?

Do you think this is how every-body was buried in those days?

**Read Matthew 28: 1-10**

### The Resurrection

**28**After the Sabbath, as Sunday morning was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. **2**Suddenly there was a violent earthquake; an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled the stone away, and sat on it. **3**His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. **4**The guards were so afraid that they trembled and became like dead men.

**5**The angel spoke to the women. “You must not be afraid,” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **6**He is not here; he has been raised, just as he said. Come here and see the place where he was lying. **7**Go quickly now, and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from death, and now he is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him!’ Remember what I have told you.”

**8**So they left the tomb in a hurry, afraid and yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

**9**Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Peace be with you.” They came up to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. **10**“Do not be afraid,” Jesus said to them. “Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

**RED HAT**

How do you think the women would have felt when they witnessed the empty tomb?

In those days, it was normal in the Jewish faith for the dead body to be buried as soon as possible after death. It would be wrapped in cloth and placed on a large piece of stone within a burial cave which is like a hole which has been dug out of the side of a hill. Perfumes and splice would be placed around the body to keep the tomb smelling nice.

Usually the body would be kept in the tomb for a year or more until there were only bones left. Then the bones would be carefully collected and placed in a large stone box called an ossuary.

**WHITE HAT**

What information that we just heard did we know did not happen for Jesus?

Jesus did not spend a year in the tomb.

**WHITE HAT**

How long did Jesus spend in the tomb?

Remember that it was 3 days that Jesus spent in the tomb.

What do we call the event which reminds Christians that Jesus rose from the tomb?

This is called the Resurrection. The Resurrection begins a new liturgical season: the season of Easter. This season is usually celebrated with white or gold vestments and altar cloths. This year, the Ascension takes place on May 21st. Pentecost is on 31st May.

**GREEN HAT**

What might they have thought had happened?

TASK- Imagine that you are one of the women that went to Jesus’ tomb on the Sunday morning.

You will need to write a diary entry to explain what had happened.

**Diary entry to include:**

* An overview of the event
* How they were feeling
* What they think may have happened
* Where do they think Jesus is now?
* Why do they think this has happened?
* An explanation of how the women’s’ belief in Jesus being the Son of God made the women follow the angel’s command to go and tell the disciples.