

- TAKE OUT A POLO Look, there's nothing there!
- HAND PACK TO FIRST PERSON Look, there's nothing there. Pass it on!
- HAND A COUPLE MORE PACKS OUT Look, there's nothing there. Pass it on!
- Pass it on. Spread the Good News!
 - CHANGE HAT Good News? What Good News?
 - CHANGE HAT There's nothing there!
 - CHANGE HAT Why is that Good News?
 - CHANGE HAT Because there was a dead body!
 - CHANGE HAT Dead bodies are horrible. They make me cry.
 - CHANGE HAT Yes, and it's gone, so spread the Good News!
- REMOVE HAT The Good News, as the women and the 11 disciples slowly discovered is that Jesus is alive. He had risen from the dead. We don't know how. All the Gospels, thankfully skate over that part. The tomb was sealed, the body inside and the next thing we know is that at the end of the long black night, the stone had been rolled a way and the tomb was empty. SHOW POLO There's nothing there!
- The Good News is that Jesus is alive. Otherwise our Faith is based on a lie.
- This took some getting used to for the disciples and for the women because it went against the established laws of nature. When you're dead, you're dead. Everybody knows that. He was in the tomb. Don't be silly, he can't just get up and be alive. Did you see his wounds. Do you remember those hours hanging in agony on the cross? The soldier's spear in his side? And all that was over 24 hours ago. You've made a mistake. Go and look again!
- Lots of people today still don't believe it. They shake their heads in disbelief and look at us pityingly. 'You don't believe that old fairy story do you? Science has disproved religion. And they don't bother to go and look at the evidence themselves.
 - *'But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.'*
- Our job is to go and tell these people what really happened. Because there are no other explanations. The tomb was empty and Jesus is alive.
 - PICK UP POLO Look there's nothing there. Pass it on! Jesus is alive!
 - CHANGE HAT So what?
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 - CHANGE HAT CHANGE HAT Yes, so what?
 - CHANGE HAT What do you mean, So What?
 - CHANGE HAT So what difference does it make?
 - CHANGE HAT It makes all the difference in the world. Life will never be the same again!
 - REMOVE HAT
- We have evidence of the victory of love over hate. We have proof that anything is forgivable, even killing God! He still loves us and he's still alive! And that takes the spotlight off us, and our own desires, and puts it firmly focussed on Jesus, our Saviour, our friend, our amazing Son of God
 - And that gives hope meaning and a direction to follow! The direction is towards Jesus, and the hope is that there is no situation so dark or so hopeless that God can't redeem it.
 - So when you next feel a bit useless or unloved, just remember that, and it'll make you feel a whole lot better.
- And that's why it's so important we celebrate that the tomb was empty and spread the Good News.
 - Pass it on!! Amen