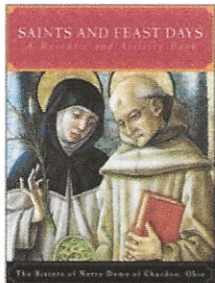


Easter Season
Family Activities
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Divine Mercy Sunday

Celebrating God's Merciful Love

In the Jubilee Year 2000, [Pope John Paul II](#) (<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and-tradition/church-leadership/pope-john-paul-ii-1920-2005>) proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905-1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.

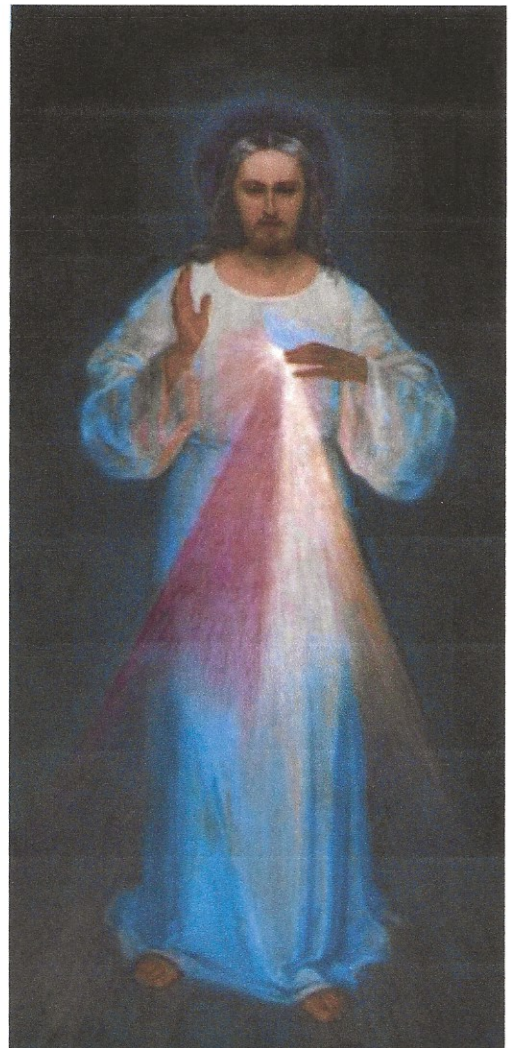


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In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.



2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:

“Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.”

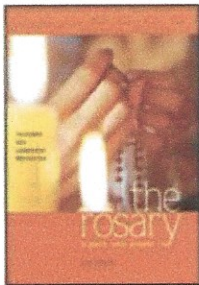
3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:

“For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.

5. Conclude by reciting three times:

“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”



[Read more about the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary.](https://store.loyolapress.com/the-rosary-path-into-prayer-by-liz-kelly) (<https://store.loyolapress.com/the-rosary-path-into-prayer-by-liz-kelly>)

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.

Absolution

The full text of the absolution given by the priest is: “God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Included in this text are several important messages:

1. Forgiveness comes from the mercy of God.

2. Reconciliation takes place through the death and resurrection of Jesus.
3. The presence of the Holy Spirit among us is a sign of God's forgiveness.
4. The Church plays a role in the extension of God's forgiveness to us.
5. The priest acts as judge of the person's sincerity in seeking forgiveness.
6. Forgiveness is granted in the name of the three persons of the Trinity.

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Jesus Is Alive



When Jesus' disciples went to his burial place, they found an empty tomb. Through the message the angel gave to them at the tomb, and through Jesus' appearances to various disciples, God revealed that Christ was risen. Two Scripture stories played an especially significant role in the faith of the early Christians: the account of Thomas demanding proof that it was Jesus who had appeared to them and the story of Paul's transformation from persecutor to apostle through an encounter with the risen Jesus.

The New Testament makes it clear that new life in Christ is based on the belief that Jesus rose from the dead. It is the risen Jesus who is Lord, and when Christians are baptized, they enter into the experience of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The Resurrection of Jesus was a resurrection into divine life. This is different from a renewal of human life as had been experienced by Lazarus when Jesus brought him back from the dead. The fact that a number of Jesus' closest disciples had difficulty recognizing him demonstrates that Jesus' Resurrection was more than just a return to life; it was an entry into the full glory of divine life.

Resurrection Symbols

The butterfly is only one of several traditional symbols of the Resurrection. The most popular symbol is the egg, which seems to be lifeless but then breaks open to release new life. The lily is another common symbol. A dry and lifeless-looking bulb blossoms into one of the most beautiful flowers on earth. Another symbol of the Resurrection comes from Greek mythology. The phoenix was a bird that fell to earth and burned, and yet from its ashes arose another bird. Jesus' executioners destroyed his earthly life, but a new and more glorious life came about as a result of his resurrection. Artists sometimes show this as an eagle rising out of a flame. Appearing in the ancient catacombs of the early Church is another symbol of the Resurrection, the peacock. The peacock has a spectacularly beautiful tail, which loses its beauty during the molting season. But when the molting season ends, a new and more beautiful tail appears. The allusion in this symbol is to the fact that through the Resurrection Christ's life became more beautiful than ever.

The Risen Jesus

Nowhere in Scripture is the Resurrection described. Instead we have descriptions of the empty tomb and a variety of appearances of the risen Jesus. We do not see him walk out of the tomb as Lazarus did or get up from his bed as Jairus's daughter did. He is not a ghost or spirit. He can be touched and can eat food. But he is totally different. He appears among them, but they don't always recognize him. Mary Magdalene thinks he is the gardener until he speaks her name. The disciples on the way to Emmaus realize who he is only when he breaks bread with them. Jesus' Resurrection is the beginning of a new creation, the promise of new life for all humanity. The focus is not on the events but on the encounters with the risen Christ.

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Post-Resurrection Appearances



Three of the four Gospels give us accounts of more than half a dozen appearances of Jesus after his resurrection. Mark's Gospel ends with the women fleeing the empty tomb and telling no one because they were afraid. Two separate endings were added to Mark's Gospel later, however, that do contain appearances of Jesus. All the Gospels but Luke tell about Jesus appearing to the women on Easter morning. Luke, on the other hand, tells about Jesus' appearance with two disciples on the road to Emmaus. John describes two appearances, one to the disciples when Thomas was absent, and another when Thomas was present. Mark tells about Jesus appearing to the Eleven as they sat at table, and John describes the appearance of Jesus to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Jesus' final appearance includes the

commissioning of the disciples in Matthew and the ascension in Mark and Luke. The cumulative effect of these accounts is the presentation of a truly resurrected and glorified Jesus and a community of disciples struggling to come to grips with the new reality of a Jesus who “has been raised” but “is not here.”

Explore John 20:19-31: Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Explore Luke 24:13-35: Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

Explore Luke 24:35-48: Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

Explore Matthew 28:16-20: Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

Pray with a 3-Minute Retreat: [In the Breaking of Bread](https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/in-the-breaking-of-bread). (<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/in-the-breaking-of-bread>)

Pray with a 3-Minute Retreat: [Feast of the Ascension](https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/feast-of-the-ascension). (<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/feast-of-the-ascension>)

Pray with imaginative prayer: [A Meeting on the Road to Emmaus](https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/2005/imaginative-prayer-a-meeting-on-the-road-to-emmaus) (<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/2005/imaginative-prayer-a-meeting-on-the-road-to-emmaus>)

Celebrate the Easter season with your class with free lesson plans.

[Easter Lesson Plan Grades 1-3](https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/easter/easter-lesson-plan-primary-grades) (<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/easter/easter-lesson-plan-primary-grades>)

[Easter Lesson Plan Grades 4-6](https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/easter/easter-lesson-plan-intermediate-grades) (<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/easter/easter-lesson-plan-intermediate-grades>)

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Story of Emmaus

The story of Emmaus beautifully shows the disciples' journey into faith after the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The disciples are walking away from Jerusalem, discouraged by the events that led to Jesus' Death. Jesus joins them on the walk and explains the scriptures to them. They are interested but not convinced. Finally they arrive at an inn. The disciples offer hospitality and Jesus accepts. They realize who he is when he breaks bread with them.

The exact distance of Emmaus from the city of Jerusalem is disputed. The distance is estimated to have been from one to seven miles.

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Praying in Resurrection Joy

by Chris Sullivan



“He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’...So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy...”

—Matthew 28:7–8

How perfectly Matthew captures the essence of our encounter with the empty tomb! We are fearful yet overjoyed. Through the season of Lent we were invited to unite our sufferings with the suffering of our Lord. The old self had to die, like the grain of wheat in the parable, so that it could yield a rich harvest (John 12:24). The [Easter season](https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/easter) (<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/easter>) is the time of reaping. Our tears turn to joy as we see that the stone has been rolled away, the tomb is empty, the wrappings of burial and death are left behind, the Master is risen, and he is inviting us to share his resurrected life.

But isn't it also true, as Matthew intimates, that our resurrection joy is tinged with a sort of fear? What does it mean for us to step out of the tombs in which we have been lain—or into which we may willingly have entered? What are the death wrappings we have discarded through our Lenten practices of almsgiving, fasting, and prayer? We may be

tempted to look behind and grieve the loss of the old. But St. Paul in 2 Corinthians implores us to look ahead: “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (5:17). That is God’s Easter promise to us!

Throughout the 50 days of the Easter season, we are invited to celebrate the reality of new creation in our own lives, our re-creation as the children of God, having moved through Baptism from death to new life in Christ. Even as we may fear entering into this new world, uncharted but for the fact that our Risen Lord goes always before us, how might we pray our resurrection joy?

- Easter comes in the midst of spring. How can the new life rising out of the earth—green shoots and crocuses, lilies, and daffodils—inspire us to prayer? What newness is springing forth in your soul?
- The Risen Christ bears in his resurrected body the scars of his crucifixion (John 20:27). We too may bear the scars of our former life of sin and death. We can ask the Lord in prayer to show us how he might use our scars to lead others to share in our trust that our God can make all things new.
- How do you best experience a sense of praise and gratitude toward God? Do you feel called to sing and dance like David? To create works of art? To keep a gratitude journal? What is one practice you could continue or add to your life of prayer that celebrates the truth that God is renewing creation in you?

The Day of the Resurrection

by Martin Connell



Even though Easter is not the *beginning* of the Roman Catholic liturgical year, it is the highpoint of the year. Easter is the celebration of the paschal mystery, coming from the word *pascha*, which means “Easter.”

There are a number of aspects of the paschal mystery incorporated into the celebration of Easter that makes it so embracing. One of these aspects, and perhaps the one that comes to the minds of most Christians when they think about Easter, is the memory of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Another aspect of the Easter mysteries is the presence of the risen Christ beyond the time of his human journey. The Resurrection—indeed the whole of the paschal mystery—is not a past event that we merely commemorate. It is part of our lives today, part of the life of the Church since the days of the community that was formed around Jesus of Nazareth, continuing and being built up in love as you stand in your assembly each Sunday at your own parish.

In the Gospels we do not find Sunday as a day for assembling the followers of Jesus, but we discover in all four Gospels that the Resurrection took place on a Sunday. (See [Matthew 28:1-7](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/matthew/matthew28.htm) (<http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/matthew/matthew28.htm>), [Mark 16:1-8](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/mark/mark16.htm) (<http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/mark/mark16.htm>), [Luke 24:1-8](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/luke/luke24.htm) (<http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/luke/luke24.htm>), and [John 20:1-18](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/john/john20.htm) (<http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/john/john20.htm>.) In addition to being the day on which Jesus had been raised from the dead, the first day of the week was also the day on which Jesus appeared to the disciples after the Resurrection....

We cannot, on the one hand, think of the Resurrection as merely an event in the life of the historical Jesus. That is wholly true, yet the Resurrection continues in the life of the Church. We experience the Resurrection when we celebrate the initiation of new members into our communities at the Easter Vigil. We experience the Resurrection when we celebrate the baptism of infants. We experience the Resurrection whenever we celebrate the sacraments. And we experience the Resurrection whenever we bond with those we love because they are gifts of God. Yet these experiences are only one side of the coin.

The Resurrection also was part of the experience of Jesus, the Son of God who shared his human life with us by his incarnation. And so the Resurrection also was part of the experience of the paschal mystery in the life of Jesus two millennia ago. That is the other side of the coin that is the Christian faith.

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The Mission of the Resurrection

by David Scott



For forty days Jesus stayed among the people, until he was taken up to heaven in a cloud.

During this time, he laid the foundations for his church to continue his presence and work on earth. He gave final instructions to his twelve handpicked apostles, the patriarchs of this new extended family of God.

He had instructed them privately throughout his ministry and given them powers to heal and cast out demons in his name. In those last forty days, he taught them how to interpret the Scriptures and preach. He breathed his Spirit into them, confirmed their authority to forgive sins in his name. He gave them a mission—to preach the good news of his salvation to the ends of the earth, to celebrate the breaking of the bread in his memory, to teach what he had taught them, to baptize all nations and make them one family in God. He promised he would remain on earth through his church—present in the sacraments, living signs that truly bring people into contact with his saving presence.

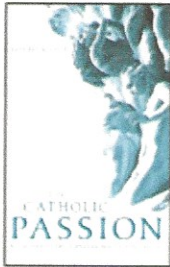
Jesus ascended to heaven in his glorified, risen body. He took his place in heaven in all the fullness of his humanity, bearing for all time the marks where the nails had been, the signs of his passion carved forever into his precious skin. From that day forward, we could never think of God without thinking of humankind. The very being of God—the Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit—now contains One who is one of us.

Jesus is now “seated in glory at the right hand of the Father.” He is “King of kings and Lord of lords.” He will come again one day to render a final judgment on the living and the dead and to usher in the never-ending kingdom that Israel’s prophets proclaimed, the new Jerusalem that will come down from heaven. Until that day, Jesus will remain our high

priest in the precincts of heaven, hearing our prayers and sending us his Spirit. He is the one mediator between our Father and us, the only one who can save us from the sin of the world.

Until Christ comes again, Catholics live as the first apostles did—as witnesses to his resurrection, trying by his grace to testify with our entire being to the salvation he won for us. We live by faith in all that he revealed about God. We experience our lives as people born of the water and blood that flows from his sacred heart. We call God our Father and love all men and women as our brothers and sisters. We live by hope in the promise that the kingdom is coming, growing and spreading under the Father’s watchful eye in the church of his Son, empowered by his Spirit. And we live by love, in imitation of Jesus, with the love of God in our hearts giving meaning to everything we do. By his grace, we live as he did, as living “Eucharists,” as offerings of praise and thanksgiving.

And we see miracles every day, not only at the altar where bread and wine become his body and blood. We see lives changed by the encounter with the risen Jesus, and we believe that no person stands beyond the pale of his love. We have seen with our own eyes the truth of what he said, that with God all things are possible.



from *The Catholic Passion: Rediscovering the Power and Beauty of the Faith* by David Scott

Why Does Easter Fall on a Different Day Each Year?

In the early days of our Church, just as today, there were many different beliefs. The society was very agricultural, and many religions used the seasons to celebrate special feasts. It was important, in teaching about Jesus, to have people connect the Gospel message to their daily lives. Since Jesus' resurrection was the beginning of a whole new life and occurred so near the spring feasts, it was determined that Easter would always be calculated as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (that is, the first day of spring).

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Pentecost

Jesus promised his apostles that he would send them the Holy Spirit to empower them to be Jesus' witnesses to the ends of the earth. The universal Church celebrates the fulfillment of this promise on the feast of Pentecost, 50 days after Easter. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "The Church was made manifest to the world on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."¹ (CCC 1076)

¹ Cf. SC 6; LG 2

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Sunday: Celebrating the Resurrection

The third commandment obliges us to keep holy the Sabbath, which is the seventh day of the week, the day on which God rested after creating the world. The first Christians rested and worshiped on Saturday, but gradually switched to Sunday. One reason was the desire to distinguish themselves from the Jewish community that did not accept Jesus as Messiah. But the main reason was the realization that the resurrection of Jesus had changed everything and was at the very center of the Christian faith. The Sabbath, which had focused on the past—resting from the labors of the week just ending—became for Christians a forward-looking celebration of new life. Easter Sunday morning was the dawn of a new life, and every Sunday Christians celebrate the renewal of humanity and of the entire universe that took place through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Our Ancestors of Faith Family Youth Activities



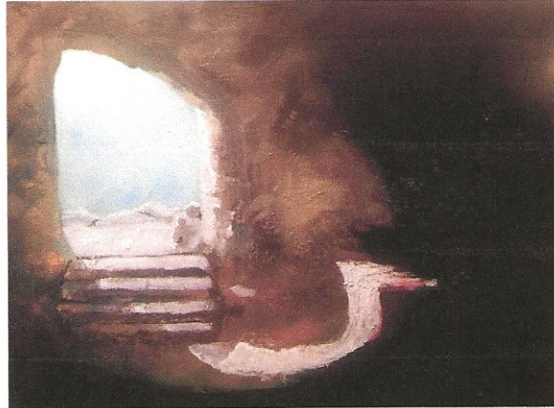
With the Easter Vigil celebration, [the nine Scripture readings](#) recount the story of our salvation and help us to remember our ancestors of faith who at once prefigured Jesus Christ, Our Savior.

Consider this activity to help the students recall their own Baptism and their own faith ancestors. Suggest the following:

Activity Suggestions

- Locate the baptismal records of your grandparents by contacting (via Internet, mail, or phone) the parish where they were baptized. Record information like date, place, name, and godparents.
- Write a report on how the Christian faith originally came to the nation(s) of your ancestors.
- Write a short essay or produce an audio or video presentation that shares what you learned about God and faith from one of your relatives.
- Trace your family's history on an ancestry site on the Internet
- Develop a display with religious artifacts that are important to your family. Tell why they are so.
- Arrange for a relative to tell his or her "story of faith" in a presentation to your children.

Empty is a Good Thing Youth Activity by Nick Diliberto



Bible: Luke 24: 1-8; Mark 8: 31; Romans 6: 6-11

When you think about Easter, what do you think about? (repeat their answers)

Easter bunny...

Candy...

Family get togethers...

Pastel colors?

All of those things are good and cute, but when you think about the true meaning of Easter, those seem so empty.

And when it comes to the true meaning of Easter, empty is a good thing!

Normally the concept of something being empty isn't really a good thing is it?

Empty...it brings about unneeded stress.

Empty gift cards...

Empty coffee cup...

Empty wallet!!

So, empty equals no good right?

You see everybody and their momma gets together for Easter to celebrate a holiday that is to them...empty

But I'm here to tell you today that...

The Message

Point #1: Empty is a good thing.

When we look at Easter in the proper light, and we understand what really happened, and what was going on, and why we celebrate Easter...empty is a good thing.

When Jesus was murdered and nailed to a cross, they buried him in a tomb, basically a cave, and rolled a huge heavy stone in front of the tomb.

Then three days later something unbelievable happened. The tomb was empty.

- **Luke 24: 1-8**

1 But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. 3 So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. 5 The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? 6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." 8 Then they remembered that he had said this.

Point #2: Empty is proof.

Now let's back up a minute. Let's look earlier during Jesus' ministry when he said had to go through this to his disciples.

- **Mark 8: 31**

31 Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead.

Proof Jesus is who he says he is.

Ever heard someone make a bunch of claims, but couldn't back it up? Jesus didn't do that.

We just read in Mark that Jesus said he would die and rise again after three days....and he backed it up. Now I can follow somebody who makes a claim as huge as this, and then backs it up!!

Point #3: Empty is powerful.

Jesus has power over death

Because Jesus died and rose again, because he Jesus is who he says he is, Jesus has power of sin's greatest weapon...death.

You know for something to have life, something else has to die. Did anyone eat some fruit today? It had to be disconnected from its tree, its life source; it had to die to give you life.

Jesus is the one who says I can give you life, I can make it so that you will never really die...that even after life on earth is done with, you will live with me forever....because that is how much I love you!!

The empty tomb shows us that Jesus has power over death, he looked death straight in the eyes, he took death's best sting....and overcame it!! How amazing is that!!

Point #4: Empty is permanent.

You know plenty of people visit Jerusalem every year. Plenty of people walked down some of the same roads that Jesus may have walked down. One of the places people love to visit is the place where historians believe Jesus was buried...and guess what? Till this day the tomb is still empty!

▪ **Romans 6: 9**

We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him.

Jesus wasn't in the tomb 3 days after he died....he isn't in the tomb today....and he never will be!! Jesus is God and is alive forever! His body wasn't stolen, it wasn't in the wrong tomb, it wasn't some magic trick....

So, when we look at the true meaning of Easter and everything Jesus did for us on the cross...empty is a good thing!!

Empty means Jesus is who he says he is,

Empty means Jesus has power over death,

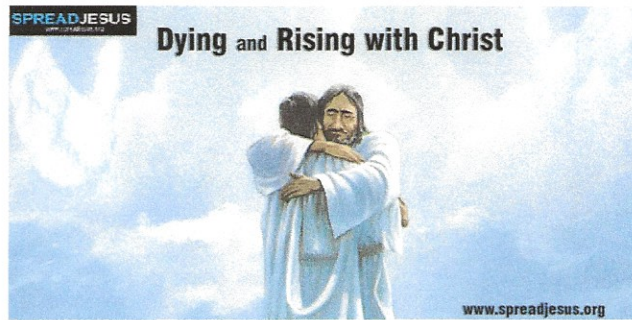
And empty is permanent...

Jesus is permanently alive and death will never overcome him again. When we decide to follow him instead of following our own selfish desires, we too can begin to really live!

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. What is your favorite Easter candy?
2. Why is the concept of something being empty usually considered a bad thing?
3. When it comes to Easter, how is empty a good thing?
4. What thing in your life seems "empty" right now?

Dying and Rising Teen Activities (Writing Prompt)



Here's a short exercise that can help teenagers better understand the practical and joyful experience of the Resurrection that is the result of the work of Christian discipleship. Begin by paraphrasing this short introduction:

Anything worthwhile—be it running a marathon, being a good musician, or achieving good grades—requires commitment and sacrifice. Achieving new goals also means leaving old ways behind. An athlete gives up junk food for a balanced diet. A student interesting in getting better grades gives up hours of social activities for study. What are some things that you have personally given up in your life to help you to be a better follower of Jesus. Take a look at a some of those times.

Share these words from 1 Corinthians 13:11: When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child reason as a child; when I became an adult I put aside childish things.

Say: You too have put aside childish things. You are no longer the person you were in grade school. In a sense, that person has "died" and a new person has "risen." With that in mind, write some of your reflections to the following questions.

Assign the following writing prompts:

Think back to grade school. Describe the way you used to be, act, and think. (For example, an activity you no longer do, a habit you outgrew, something you are no longer afraid of.)

Describe the "new you" that has appeared since you started high school. How is your life different from what it was like before you started high school? How are you different? (For example, what is something different you believe, a new interest you have, a skill you are better at?)

As you look at your life now, what part of you do you need to outgrow (allow to die) so that you can mature even further. (For example, an attitude you need to change, a habit you need to develop, a relationship you need to improve.)

Ask the students to share their reflections with a person sitting on either side of them. Allow some time for sharing. Call an end to the sharing by reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:17-16 (I keep my attention on the finish line.) Produce a large basin of water (preferably holy water). Then say:

When you were baptized, the minister poured water on you three times symbolizing the three days that Jesus spent in the tomb. After the baptism he said: "You have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ." To remind us of our call from death to new life, I invite you to come, one at a time to the bowl of holy water and symbolically wash your hands in the bowl as a symbol of washing away your old self and making space for a new life. As you do, say what part of your life you ask Jesus to help you change; for example, "I ask Jesus to help me wash away by bad habit of swearing." I will go first. Anyone may go next.

Allow time for all to participate. Play some reflective music during this time. When everyone has shared, join together praying the Our Father.

Easter Prayer Service

INTRODUCING & SCRIPTURE READING

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Lord, we thank you for this opportunity to gather here today, to be with one another, and for the gift of your risen Son. Thank you for giving us the gift of new life this Easter. Help us to come to know you more through our time together. Amen.

READER: “At daybreak on the first day of the week they took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day.’ And they remembered his words. Then they returned from the tomb and announced all these things to the eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; the others who accompanied them also told this to the apostles, but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb, bent down, and saw the burial cloths alone; then he went home amazed at what had happened.” (Luke 24:1–12) The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

NEW LIFE ACTIVITY

Materials Needed:

Paper and pen for each student

Baskets

Directions for Leader:

Give each student a paper and pen. Announce: “Jesus gave us new life. The Easter season is a special time in which we as a church community celebrate new life in Christ. On the piece of paper you been given, write down one part of your life that you would like Jesus to bring “New Life” to this Easter season. While you write, ask Jesus to bring newness to that area of your life, Then, fold the paper and put it in the basket that is being passed around.”

OFFERTORY

Play soft music in the background while students bring forward baskets with “New Life” slips in them.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LEADER OR READER: For the Church that we may shine the light of newness and life on a world in need. For this we pray . . .

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

LEADER OR READER: For those in need, that they may be renewed with strength and comfort this Easter season. For this we pray . . .

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

LEADER OR READER: For our students, that they may experience a renewed spirit this Easter season, and do their best both in and out of school. For this we pray . . .

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

LEADER OR READER: For our teachers, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit as they bring the joy of the Easter season to the lives of others, for this we pray . . .

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

LEADER OR READER: For all those intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts, for this we pray . . .

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

LEADER: Let us close with a “Glory Be to the Father”

ALL: Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

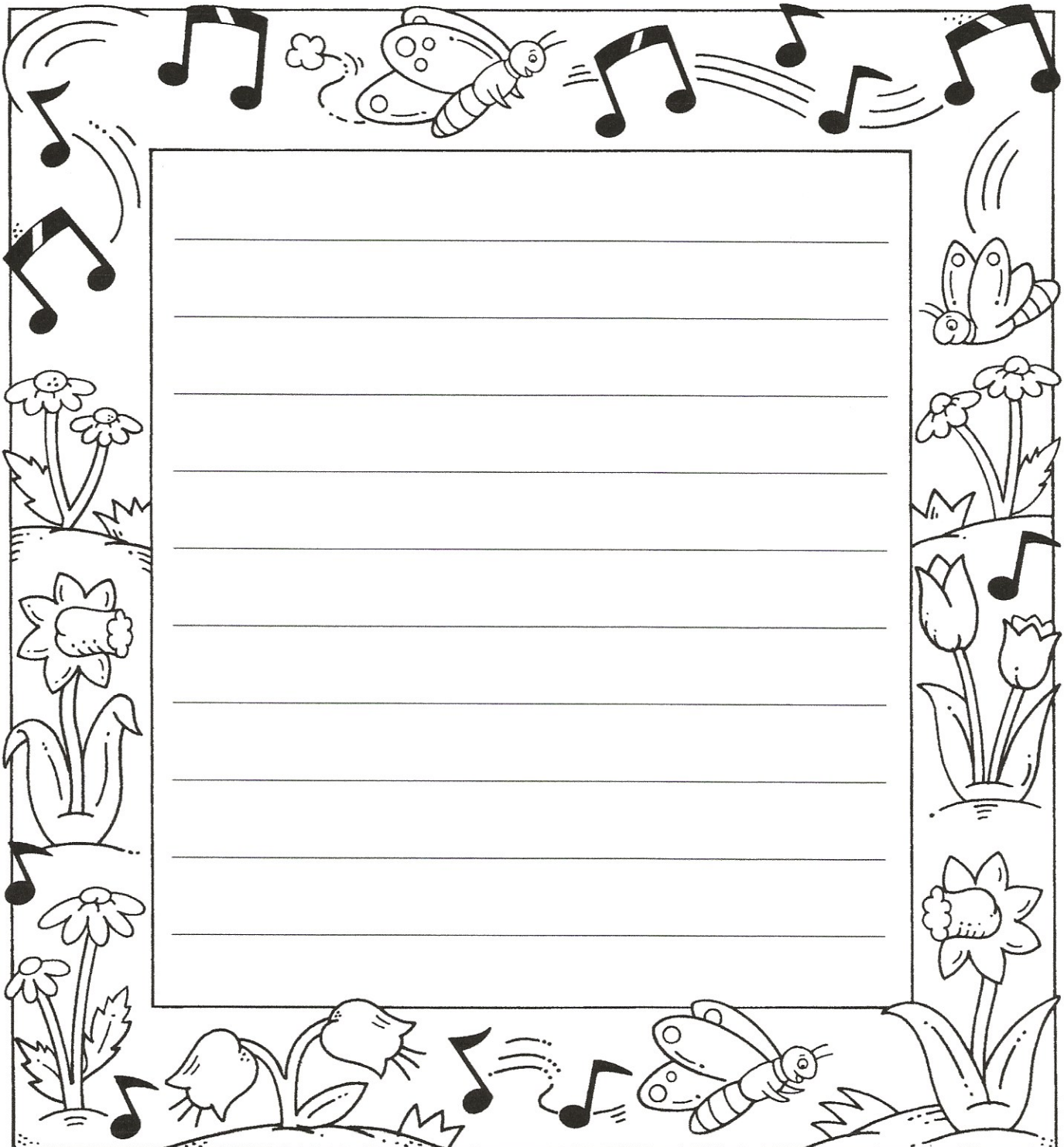


Alleluia Easter Activity

During the Easter season the Church sings the song of "Alleluia."

The word *Alleluia* means "Praise God!"

Write a song to celebrate the Easter season. Include an Alleluia in your song.



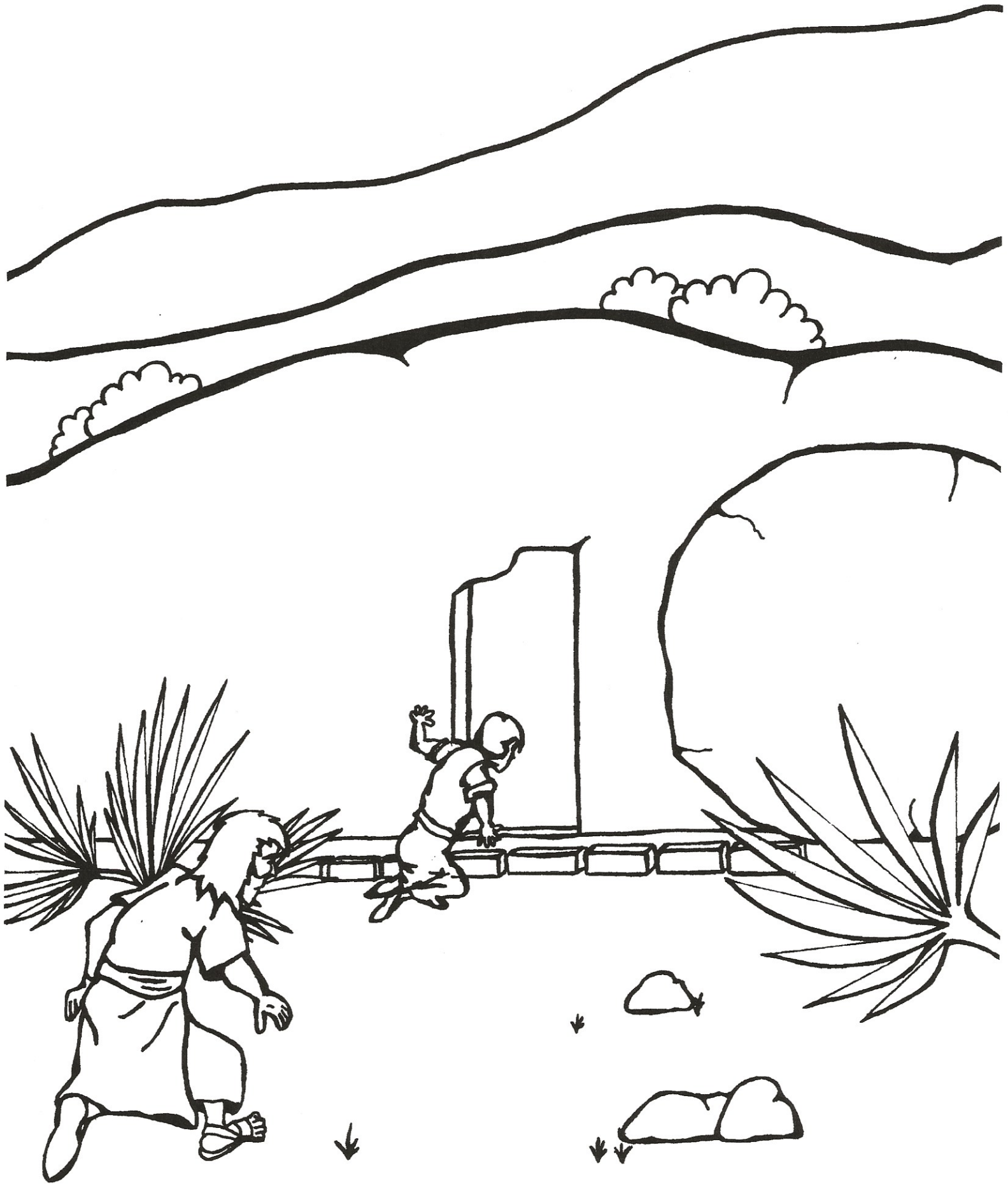
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**The other women left, but Mary Magdalene remained.
Jesus appeared to her.**



Early on the Sunday morning after the crucifixion Mary Magdalene and some other women found Jesus' tomb empty. Two angels told them of His resurrection.



"Peter and John visit Jesus' tomb." *John 20:1 – 10*

240. THE ROAD TO EMMAUS (LUKE 24:13-35)



“And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs.” **LUKE 24:13**

“And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.” **LUKE 24:15**

241. THOMAS DOUBTS

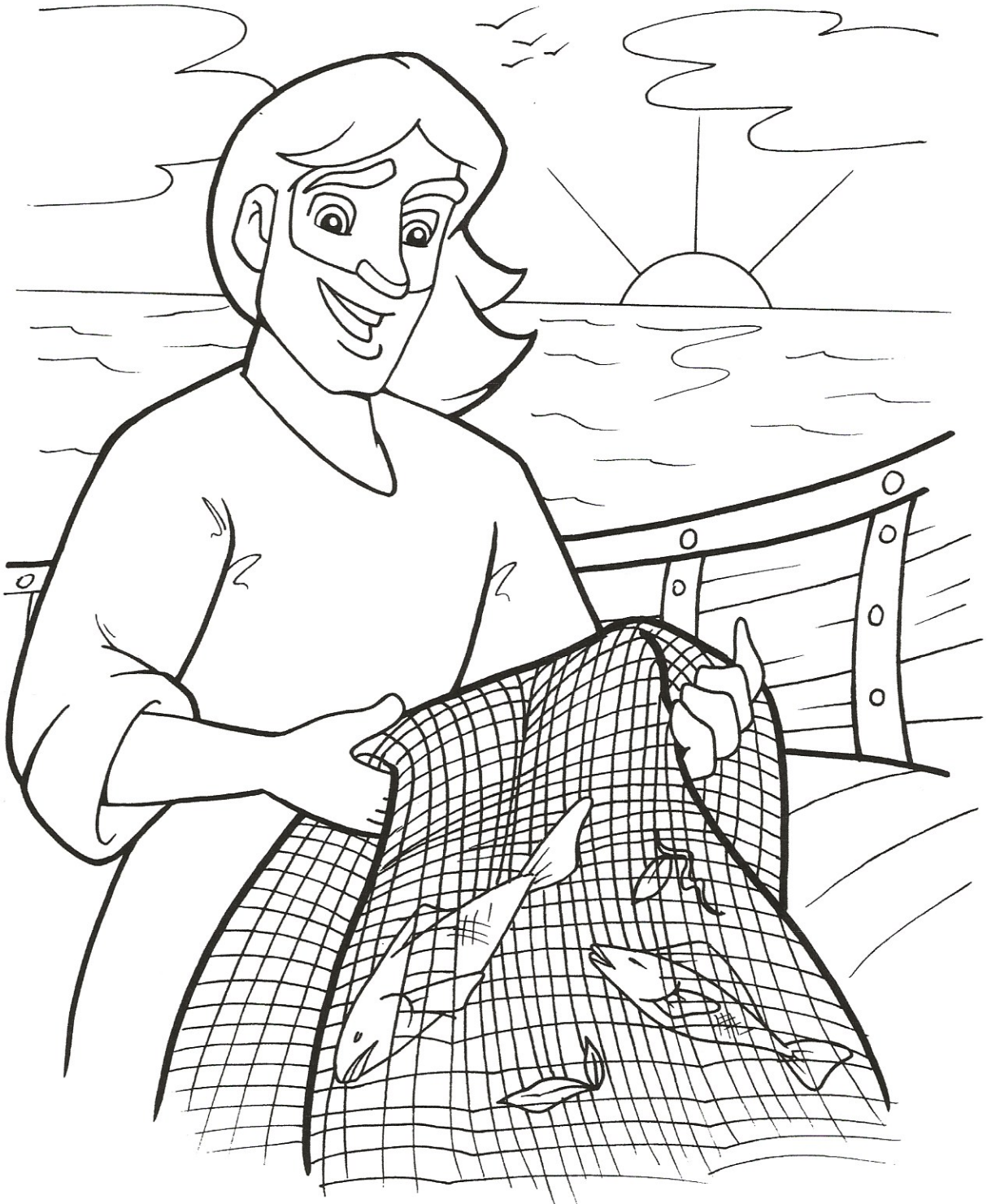
(JOHN 20:24-29)



"The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."

JOHN 20:25

242. JESUS HELPS CATCH FISH (JOHN 21:1-14)



“And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.”

JOHN 21:6



"Jesus restores Peter"
John 21:15-19

THE ASCENSION



Forty days after Jesus had risen from the dead, He appeared for the last time to the apostles. He was then received up into heaven.

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Blue: $6 - 4 = \underline{\quad}$ / $9 - 4 = \underline{\quad}$ / $10 - 1 = \underline{\quad}$ / $12 - 2 = \underline{\quad}$

Green: $10 - 2 = \underline{\quad}$ / $7 - 6 = \underline{\quad}$ / $8 - 5 = \underline{\quad}$

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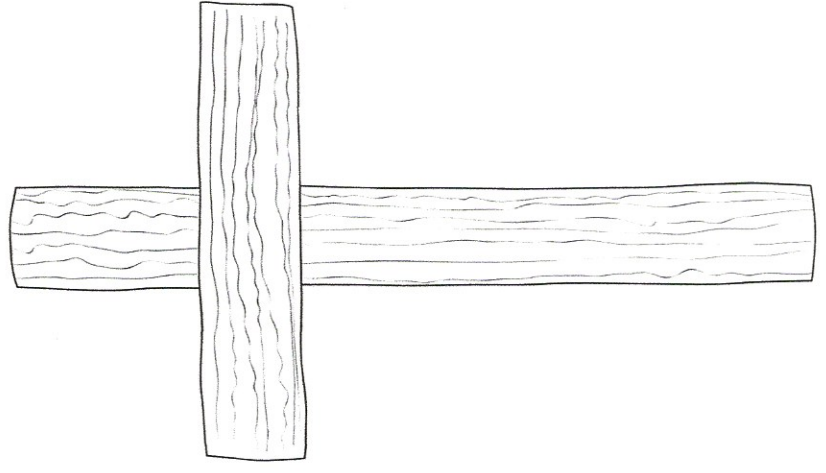
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The Resurrection Of Christ

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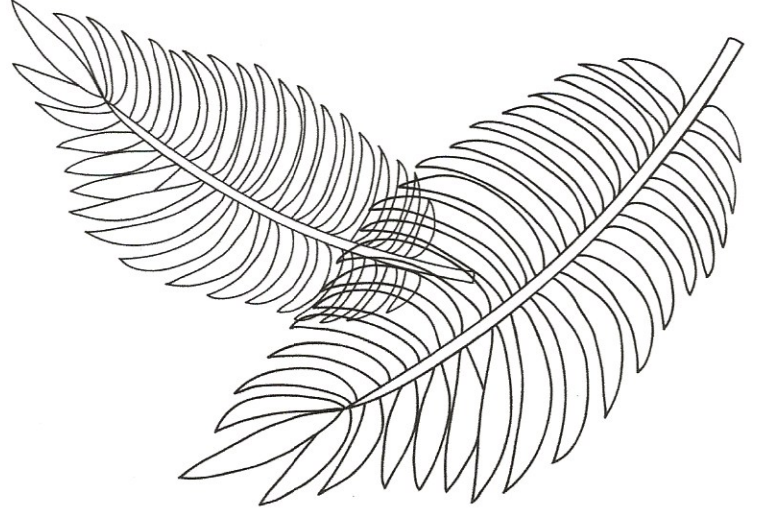


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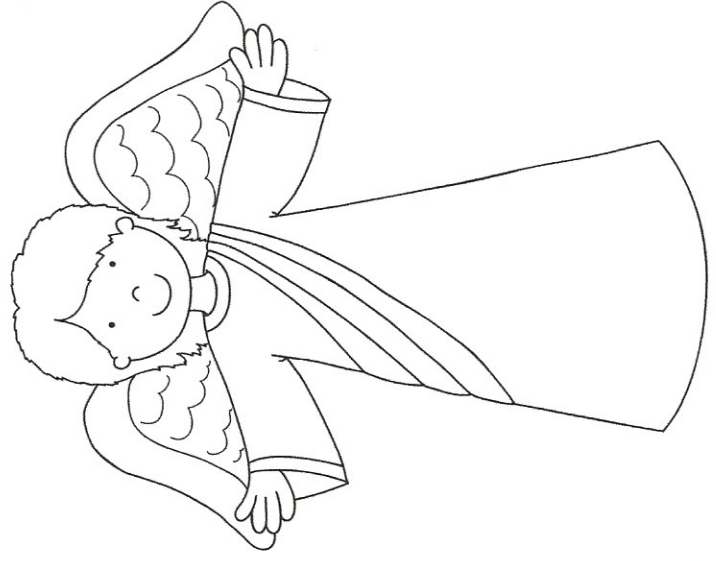
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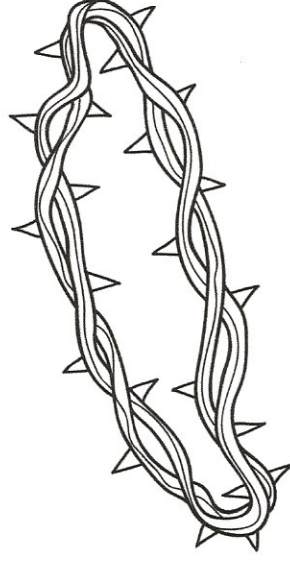
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The Resurrection Of Christ

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Jesus
mourn
soldiers
blood
thorns
Judas



Directions: The objective of the game is to collect the most Jelly Bean jar cards and get to FINISH. Place your markers on the "START" space. The players roll a die and follow the directions on the space they land on. If they land on a Jelly Bean jar space, the player draws a card and reads the question out loud. (If they cannot read, the teacher or someone else can read it for them). On each card is a question about Jesus. If they answer correctly, they receive a Jelly Bean jar card. If they are not correct, they do not receive a card. Younger players do not have to answer a question and automatically receive a card. If a player lands on a space that says "Return a Card", they must return 1 Jelly Bean jar card to the pile. Players must collect as many Jelly Bean jar cards as they can as they move around the board to FINISH. As each player reaches FINISH, their Jelly Bean jar cards are counted. Whoever has the most cards, wins.

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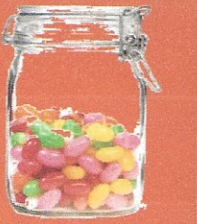
Directions- Print out Directions, cut it out, and glue on front of file folder.

Game Board- Print out Game Board, trim and glue on the inside of the file folder. Make sure the directions are on the front of the file folder. Laminate or cover file folder with clear contact paper to make it last.

Game Cards- Print Game Cards out on card stock. Cut out Game Cards. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper to make them last. Use only the cards that reflect your students abilities.

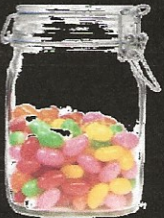

Tokens- Print out several pages of tokens on card stock. Cut out tokens. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper to make them last.

Questions with Answers- For the teacher to check answers.

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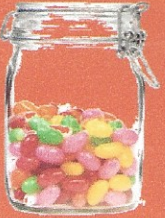

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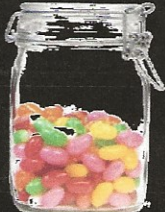






					
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	Move Ahead 1	Return A Card		Move Ahead 1	
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				Finish
				
Move Ahead 1			Go Back 2	Lose A Turn

				Return A Card
Go Back 2		Return A Card		
				
		Lose A Turn		
				Move Ahead 2

<p><i>True or False:</i> Jesus died for our sins.</p>	<p><i>True or False:</i> John denied Jesus three times just like he said he would.</p>
<p><i>True or False:</i> Women went to the tomb early Saturday morning to take spices and found the huge stone had been rolled away.</p>	<p><i>True or False:</i> The disciples had left and were not guarding the tomb.</p>
<p><i>True or False:</i> A shepherd told them that Jesus was alive.</p>	<p><i>True or False:</i> When they looked into the tomb, they saw it was empty.</p>
<p><i>True or False:</i> The women ran to the disciples and told them that Jesus was not there in the tomb.</p>	<p><i>True or False:</i> Peter and John ran to the tomb to see if Jesus' body was gone.</p>
<p><i>True or False:</i> Peter got to the tomb first, but did not want to go in.</p>	<p><i>True or False:</i> On Easter they did not know if the body had been stolen or if Jesus had really come alive again.</p>

<p><i>True or False:</i> Mary Magdalene saw Jesus first on Easter.</p>	<p><i>True or False:</i> At the tomb, the person that saw Jesus first thought that He was the shepherd.</p>
<p><i>True or False:</i> Jesus was buried in the tomb, but rose again on the third day.</p>	<p><i>True or False:</i> Holy Monday is the first day of Holy Week.</p>
<p><i>True or False:</i> The priests gave Judas 20 silver coins to betray Jesus.</p>	<p><i>True or False:</i> Holy Thursday is the day Jesus gave us the Eucharist.</p>
<p><i>True or False:</i> Holy Thursday is when the church commemorates Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial.</p>	<p><i>True or False:</i> Good Friday is when the church commemorates Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial.</p>
<p><i>True or False:</i> Holy Saturday is the sixth day of Holy Week.</p>	<p><i>True or False:</i> Holy Saturday is part of the second day of the Easter Triduum.</p>

<p>Fill in the Blank: Jesus died for our _____.</p>	<p>Fill in the Blank: Jesus broke some bread and said, "_____."</p>
<p>Fill in the Blank: Jesus blessed the wine and said, "_____."</p>	<p>Fill in the Blank: Jesus said, "Do this in memory of _____."</p>
<p>Fill in the Blank: Before the meal began, Jesus knelt in front of each disciple and washed their _____ and dried them with a towel just like a servant.</p>	<p>Fill in the Blank: _____ observes the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that was marked by the crowds, who were in Jerusalem for Passover, waving palm branches and proclaiming him as the messianic king.</p>
<p>Fill in the Blank: _____ is the day that Jesus rested in the tomb.</p>	<p>Fill in the Blank: _____ is when the church remembers Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial.</p>
<p>Fill in the Blank: _____ includes the last meal Jesus and the disciples had together, the institution of Eucharist or Communion, the betrayal by Judas (because of the exchange with Jesus at the meal), and Jesus praying in Gethsemane while the disciples fell asleep.</p>	<p>Fill in the Blank: The priests gave Judas _____ to betray Jesus.</p>

<p>Fill in the Blank: _____ condemns Jesus to die.</p>	<p>Fill in the Blank: _____ went secretly to the chief priests to tell them when it would be safe to arrest Jesus.</p>
<p>Fill in the Blank: _____ kissed Jesus on the cheek in the Garden of Gethsemane.</p>	<p>Fill in the Blank: _____ cut off an ear of one the guards that were trying to arrest Jesus.</p>
<p>Fill in the Blank: _____ were on the other crosses that were crucified with Jesus.</p>	<p>Fill in the Blank: Jesus rode a _____ coming into Jerusalem.</p>
<p>Fill in the Blank: People laid _____ on the ground in front of Jesus when he came into Jerusalem.</p>	<p>Fill in the Blank: Jesus carried a huge wooden _____ and was nailed to it.</p>
<p>Fill in the Blank: Jesus gave himself in the form of bread and wine on _____.</p>	<p>Fill in the Blank: What day does Holy Week begin?</p>

<p>Jesus rose on the _____ day. (a) first (b) second (c) third</p>	<p>Judas was sorry that he'd given Jesus away to the chief priest. What did he do when he went to the temple? (a) He threw down the 30 silver coins. (b) Became a priest. (c) Prayed</p>
<p>What did they do to Jesus before he was put to death? (a) They whipped him. (b) They worshiped him. (c) Gave him some food.</p>	<p>What was put on Jesus' head? (a) A crown of gold. (b) A crown of thorns. (c) A crown of jewels.</p>
<p>Who did Jesus ask to take care of Mary, his mother? (a) John (b) Peter (c) Joseph</p>	<p>The Jewish leaders placed guards at Jesus' tomb because they were afraid that someone might try to steal the body and claim what? (a) He was never dead. (b) That they were the Son of God. (c) That Jesus had come alive again.</p>
<p>Jesus told Peter and _____ to go to Jerusalem and meet a man carrying a jar of water. Follow him to his house and we will have our meal there in a room upstairs. (a) Judas (b) Simon (c) John</p>	<p>Jesus said that one of the disciples would _____ him. (a) betray (b) kill (c) disobey</p>
<p>What were the disciples doing in the Garden of Gethsemane that disappointed Jesus? (a) Gambling (b) Sleeping (c) Eating</p>	<p>When did Jesus say that one of the disciples would betray him? (a) Palm/Passion Sunday (b) Holy Thursday (c) Good Friday</p>

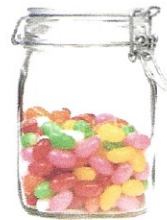
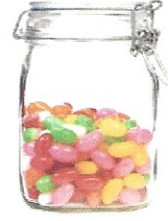
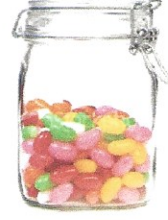
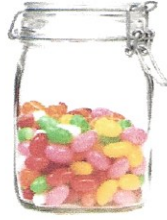
<p>Pontius Pilate asked the people "What shall I do with Jesus?" And what did the people say?</p> <p>(a) Let him go! (b) Crucify him, crucify him! (c) Stone him, stone him!</p>	<p>What did Pilot do to show that he did not want to be involved with the events?</p> <p>(a) He washed his hands. (b) He would not decide what to do with Jesus. (c) Gave Jesus to the people.</p>
<p>Who did the people choose to be set free?</p> <p>(a) Jesus (b) A thief. (c) Barabbas, the murderer.</p>	<p>Who helps Jesus carry the cross?</p> <p>(a) Joseph (b) Simon (c) Peter</p>
<p>Who offers her veil to Jesus?</p> <p>(a) Veronica (b) Mary (c) Martha</p>	<p>To make sure Jesus was dead, what did a soldier do?</p> <p>(a) Break his legs. (b) He thrust a spear into Jesus' side. (c) Stabbed Jesus in the chest with a knife.</p>
<p>Who went to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate and asked to be allowed to take Jesus away for burial?</p> <p>(a) John, one of the disciples. (b) A rich man from Arimathea, called Joseph. (c) Mary, Jesus' mother.</p>	<p>How many hours did it take for Jesus to die on the cross?</p> <p>(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3</p>
<p>What were the people doing inside the temple in Jerusalem that made Jesus so angry?</p> <p>(a) They were dancing. (b) They were buying and selling animals. (c) They were gambling.</p>	<p>Holy Week ends on what day?</p> <p>(a) Good Friday (b) Holy Saturday (c) Easter</p>

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<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>SROCS</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>ERUSALJME</p>

<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>KODENY</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>3 words: WONRC FO OHSTRN</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>NHOANSA</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>NGIK</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>2 words: ODGO PHEEDHSR</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>KCAOLS</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>2 words: TLSA UPSREP</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>VDES0</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>UNRICEEORST</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these letters:</i></p> <p>NOEX</p>

<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>died Jesus for sins our</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>me this do memory in of</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>savior is Jesus our</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>in prayed Garden Jesus the Gethsemane of</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>betrayed Judas silver for Jesus coins 30</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>overturned Jesus temple the tables in</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>disciples asleep garden the fell the in</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>my this body is</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>blood my is this</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>the am I life truth the and way the</p>

<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>you men and follow fishers come will me of I make</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>kingdom is are the of theirs spirit blessed for heaven the in poor</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>find and seek will you</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>has Christ died Christ Christ come risen again has will</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>you others unto do would them unto as have you do</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>another love one</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>first him stone cast let who sin without is the</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>God the only loved Son begotten world that so for his gave he</p>
<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>we by faith sight for walk by not</p>	<p><i>Unscramble these words:</i></p> <p>are the inherit earth blessed for meek they will the</p>



Questions with Answers:

(Only use the questions that are age appropriate for your students.)

True or False

Jesus died for our sins. (True)

John denied Jesus three times just like he said he would. (False)

Women went to the tomb early Saturday morning to take spices and found the huge stone had been rolled away. (False)

The disciples had left and were not guarding the tomb. (False)

A shepherd told them that Jesus was alive. (False)

When they looked into the tomb, they saw it was empty. (True)

The women ran to the disciples and told them that Jesus was not there in the tomb. (True)

Peter and John ran to the tomb to see if Jesus' body was gone. (True)

Peter got to the tomb first, but did not want to go in. (False)

On Easter they did not know if the body had been stolen or if Jesus had really come alive again. (True)

Mary Magdalene saw Jesus first on Easter. (True)

At the tomb, the person that saw Jesus first thought that He was the shepherd. (False)

Jesus was buried in the tomb, but rose again on the third day. (True)

Holy Monday is the first day of Holy Week. (False)

The priests gave Judas 20 silver coins to betray Jesus. (False)

Holy Thursday is the day Jesus gave us the Eucharist. (True)

Holy Thursday is when the church commemorates Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial. (False)

Good Friday is when the church commemorates Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial. (True)

Holy Saturday is the sixth day of Holy Week. (False)

Holy Saturday is part of the second day of the Easter Triduum. (True)

Fill in the Blanks

Jesus died for our _____. (sins)

Jesus broke some bread and said, "_____." (This is my body.)

Jesus blessed the wine and said, "_____." (This is my blood.)

Jesus said, "Do this in memory of _____." (me)

Before the meal began, Jesus knelt in front of each disciple and washed their _____ and dried them with a towel just like a servant. (feet)

_____ observes the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that was marked by the crowds, who were in Jerusalem for Passover, waving palm branches and proclaiming him as the messianic king. (Palm/Passion Sunday)

_____ is the day that Jesus rested in the tomb. (Holy Saturday)

_____ is when the church remembers Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial. (Good Friday)

_____ includes the last meal Jesus and the disciples had together, the institution of Eucharist or Communion, the betrayal by Judas (because of the exchange with Jesus at the meal), and Jesus praying in Gethsemane while the disciples fell asleep. (Holy Thursday)

The priests gave Judas _____ to betray Jesus. (30 silver coins.)

_____ condemns Jesus to die. (Pontius Pilot)

_____ went secretly to the chief priests to tell them when it would be safe to arrest Jesus. (Judas)

_____ kissed Jesus on the cheek in the Garden of Gethsemane. (Judas)

_____ cut off an ear of one of the guards that were trying to arrest Jesus. (Peter)

_____ were on the other crosses that were crucified with Jesus. (Two thieves)
Jesus rode a _____ coming into Jerusalem. (a donkey colt)
People laid _____ on the ground in front of Jesus when he came into Jerusalem. (palm leaves and their cloaks)
Jesus carried a huge wooden _____ and was nailed to it. (cross)
Jesus gave himself in the form of bread and wine on _____. (Holy Thursday)
What day does Holy Week begin? (Palm/Passion Sunday)

Multiple Choice

Jesus rose on the _____ day. (a) first (b) second (c) third
Judas was sorry that he'd given Jesus away to the chief priest. What did he do when he went to the temple? (a) He threw down the 30 silver coins. (b) Became a priest. (c) Prayed
What did they do to Jesus before he was put to death? (a) They whipped him. (b) They worshiped him. (c) Gave him some food.
What was put on Jesus' head? (a) A crown of gold. (b) A crown of thorns. (c) A crown of jewels.
Who did Jesus ask to take care of Mary, his mother? (a) John (b) Peter (c) Joseph
The Jewish leaders placed guards at Jesus' tomb because they were afraid that someone might try to steal the body and claim what? (a) He was never dead. (b) That they were the Son of God. (c) That Jesus had come alive again.
Jesus told Peter and _____ to go to Jerusalem and meet a man carrying a jar of water. Follow him to his house and we will have our meal there in a room upstairs. (a) Judas (b) Simon (c) John
Jesus said that one of the disciples would _____ him. (a) betray (b) kill (c) disobey
What were the disciples doing in the Garden of Gethsemane that disappointed Jesus? (a) Gambling (b) Sleeping (c) Eating
When did Jesus say that one of the disciples would betray him? (a) Palm/Passion Sunday (b) Holy Thursday (c) Good Friday
Pontius Pilate asked the people "What shall I do with Jesus?" And what did the people say? (a) Let him go! (b) Crucify him, crucify him! (c) Stone him, stone him!
What did Pilate do to show that he did not want to be involved with the events? (a) He washed his hands. (b) He would not decide what to do with Jesus. (c) Gave Jesus to the people.
Who did the people choose to be set free? (a) Jesus (b) A thief. (c) Barabbas, the murderer.
Who helps Jesus carry the cross? (a) Joseph (b) Simon (c) Peter
Who offers her veil to Jesus? (a) Veronica (b) Mary (c) Martha
To make sure Jesus was dead, what did a soldier do? (a) Break his legs. (b) He thrust a spear into Jesus' side. (c) Stabbed Jesus in the chest with a knife.
Who went to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate and asked to be allowed to take Jesus away for burial? (a) John, one of the disciples. (b) A rich man from Arimathea, called Joseph. (c) Mary, Jesus' mother.
How many hours did it take for Jesus to die on the cross? (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3
What were the people doing inside the temple in Jerusalem that made Jesus so angry? (a) They were dancing. (b) They were buying and selling animals. (c) They were gambling.
Holy Week ends on what day? (a) Good Friday (b) Holy Saturday (c) Easter

Puzzles:

Unscramble these letters:

EJSESU (Jesus)

2 words: APML DYANUS (Palm Sunday)

2 words: LHYO HDRSAUTY (Holy Thursday)

2 words: ODOG YIFDRAI (Good Friday)

OBMT (tomb)
2 words: YOHL RSTYAUAD (Holy Saturday)
SEETRA (Easter)
NSSI (Sins)
SROCS (cross)
ERUSALJME (Jerusalem)
KODENY (donkey)
3 words: WONRC FO OHSTRN (crown of thorns)
NHOANSA (Hosanna)
NGIK (King)
2 words: ODGO PHEEDHSR (Good Shepherd)
KCAOLS (cloaks)
2 words: TLSA UPSREP (Last Supper)
VDESO (doves)
UNRICEEORST (resurrection)
NOEX (oxen)

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me this do memory in of (Do this in memory of me.)
savior is Jesus our (Jesus is our savior.)
in prayed Garden Jesus the Gethsemane of (Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.)
betrayed Judas silver for Jesus coins 30 (Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins.)
overturned Jesus temple the tables in (Jesus overturned tables in the temple.)
disciples asleep garden the fell the in (The disciples fell asleep in the garden.)
my this body is (This is my body.)
blood my is this (This is my blood.)
the am I life truth the and way the (I am the way the truth and the life.)
you men and follow fishers come will me of I make (Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men.)
kingdom is are the of theirs spirit blessed for heaven the in poor (Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is
the Kingdom of heaven.)
find and seek will you (Seek and you will find.)
has Christ died Christ Christ come risen again has will (Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come
again.)
you others unto do would them unto as have you do (Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.)
another love one (Love one another.)
first him stone cast let who sin without is the (Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.)
God the only loved Son begotten world that so for his gave he (For God so loved the World that he gave his
only begotten Son.)
we by faith sight for walk by not (For we walk by faith not by sight.)
are the inherit earth blessed for meek they will the (Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.)