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TABLE TALK

Still Empty

Prepare:

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As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from 1 Corinthians 15:20-22):

C: Christ has been raised from the dead!

R: He is the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C: For through Adam all die,

R: So also in Christ we shall all be raised.

Read: Luke 24:1-24 (ESV)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." 8 And they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Reflect:

The women go to the tomb looking for a dead man and find an empty tomb. The tomb is still empty. Jesus is risen, just as he promised.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Luke 24:1-12) means for you as a family.

Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Praying:

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The head of the household prays:

Dear God Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the empty tomb. Help us to seek Jesus among the living as we wait for his return, and look forward to life everlasting with him. In Jesus's name we pray, amen.