

Draw the flowers you see in your church today.

Jesus died and came back to life on Easter!

Just like some flowers die in winter and come back in spring,

EASTER is a time for flowers!

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Easter Day

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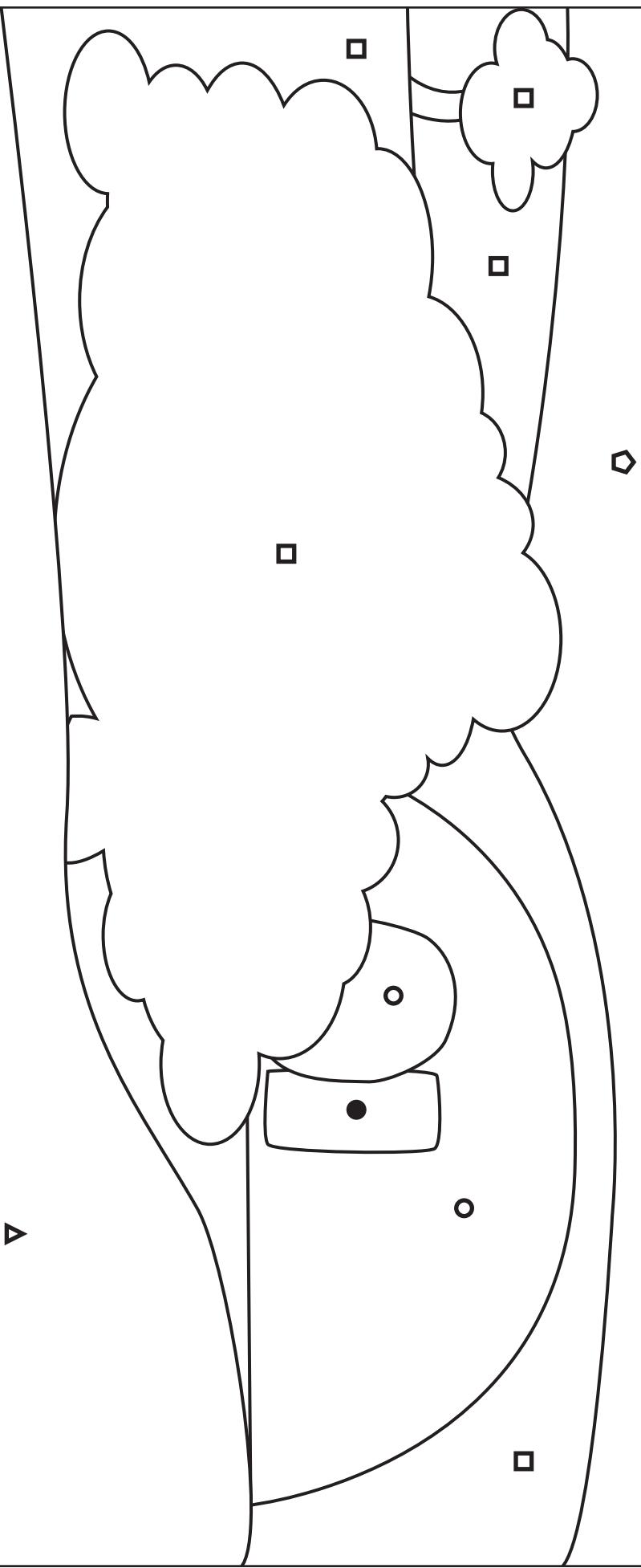
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Color in the Alleluia! Every time you hear Alleluia, hold your Alleluia up!

ALLELUIA!

GOOD NEWS!

The tomb where Jesus was buried was empty! Color the picture of Jesus' empty tomb.



KEY:

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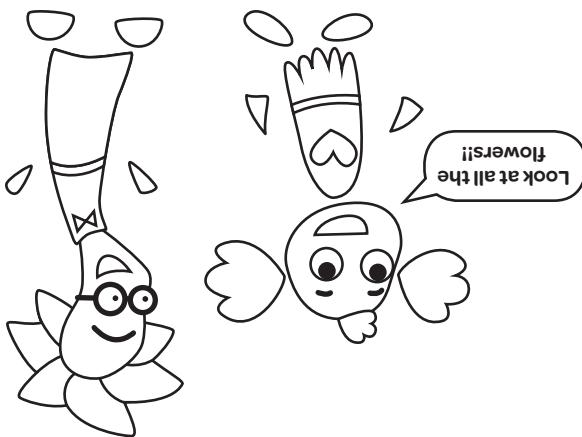
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Today our church family prays for...



Flowers that seemed
dead in the winter
are now blooming!

Just like Jesus was dead and now he is alive! Draw the different flowers you see in church today.

Are you sneezing too? Easter is a time for flowers!

Reader



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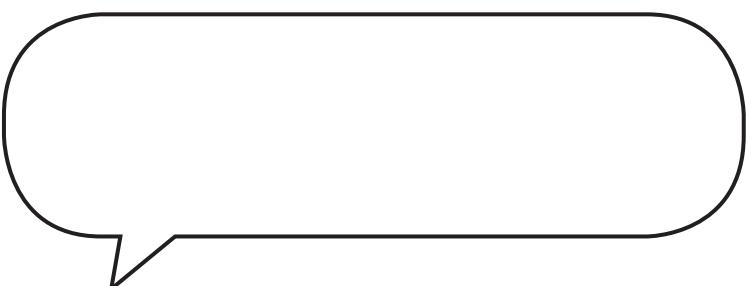
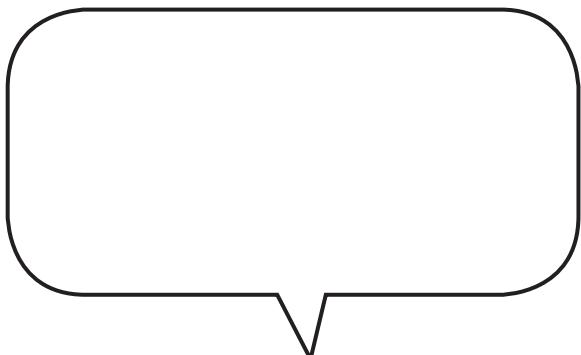
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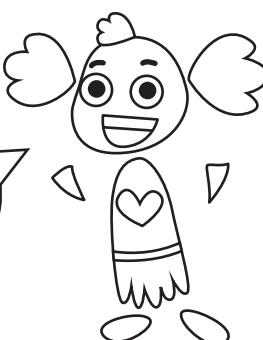
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ALLELUIA!

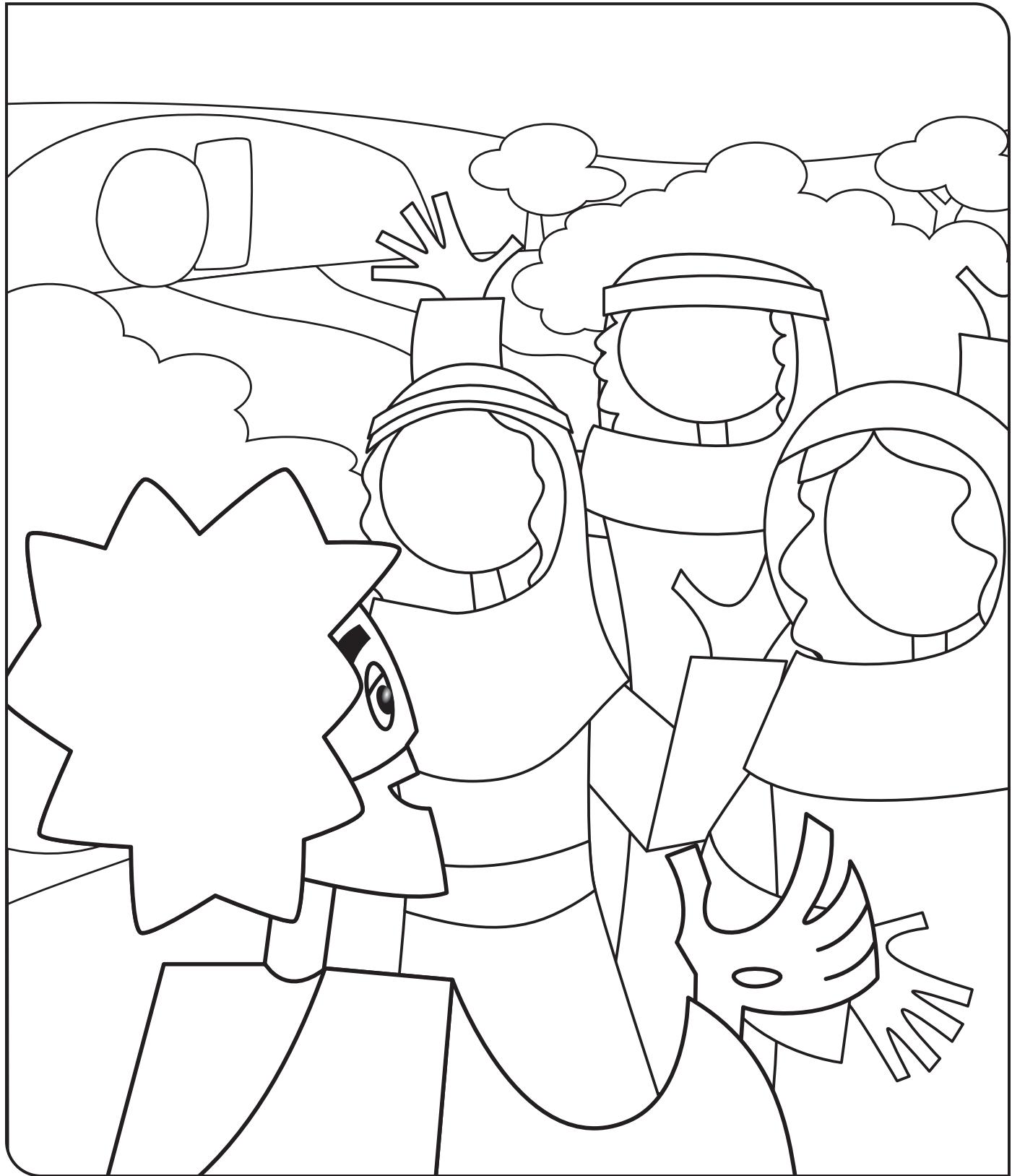
What other words can express joy and happiness? Fill the page with them!



I'm so happy I can
say Alleluia again!
Alleluia! Alleluia!



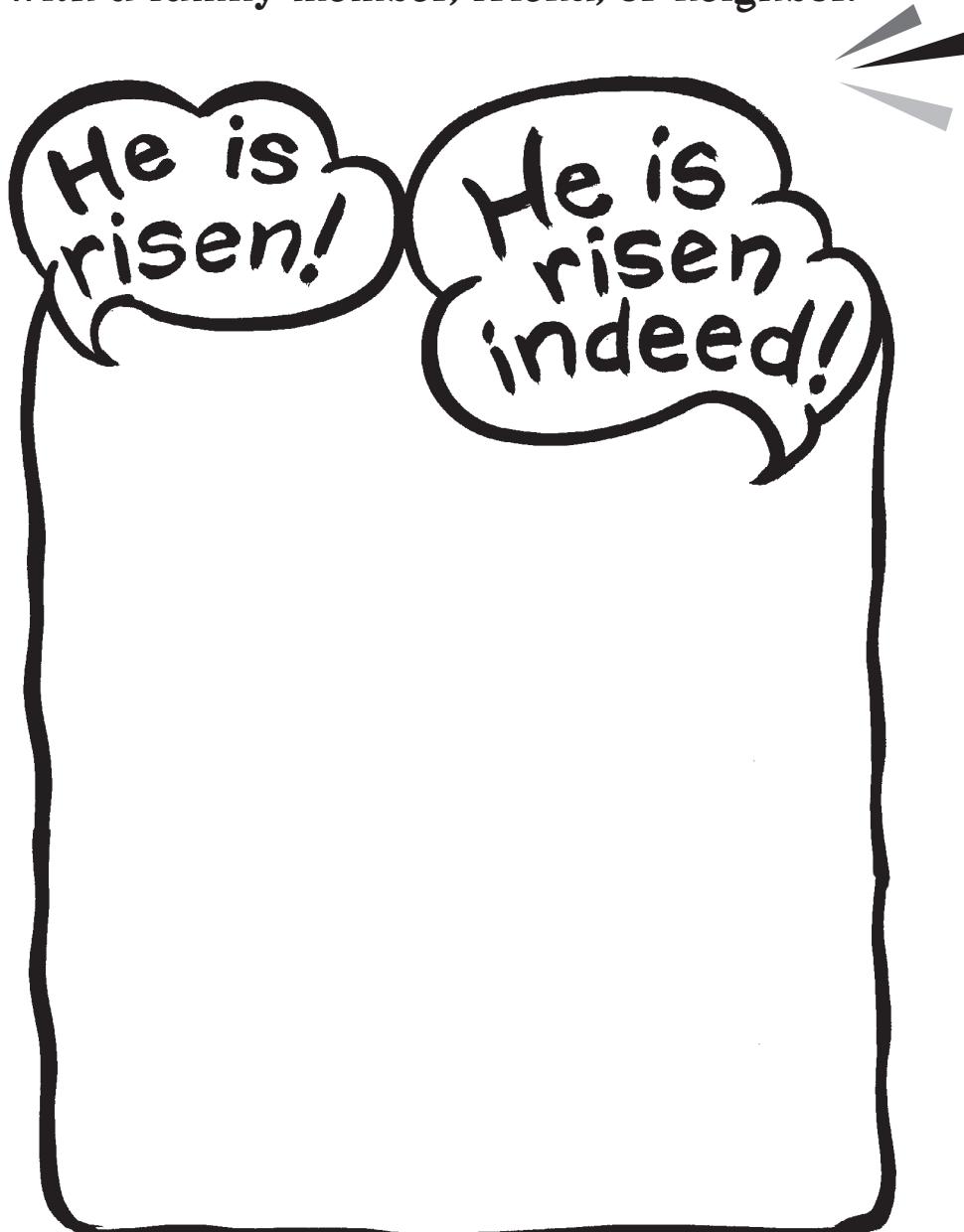
Draw the look of fear and joy on the faces of the women who first saw the empty tomb.



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How do you share the Easter greeting in worship today?

Draw yourself sharing the Easter greeting with a family member, friend, or neighbor.

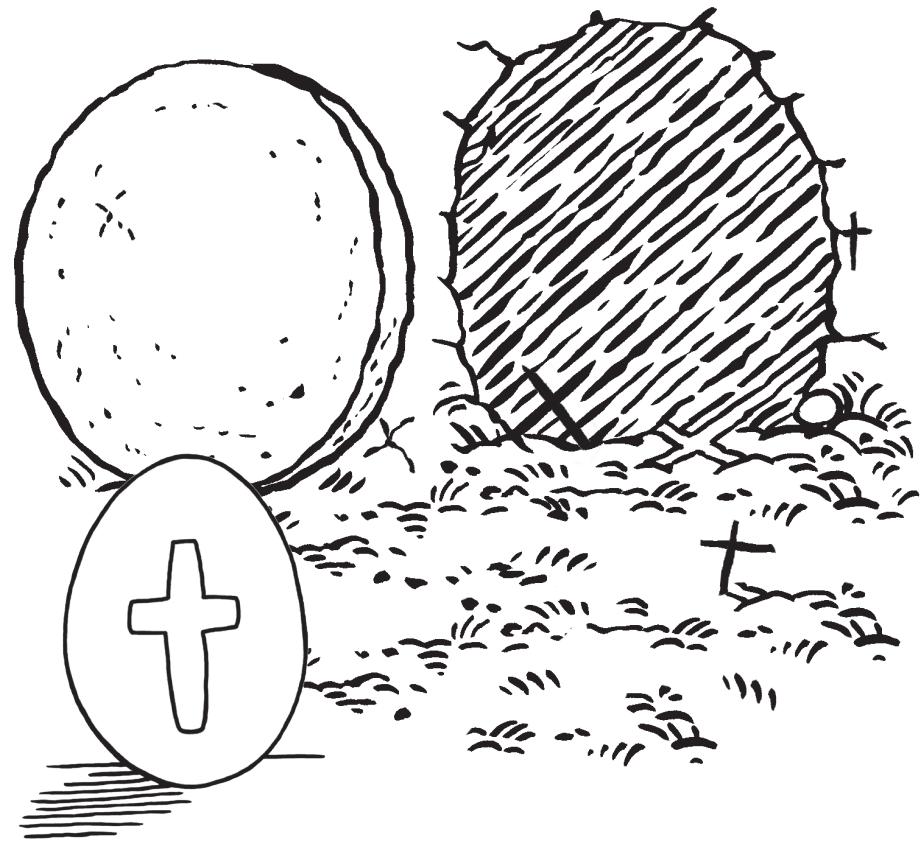


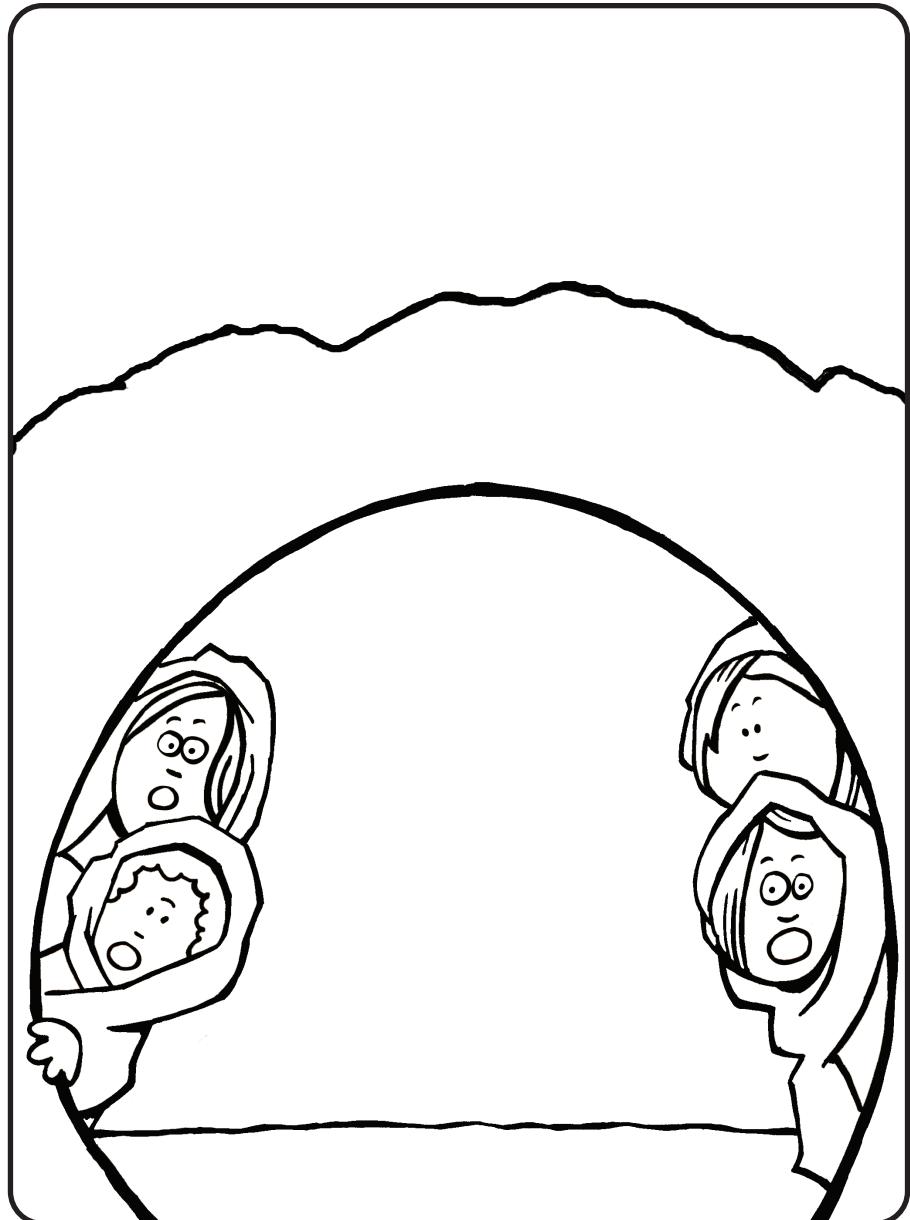
PRE-READER

Easter Day

- Today is **Easter Day**.
- On Easter, we celebrate that **Jesus is risen!**
- The symbol for Easter is a **cross**.
- Jesus died on the cross, but now **he is alive!**

Find and circle all the crosses hidden in the image below.

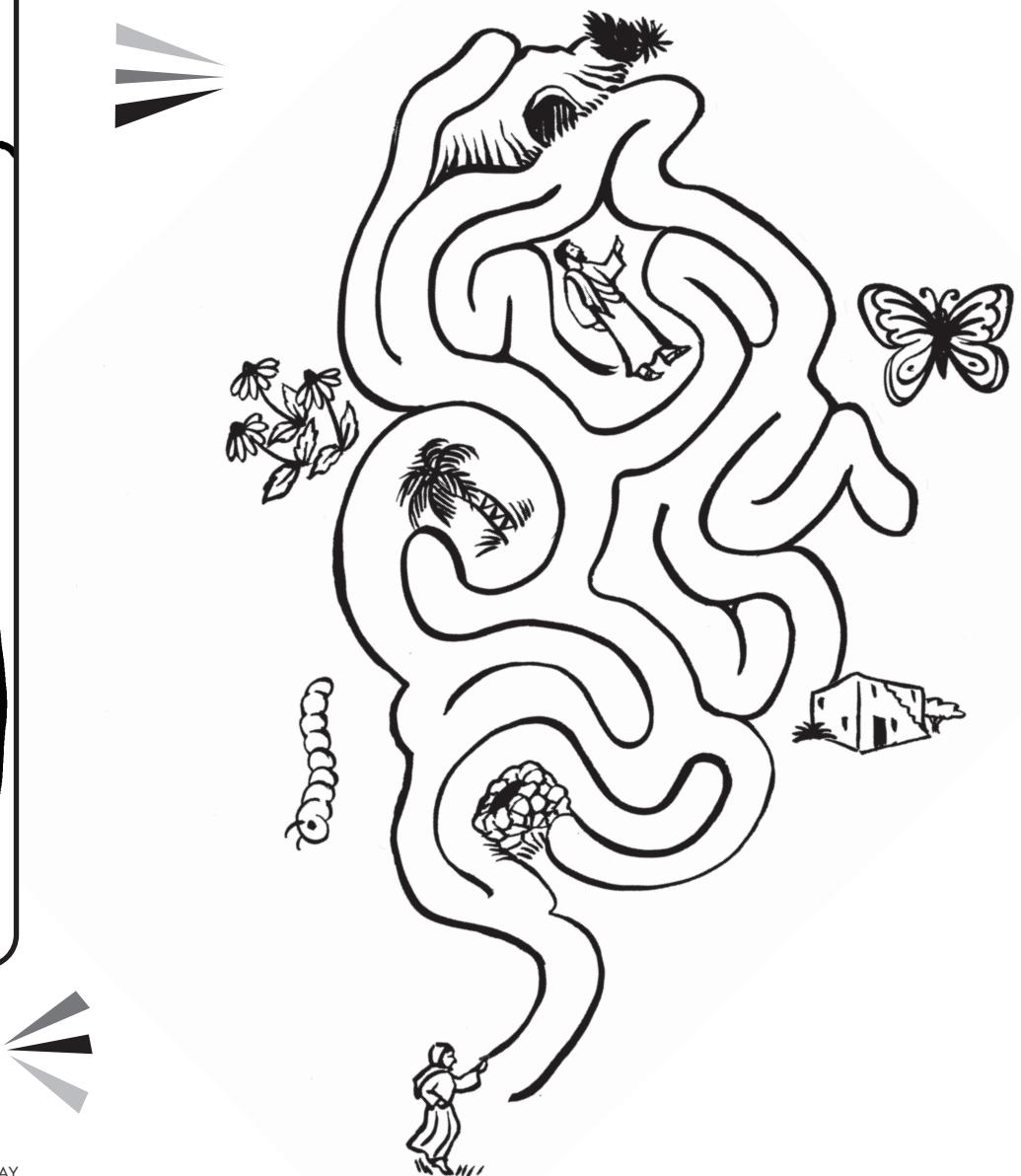




“Jesus isn’t here,” said the angel. “Jesus is alive!”

Mary traveled to the tomb. It was empty. Mary was surprised!

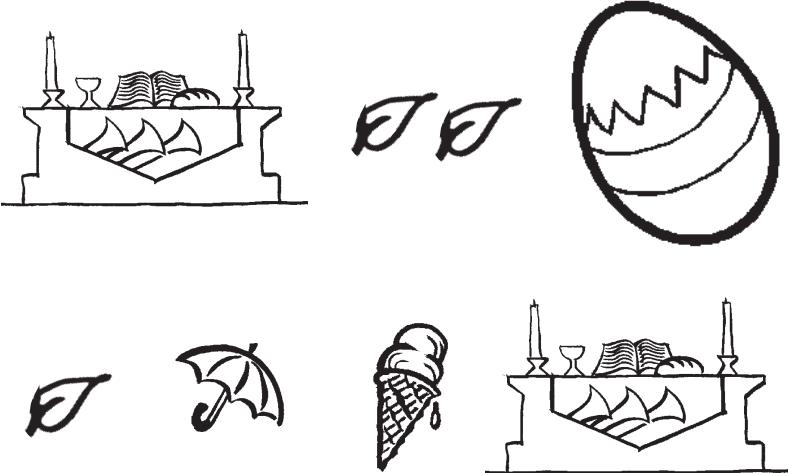
Help Mary find her way to the empty tomb and Jesus.



Jesus Has Risen!

Use the first letter of the name of each picture to spell an Easter word you will hear today. Write the word below.

How many times do you hear this word in worship today? Keep a tally here.



Color of Hope

White is a color often used during the Easter season. White can mean hope and new life. What is white in your worship space today?

Draw or write below.



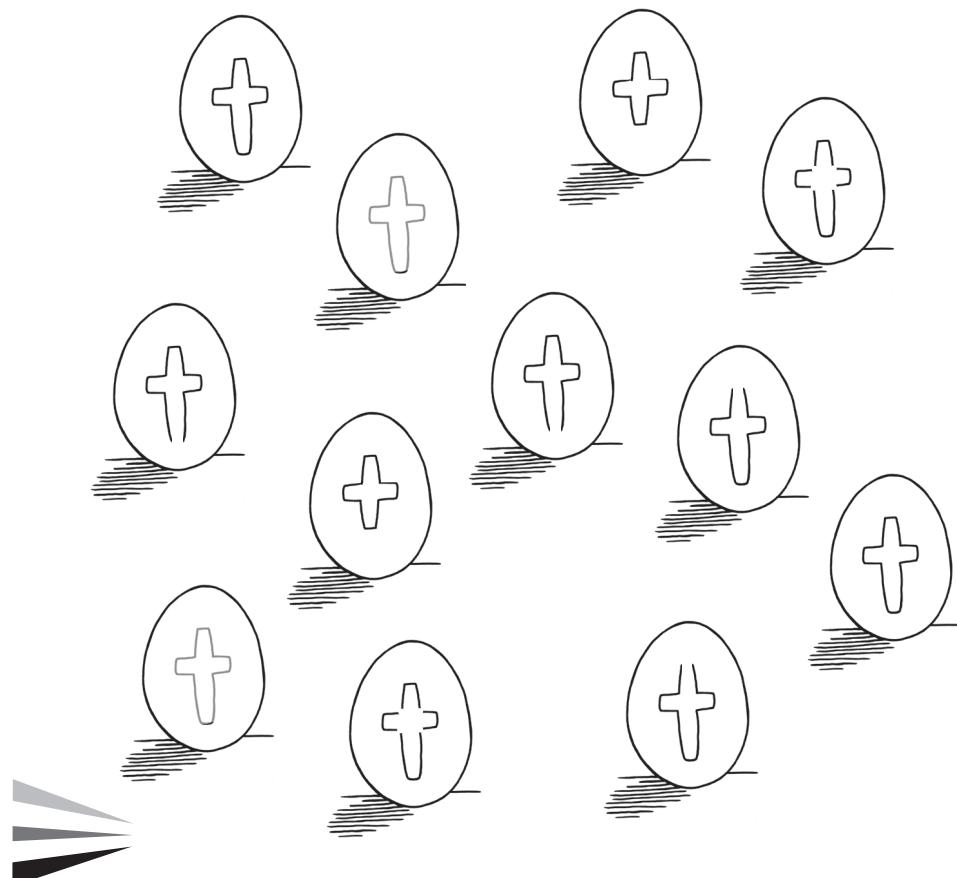
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Jesus Has Risen!

One symbol of easter is a cross. Another symbol is an egg. Can you find all the matching pairs of eggs below? There are enough to make a dozen.



Unscramble the letters to read the Easter message.

Memory Verse

But he said to them, "Do not be **mdraale**; you are **oinlkog** for **ssuje** of Nazareth, who was **icrficued**. **eh** has been **rsaied**; he is not here. **olok**, there is the **apecl** they **dial** him." Mark 16:6

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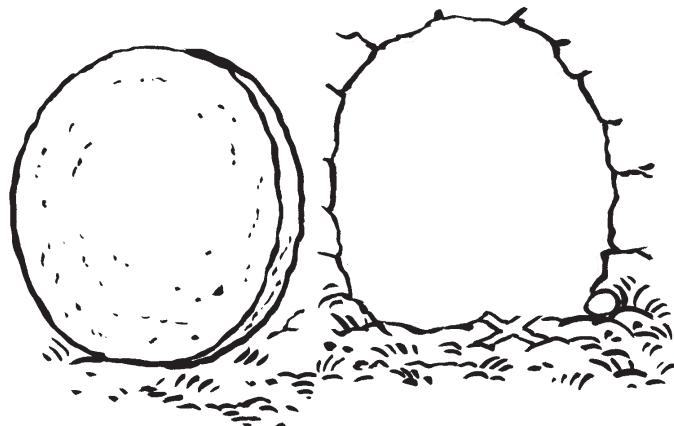
he is not here. _____, there is the _____ they

_____ him." —Mark 16:6

Surprises!

When Mary arrived at the tomb on Sunday morning, she was surprised to see it empty. What surprises have you experienced? What surprises you about God?

Around the tomb, draw a few surprises in your life. Inside the tomb, draw or write what surprises you about God.



After Jesus rose from the dead, he visited lots of people. Look at the list of people below. Number the groups in order of Jesus' visit to them. Look up Paul's account of this time in 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 for help.

Jesus appears to each of us when we share the good news!

**500 BROTHERS
AND SISTERS**

TWELVE

ALL THE APOSTLES

CEPHAS

MARY MAGDALENE

JAMES

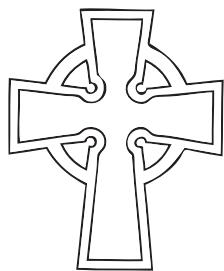
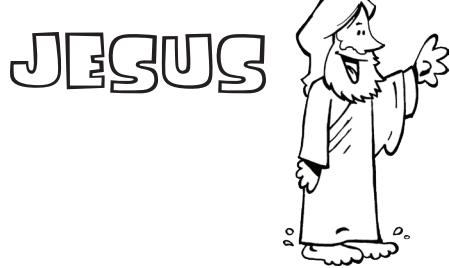
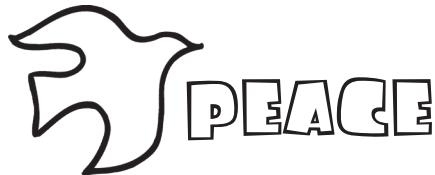
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The Gospel of Mark has two endings. The earliest manuscripts end Mark at 16:8. Some versions continue through 16:20. Check out Mark 16:9-20 to read the longer ending! What do you think of that?

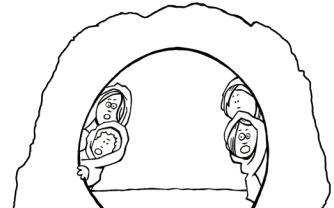
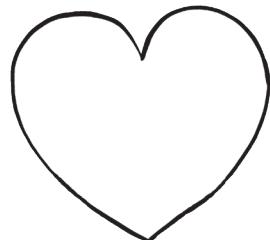


Easter is a joyous celebration! What words do you hear in worship today?

Color in the words you hear, pray, or sing.



LOVE ALIVE

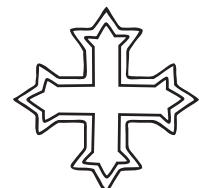
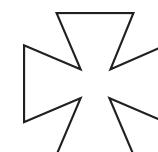
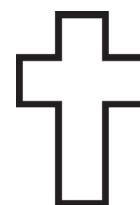
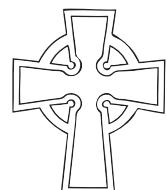
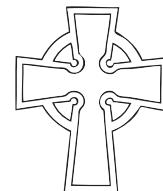
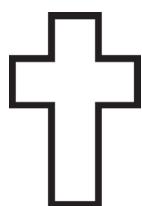
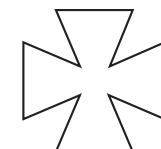
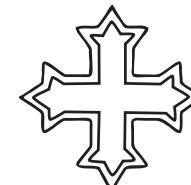


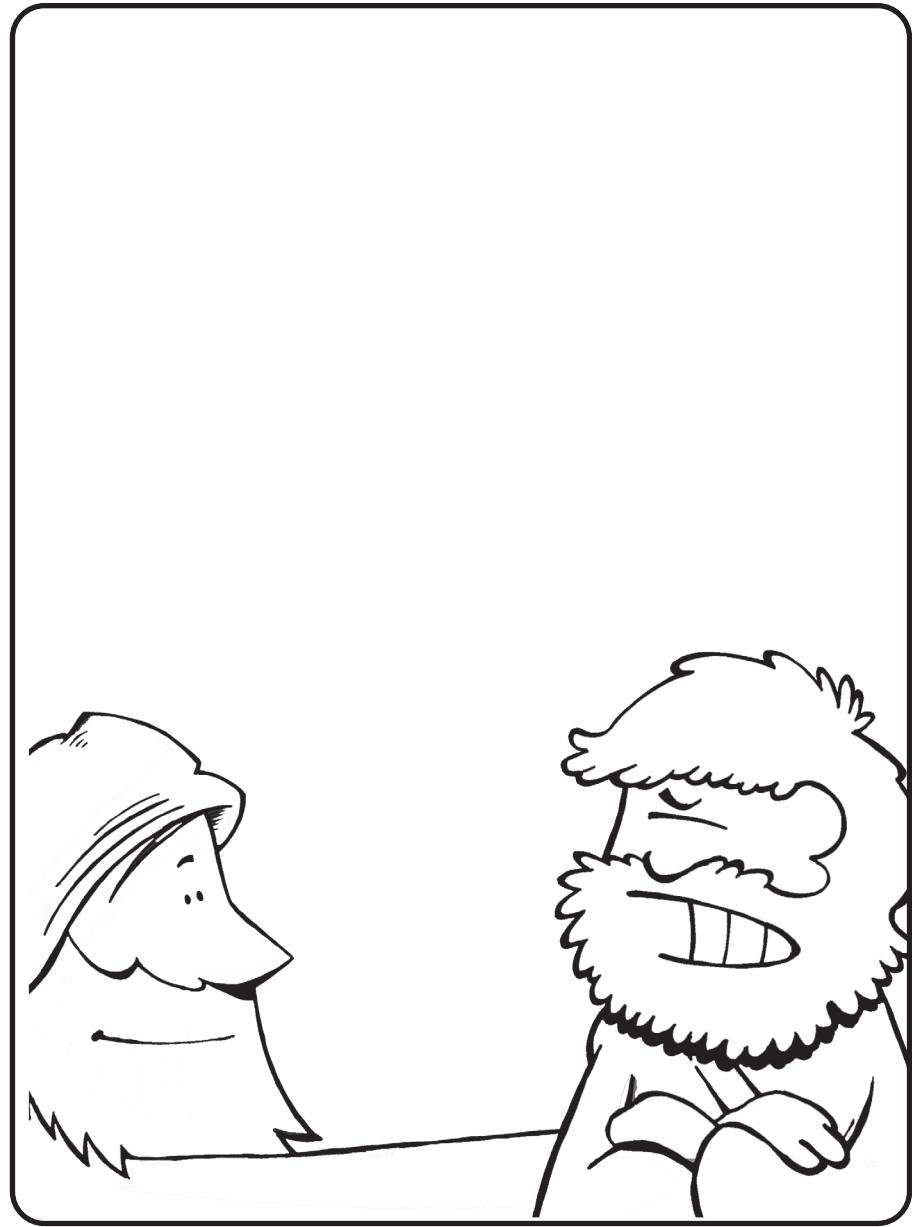
PRE-READER

Easter 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** in Easter.
- The color for the Easter season is **white**.
- White is a color of **joy and celebration**.
- Easter is a time to **celebrate** new life!

Crosses come in many different designs. Which crosses match? Find the matching pairs. Color each pair a different color.



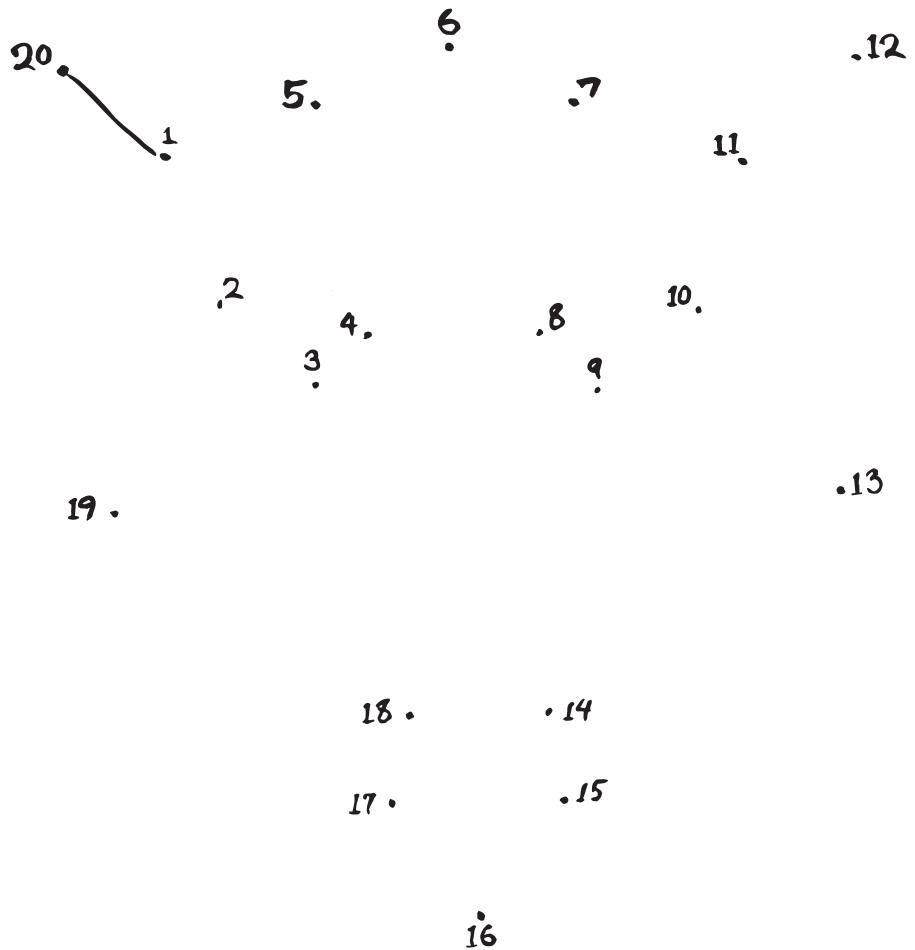


“Do not doubt anymore. It’s time for you to believe,” said Jesus.



Jesus’ disciples met in a locked room. Suddenly Jesus stood with them! He said “Peace be with you.”

Connect the dots to find a church symbol for peace.



Peace Be with You

Jesus shared peace with his disciples. We share peace with each other during worship. We can share with a handshake, a hug, or a simple greeting. You can also share the peace in a visual way by signing the words "Peace be with you." Try it during worship!



PEACE



WITH



YOU



BE



READER

Easter 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** in Easter.
- Easter is a time to **celebrate new life!**
- Jesus came to bring us **peace and love.**

How Many Days?

Did you know that Easter is not just one day? The season of Easter lasts for weeks! This is wonderful news!

Count the crosses, the eggs, and the butterflies. Add them all together and you'll know how many days are in the Easter season.



Oh no! Some words in the memory verses are jumbled! Listen closely to the Gospel reading. Then, move the underlined words to their correct locations.

Memory Verse

"Jesus seen and stood not them and said,
Blessed be with Jesus." —John 20:19b

"If you believe the sins of any, they are forgiven them..." —John 20:23

"You said to him, 'Have you forgive because you have believed me? Came are they who have among seen and yet have come to peace.'" —John 20:29

"Jesus _____ and stood _____ them and said,

'_____ be with _____.' —John 20:19b

"If you _____ the sins of _____, they _____

forgiven them..." —John 20:23

"_____ said to him, 'Have you _____ because you have
_____ me? _____ are they who have _____
seen and yet have come to _____.'" —John 20:29

The Easter season lasts 50 days! That means Easter is celebrated until what day? Another name for this season is Eastertide. Eastertide falls in the center of the church's liturgical year. Easter follows Lent and prepares us for Pentecost.

Did You Know?

Jesus and Thomas

The peace Jesus gave the disciples changed their lives. Jesus sent them out to forgive sins and help others believe in him.

Unscramble the first letter of each sentence to find out what the disciples need for their work. Write the new word on the lines below.

All of the disciples saw Jesus.

Thomias couldn't believe them.

Here are my hands and side, Thomas. Believe, don't doubt," said Jesus.

Forgive the sins of others," Jesus reminded the disciples.

I send you, just as the Father sent me," Jesus told the disciples.

We also need this to tell others about Jesus!



Look It Up!

Jesus appeared to his disciples several times and in many places. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus meets Simon and another disciple walking on the road. They do not recognize him. Would you recognize Jesus if you saw him?

Find Jesus in the picture below. Then look up Luke 24:13-35 to find out what the disciples discovered at the end of the walk.

"The _____ has _____!"
—Luke 24:34



Use your senses during worship today. What do you see, hear, smell, taste, and touch in your worship space?

Draw or write in the spaces below.



PRE-READER

Easter 3

- Today is the **3rd Sunday** in Easter.
- There are **7 weeks** in the Easter season.
- During Easter, we **celebrate** Jesus—he's alive!
- Jesus came to **share God's love**.

What colors do you see in your worship space today? Use those colors to decorate the egg below.





"Go everywhere in the world and teach people about me."

Find the Easter words in the word find below.

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F	N	S	V	P	Z	O	P
K	G	U	A	L	I	V	E
F	N	S	O	E	G	E	X

Jesus
Love
Go

Easter
Spring
Disciple

Alive
Teach

Worship Blessings

Each week we receive a blessing in worship. The pastor gives us a blessing from God when worship is ending. This blessing is called the *benediction*.

Print or draw a blessing from God that begins with each letter of the word *benediction*. God's blessings are all around us!

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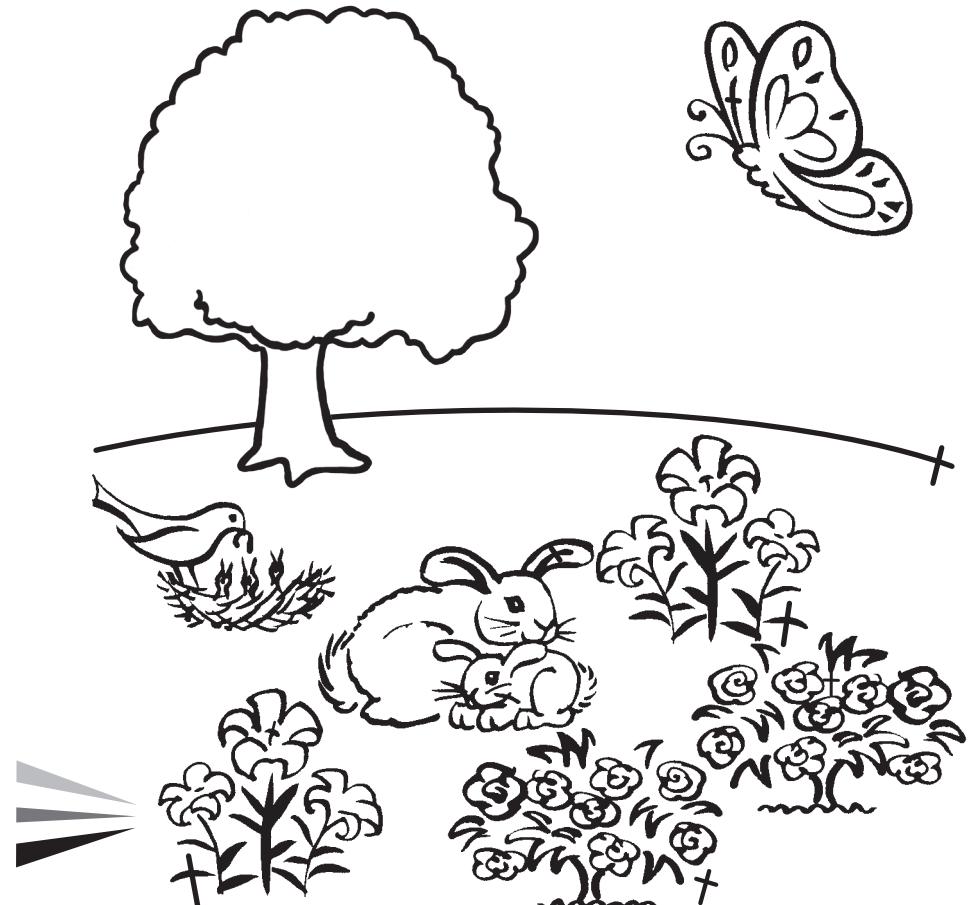
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- Today is the **3rd Sunday** in Easter.
- There are **7 weeks** in the Easter season.
- Jesus came to **share God's love**.
- Jesus calls us to **love each other**.

Seek and Find

Spring is a time of new life. Finish and color the spring scene below. How many crosses can you find hidden in the picture?





Bible Tip!

Want to learn more about the author of the Gospel of Luke? At the beginning of each book of the Spark Bible, you'll find out about who wrote the text and lots of other information.

Many people who study the Bible think that Luke was probably a doctor. Use this technique to learn about some other books in the Bible!

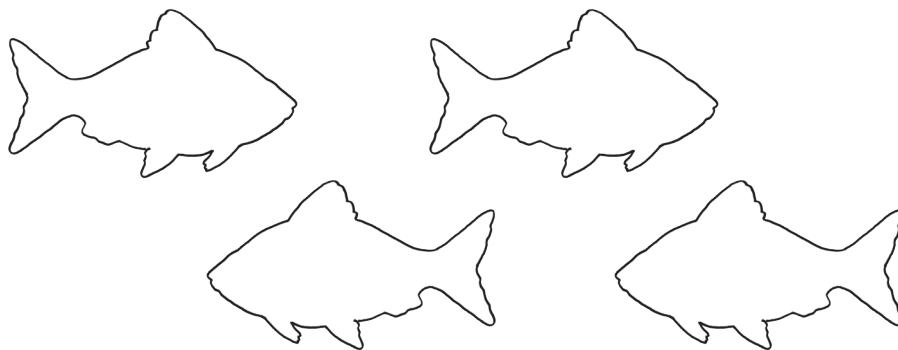


Look It Up!

Jesus appeared to the disciples. He shared fish with them and blessed them. Jesus said to them, "You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48).

Reread today's Gospel lesson in Luke 24:36-53. Then, look up this same story in Mark 16:14-20. What does Jesus tell the disciples to do? Write some ideas below.

Jesus gives us the same powers as the disciples. What would you do with the Holy Spirit's power? Fill in the fish with some ideas.



Study the cryptogram below. Find the pattern to crack the code and complete the memory verse. A few letters have been done for you. (Hint: use these clues to help you find the pattern.)

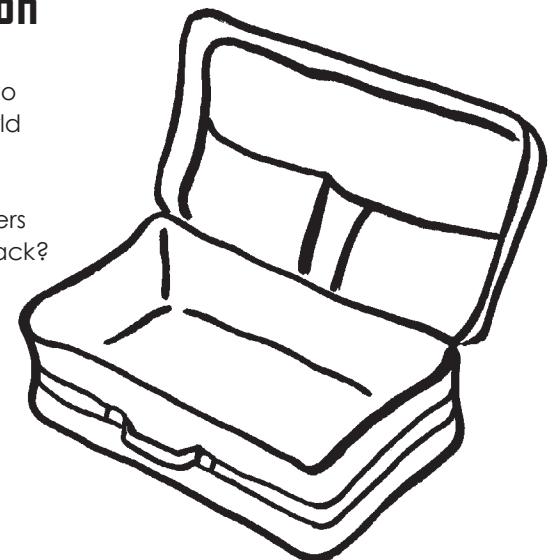


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You Have a Mission

Jesus gave the disciples an important job. He told them to tell everyone all over the world about Jesus. You have that same job. Imagine that you are planning a trip to tell others about Jesus. What will you pack? Draw it in this suitcase.



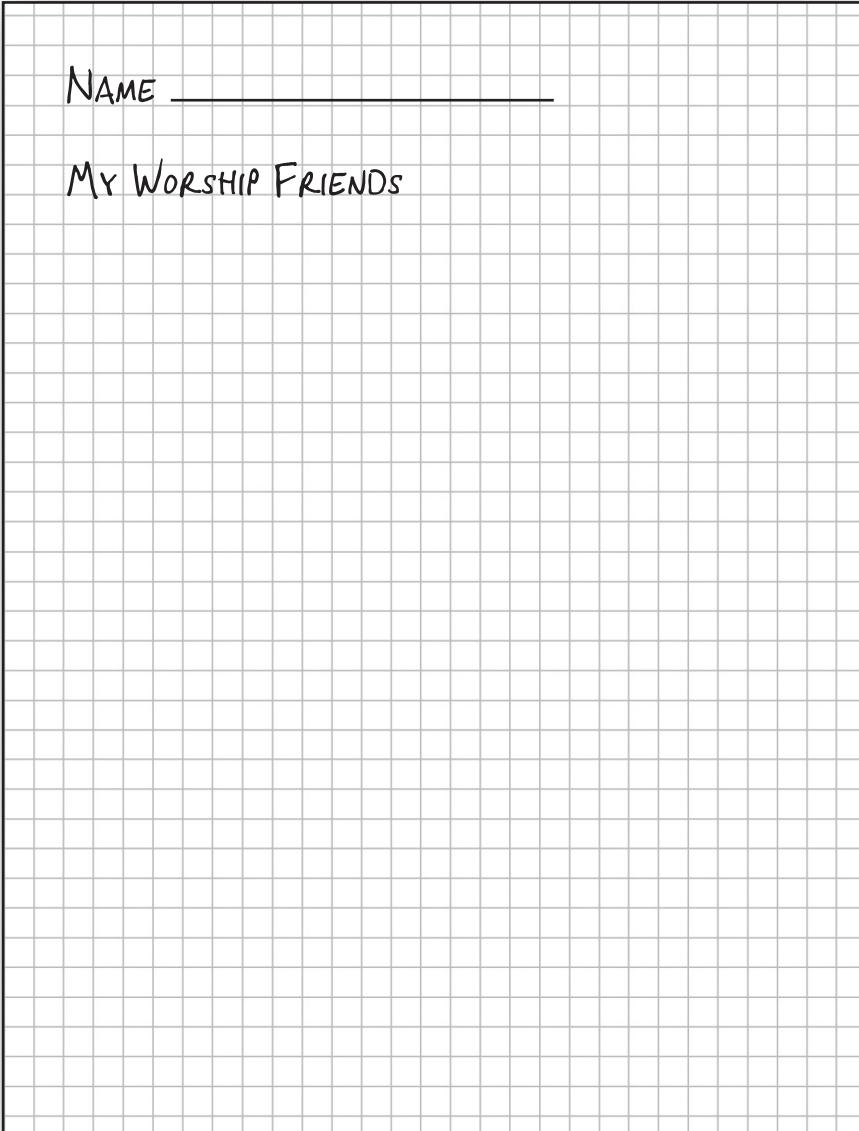
Jesus knows the name of everyone in worship with you today! Draw your worship space in the space below. Where are you in the church? Who is sitting near you?

As you leave worship today, learn the names of those sitting close to you.



NAME _____

MY WORSHIP FRIENDS



PRE-READER

Easter 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** in Easter.
- In the Northern Hemisphere, Easter occurs during the **spring**.
- Spring is a season of **new life**.

Baa! Baa! So many shepherds in this picture! Can you find the Good Shepherd? Circle him.





"Just like a good shepherd cares for each and every sheep in the flock, I care for each and every one of you."

Jesus knows our names, cares for us, and looks for us when we're lost. Jesus is always with us.

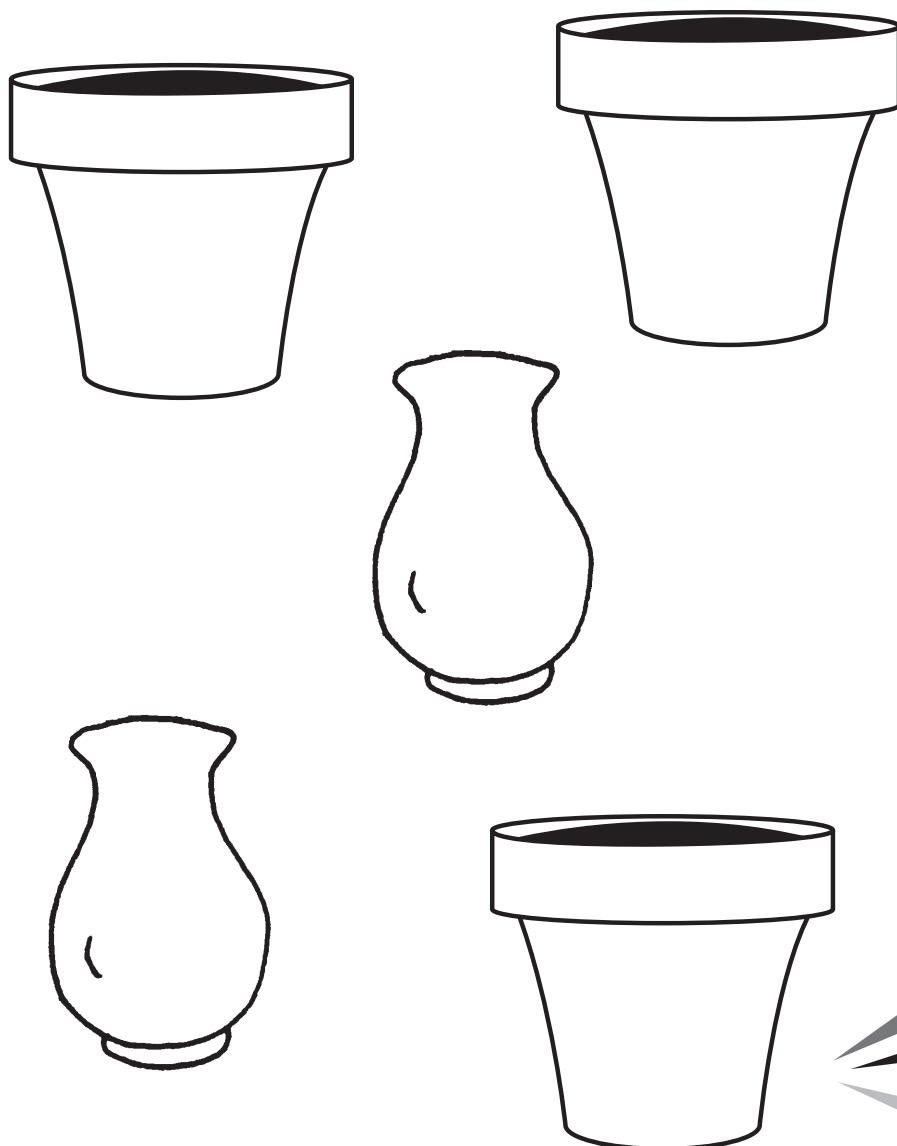
Search the hidden valley for 23 hidden sheep. Circle them! What do you think their names might be?



Easter Florals

The Easter season brings spring, which means blooming flowers. Flowers brighten up any room or worship space. What kinds of flowers do you see in your worship space today? Draw them in the vases below.

What kinds of flowers do you see growing outside? Draw these flowers in the flower pots below.



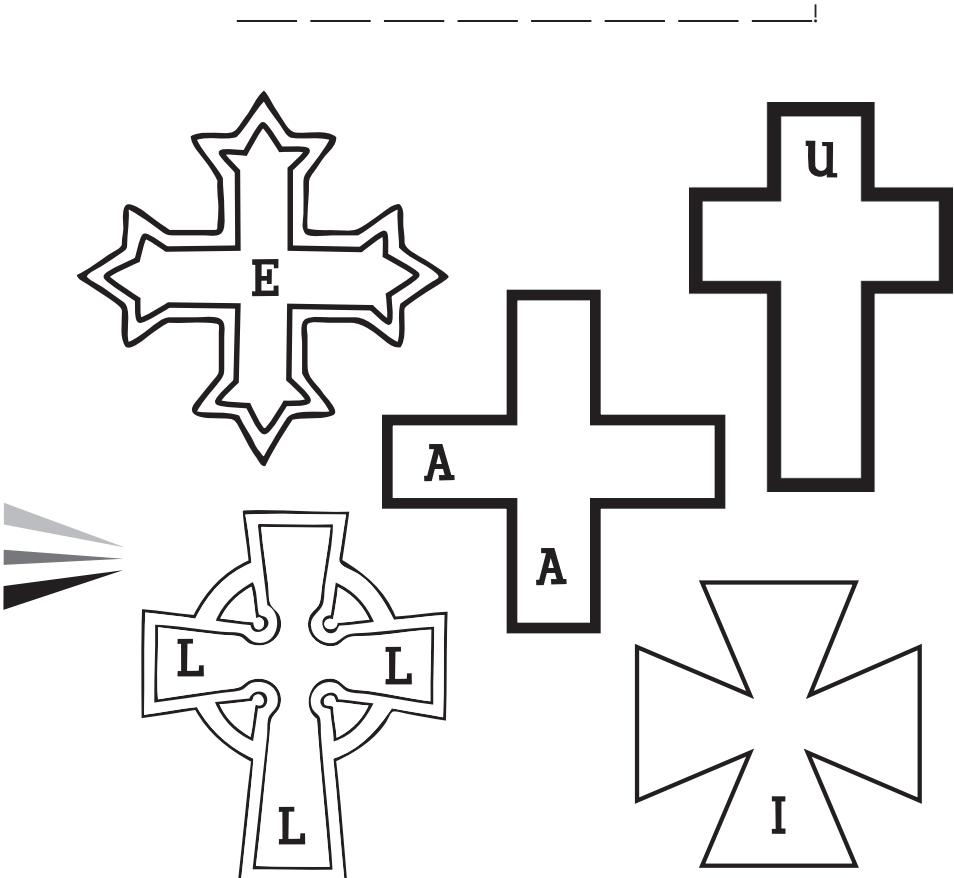
READER

Easter 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** in Easter.
 - An important word during Easter is **Alleluia**.
 - Alleluia means **Praise God!**

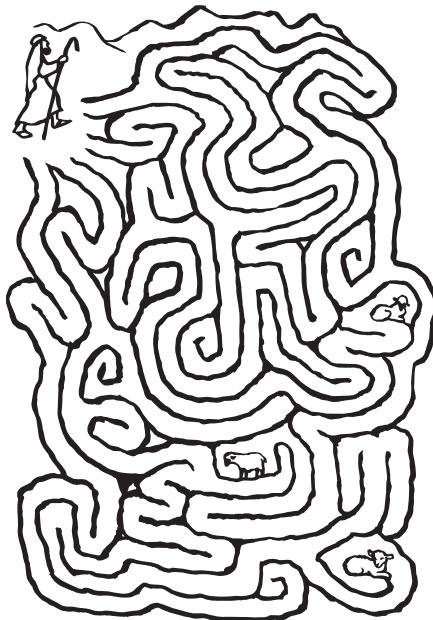
Coded Crosses

Crosses can come in many shapes and sizes. Which type do you see in your worship space? Color this one blue. Color in the rest of the crosses with different colors. Then, collect the letters on each cross to show an Easter word.



The Good Shepherd

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus promises to stay with us always, even when we feel lost! Help the shepherd find his three lost sheep.



Look It Up!

The book of Psalms in the Bible is a collection of songs. Psalm 23 is about Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Look up Psalm 23 and use it to complete the passage below.

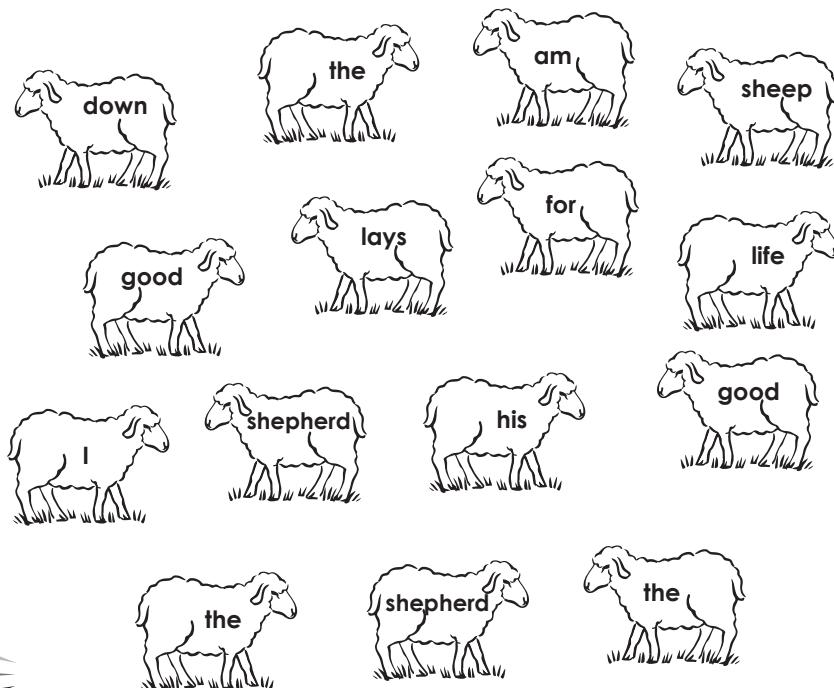
"The _____ is my _____, I shall not _____.
He makes me lie down in _____;
He _____ me beside still _____;
He _____ my _____.
He leads me in _____ paths for _____ name's sake.
_____ though I walk through the _____ valley,
I _____ no _____.
For _____ are _____ me;
Your rod and your _____.
They _____ me." —Psalm 23:1-4



Help the shepherd put his flock back in order. Each sheep has a word of this week's memory verse, but the flock has moved around! Put the words from each sheep in the right order to discover the memory verse. Write each word in the blanks below.

" _____
_____.
_____.
_____ "

—John 10:11.



Shepherding is one of the world's oldest occupations—over 6,000 years old! Shepherds spent every hour of their day watching, tending, protecting, and grooming their sheep. In Bible times, shepherds did not always have their own homes because they traveled around with their sheep.

Memory Verse



Did You Know?