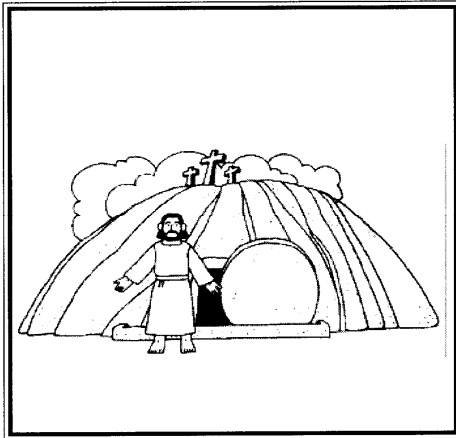
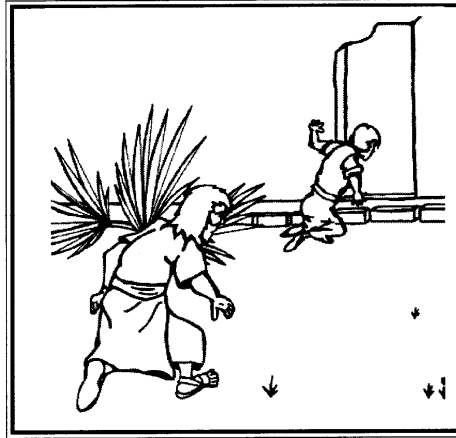


Do you know about Easter?

Color the pictures and learn about Easter.
Ask your parents to help tell the story to you this week.



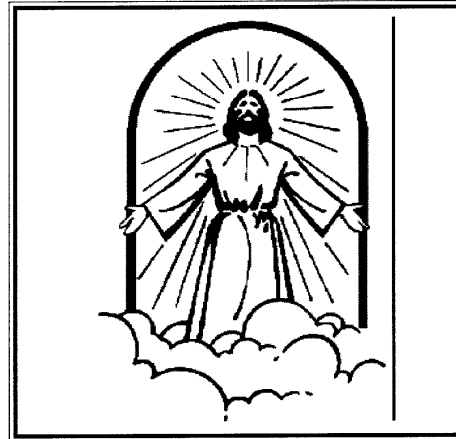
Jesus rose after he died on the cross



The disciples look for Jesus in the tomb



Easter Lilies remind us of Christ's purity and holiness.



Jesus still lives in heaven waiting for us.

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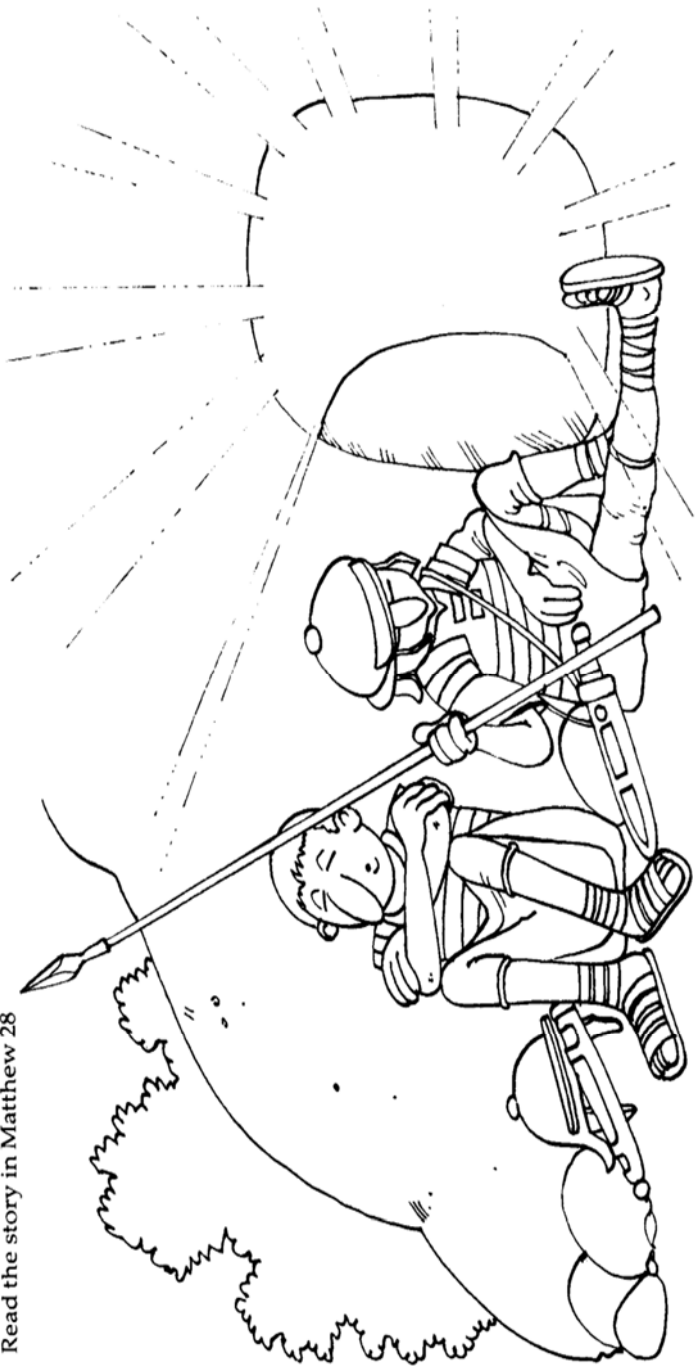
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John 20:18

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her!"

Heavenly Father, the empty tomb is no mystery to us. He is risen! We rejoice in his name. **Amen**

Read the story in Matthew 28



He has risen from the dead

(Matthew 28:7)



Word Search: John 20:1-18 (CEV)



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| SUNDAY | STONE | FAVORITE | TOMB |
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| PLEASE | TEACHER | GONE | DISCIPLES |
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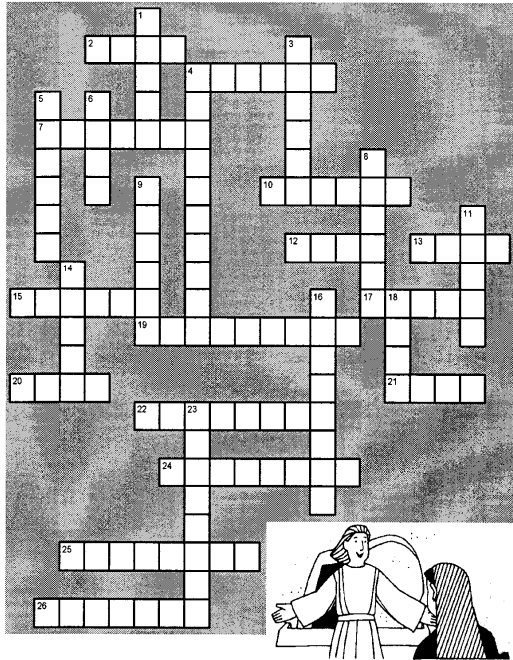


Crossword: John 20:1-18 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

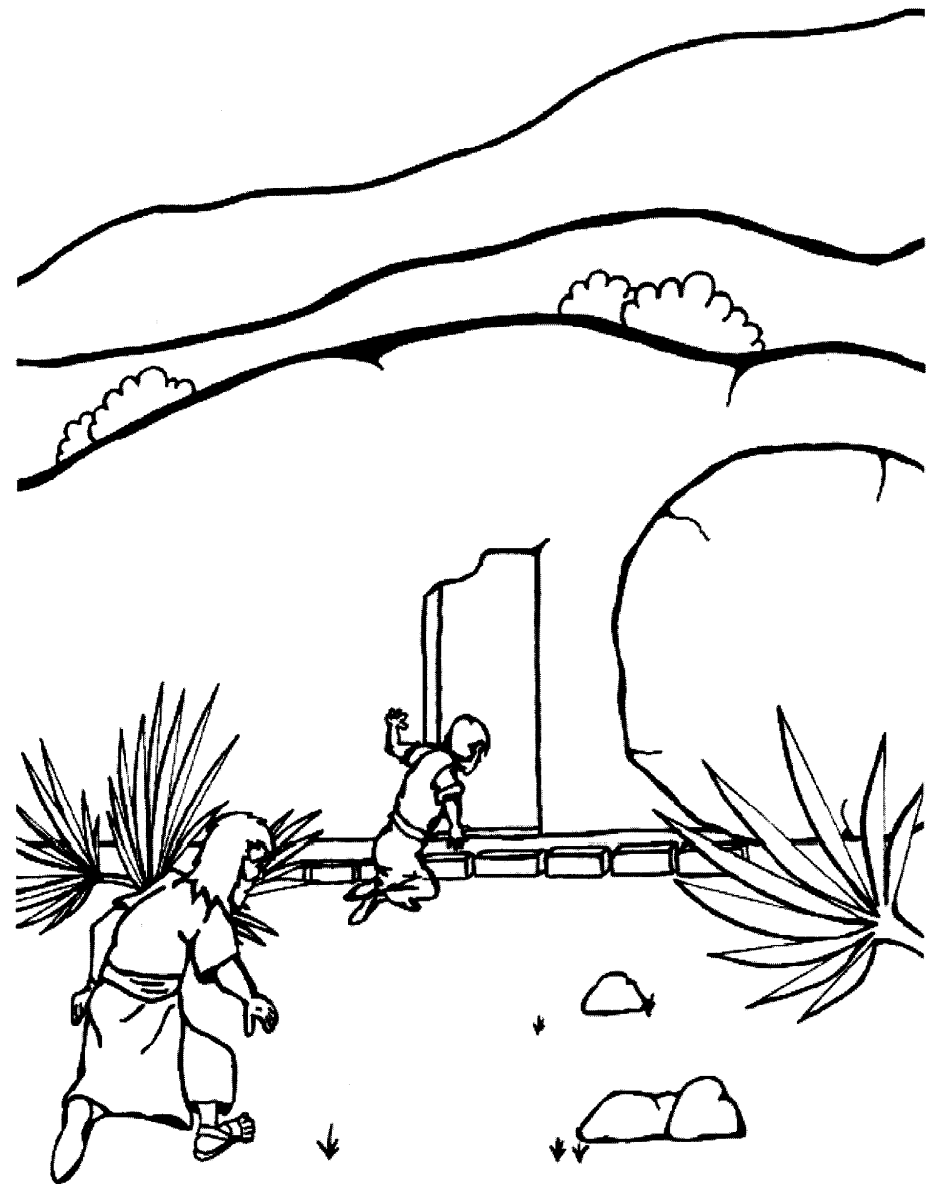
Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

- 4 across) On _____ morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb
- 17 across) and saw that the _____ had been rolled away from the entrance.
- 25 across) She ran to Simon Peter and to Jesus' _____ disciple and said,
- 18 down) They have taken the Lord from the _____! We don't know where they have put him.
- 22 across) Peter and the other _____ started for the tomb.
- 11 down) They ran side by side, until the other disciple ran faster than _____ and got there first.
- 1 down) He bent over and saw the strips of linen _____ lying inside the tomb, but he did not go in.
- 5 down) When Simon Peter got there, he went into the tomb and saw the _____ of cloth.
- 14 down) He also saw the piece of cloth that had been used to cover _____' face.
- 9 down) It was _____ up and in a place by itself.
- 16 down) The disciple who got there first then went into the tomb, and when he saw it, he _____.
- 4 down) At that time Peter and the other disciple did not know that the _____ said
- 20 across) Jesus would _____ to life. So the two of them went back to the other disciples.
- 10 across) Mary Magdalene stood _____ outside the tomb. She was still weeping, when she stooped down
- 8 down) and saw two _____ inside. They were dressed in white and were sitting where Jesus' body had been.
- 6 down) One was at the head and the other was at the foot. The angels asked _____, "Why are you crying?"
- 21 across) She answered, "They have taken away my Lord's _____! I don't know where they have put him."
- 23 down) As soon as Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus _____ there.



- 26 across) But she did not know who he was. Jesus asked her, "Why are you crying? Who are you _____ for?"
- 24 across) She thought he was the _____ and said, "Sir, if you have taken his body away,
- 15 across) _____ tell me, so I can go and get him." Then Jesus said to her, "Mary!"
- 7 across) She turned and said to him, "Rabboni." The Aramaic word "Rabboni" means "_____."
- 12 across) Jesus told her, "Don't hold on to me! I have not yet _____ to the father.
- 19 across) But tell my _____ that I am going to the one who is
- 3 down) my Father and my God, as well as your _____ and your God."
- 13 across) Mary Magdalene then went and told the disciples that she had _____ the Lord.
- 2 across) She also _____ them what he had said to her.

When Jesus was crucified, his friends were sad, but Easter made them glad.



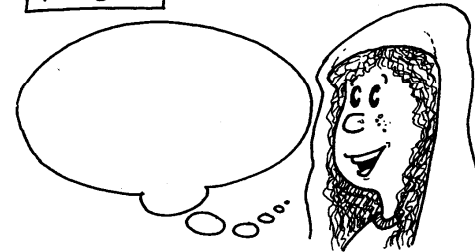
"Peter and John visit Jesus' tomb." John 20:1 - 10



"He is not here, he is risen!"



PETER



MARY MAGDALENE



JOHN



AS YOU READ THE ACCOUNT OF THE RESURRECTION MAKE A NOTE OF WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH THEIR MINDS. THEN CHAT IN ROLE...

THE DEAD ONE LIVES AND THE POWER OF DEATH IS BROKEN BY THE POWER OF LOVE... O MY LORD, THIS IS AN AMAZING TRUTH AND YOU ARE AN AMAZING GOD!

JESUS IS ALIVE!

IT'S JUST SO INCREDIBLE - I MEAN, NO ONE CAN DIE LIKE THAT AND THEN COME BACK TO LIFE, CAN THEY?

No! And the followers of Jesus who knew him well were just as confused as you.

SO DID IT REALLY HAPPEN, OR WAS IT JUST WISHFUL THINKING?

Well, plenty of people were so certain they had met the risen Jesus that they spent their whole lives spreading the news.

IF JESUS REALLY ROSE FROM THE DEAD, THAT MEANS HE'S JUST AS FULLY ALIVE THIS MINUTE.

Yes, that's right, he is!

- The sealed tomb was empty
- The tomb was guarded
- Many were willing to die rather than deny the Resurrection - they knew it was true
- If he had not actually died Jesus would have been weak and ill, which he wasn't

