

News Story Summary

Major League baseball season opening day is officially April 6, however, one game is scheduled for Sunday evening on April 5. When teams began Spring Training in February, they invited between 55 to 65 players to participate. By April 5, every team has to set their rosters with 25 players making each team. The other players will be assigned to minor league teams or be released.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the sentence “Major League rosters set.”)

Focus Attention

As the group arrives, encourage them to identify signs of spring. If not suggested, point to the beginning of Major League baseball’s regular season. Explain that each team has to trim its roster to 25 players by April 5.

Lead the group to discuss potential emotions felt by those last few players to be told they did not make the Major League team roster and those that did. Direct the group to consider the emotions felt by the person who had to tell each player.

Ask: How would you prepare yourself to tell a person they made the team? What emotions would you expect to be expressed? How would these emotions compare to receiving other good news?

State: In our study today, we find an angel and others declaring the news of Jesus’ resurrection. Challenge the group to consider the emotions expressed as the news of Jesus’ resurrection was shared.

Challenge

Remind the group of the setting of Major League baseball team’s roster. Ask: If you were one of the final players to make the team, who would you tell first? How would tell them?

Lead the group to discuss how you might react to making the team to how we react to the resurrection of Jesus. Emphasize that our reaction to the resurrection should be greater than our reaction to other good news we may receive. Challenge the group to consider who they need to tell and how they will tell them about Jesus’ resurrection and what it means to them.

Prayer: As a group, spend time thanking God for salvation. Ask specifically for God to keep at the forefront of our lives the truth of Jesus’ death and resurrection and the promised hope we have because of it.