



Influence

Let's take time to have a look at the story of Mary Magdalene. As an early follower of Jesus, Mary had great influence, not only did she meet people's needs – she was also the first to see and share the good news that Jesus was alive. Mary played an important part in God's mission.

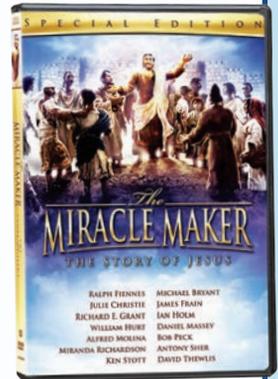
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Explore It! Share this brief story as an introduction. 'Have you seen Barney?,' Gabby asked all her friends. She couldn't find him anywhere! Gabby had some good news and she couldn't wait to tell Barney!

Zoom In! Ask your child if they've ever had good news to share with others. Encourage them to share about what this was and how it made them feel.

Jump Up! Hide a number of toy people around the room. Your child should imagine they have some good news to share with these people and have 60 seconds to find as many as they can. Repeat the game a couple of times, rotating where the people are hidden.

Dig Deep! Drawing from John Ch.20:1-18 in the Bible or on www.biblegateway.com, explain to your child how Mary Magdalene had some good news to share with others – something that would ultimately make them happy. To help with this you could share the following DVD clip from the *Miracle Maker* 01:14:05 – 01:16:20 or available at – www.youtube.com. Provide your child with the opportunity to give thanks to God for the good news that He gives for them to share.



Get Mucky! Help your child to create a mega-phone, to 'shout' about their good news, by rolling up and taping some card into a cone shape; with the small opening big enough for your child to speak into. Encourage your child to decorate this by providing stickers, glitter and other craft materials.



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Why not encourage your child to write some 'good news' notes, which could be about anything good or nice that has happened to them or something they've seen. These notes could be posted to people you know or delivered to your neighbours to make them smile at this uncertain time.