

Engage

7-11s discover the adventure!

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Now that's what I'm talking about

Introduce the theme of these activities. One of the great things about the Christian faith is that we have lots to celebrate, thanks to the good news of Jesus and the new life He brings. Let's explore the story of Mary Magdalene. She was a woman who not only made a difference, but knew the difference that Jesus made – and shared this with others.

Value/characteristic:

Communicating good news

Character:

Mary Magdalene



Connect

Why not encourage your child to share the parcels they make with their friends and family? Make sure you do this in a safe way observing social distancing rules.



Plug in

Discuss how exciting it is when we have good news to share. If you have something exciting that you're looking forward to, we're very likely to share this news with others. This might include birthdays, holidays, trips out etc. Think about something that your child is looking forward to doing once restrictions have been lifted, get them to make a pretend invite or plane ticket for this.



Power up

You'll need: Paper, pen, timer/stopwatch, and at least two people.

Player one should write five 'good news' notes and hide them secretly around the room. These 'good news' notes could be anything good or nice that has happened to them or something they've seen. Player two should then hunt for the messages, reading them out as they find them. Time them as they do this.

Do the task again but swap places so that player two is writing and hiding the messages and player one is finding them. Who was the fastest to share the 'good news'?



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Mary Magdalene had her life changed by Jesus and so was very sad to see Him die. In John Ch.20:1-18, which you can read in the Bible or on www.biblegateway.com, we learn that Mary soon had some good news to share with others that would make a difference to their lives. Watch this clip to see how excited Mary was to find out that Jesus was alive – www.youtube.com.



Get connected

How did Mary know Jesus was alive? Mary was so happy that she couldn't wait to share this news with others. She wanted them to know Jesus and the difference He makes. Get your child to make a parcel or card, inside which you can put messages of good news to share with others.