DISCUSSION GUIDE

JOHN 20:1-18 & PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

- 1. What did Mary see when she went to Jesus' tomb?
- 2. What did the disciples do when she told them? What did the disciples do when they saw the empty tomb?
- 3. Who did Mary think she was talking to at first?
- 4. What did Jesus tell her to do? What did Mary do?
- 5. How do you think Mary felt when she saw Jesus? If you were Mary, what would you have wanted to do when you saw Jesus alive for the first time?
- 6. Mary was the first person to obey Jesus' command to share the good news of his resurrection with others. Who have you shared this good news with?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH

- 1. Close your eyes and imagine the pain and suffering that Jesus experienced on the cross. Why did He do that for us?
- 2. What is the significance of the empty tomb? Why is that important?
- 3. Have you believed this good news? What difference does it make in your life?
- 4. <u>Challenge</u>: Rejoice over the fact that Jesus didn't stay in the tomb! Share this story with one friend.

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS

- 1. Jesus said the reason Mary must not cling to him was because he had not yet ascended to the Father. Please explain.
- 2. Do you think John and Simon Peter had not believed before this time? Why or why not?
- 3. What about Mary? Has she believed all this time? What was missing from what she believed?
- 4. This passage revealed the immediate things that occurred after Jesus' burial. What is it in here does God not want us to miss?