



HOPE

CHANGES

EVERYTHING

Family Version

WELCOME

We pray that this Lent & Easter season is a blessed time of family togetherness and intentional reflection as to the hope that is found in a relationship with Christ.

HIS SACRIFICE FOR US CHANGES EVERYTHING.

The hope we have in Him should change everything in our life. If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about that hope, please contact us in the CBC office (see below).

We invite you to pick up an extra book to give to a friend, a neighbor, or someone that you would like to start a conversation with about the hope you have found in Jesus.

If you need extra copies of a page, you can go to www.facebook.com/groups/KingdomZone.CBC/ or you can grab an extra copy on Sunday mornings.

REMEMBER TO POST PICS OR VIDEOS OF YOUR FAMILY ON THE KINGDOM ZONE FACEBOOK PAGE SO WE CAN CELEBRATE TOGETHER!



YOU ARE INVITED

Things might not look back to normal...yet.... but we continue to be committed to speaking truth and love into the lives of our CBC kids and families. Please join us for worship and fun each Sunday. In addition to our traditional worship services, we have KZKids services online and sermon activity sheets. KZBabies and KZPreschool classes are open during the 10:45 AM service. We would love to open more KZclasses but can only do that if we have volunteers. Please contact us if you are willing to serve our KZfamilies. Please contact us if you have any questions or if we can pray for you!

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We are also starting to plan summer fun...holding things loosely...but we are full of hope and excitement for things to come. Stay tuned for more details.

To watch our weekly KZKids Services online, open the camera on your phone/tablet and scan the QR code



or go to YouTube and search for "Calvary Bible Church Neenah"

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INSTRUCTIONS

How to use the sensory family devos in this book:

SENSE—each activity, whether it's a craft or a memory, involves one of the five senses. Let your child know which you will be using each day.

SCRIPTURE—Begin by reading the scripture. As parents you might have heard the story "a million times" but your kids haven't. However, don't get bogged down trying to read the account from every Gospel. Please read all of the passages listed by yourself beforehand and then you can judge, based on your kids' ages and attention span, how much to read to them. As you read the Scripture, instruct your kids to imagine they are in the story.

ACTIVITY—After you have read the Scripture, lead your children in the activity. As you make the craft or journey through your experience, talk about the Scripture and the sense being used. Depending on the age of your children, the activity or craft may look different. It's OK! The point is not to do or be perfect but to experience God's Word.

TALK—This section is written in first person so you can read it to your children. It is a starting point and a conversation starter. It's not supposed to be a big theological discussion and let's face it, your kids might end up talking about superheroes or bumblebees instead. The main point is to get them talking and internalizing the Scripture.

EXTRA GAMES/PUZZLES—also included for each day are puzzles, games, activities and even some extra crafts...but they are optional. Everyone learns differently and you know your kids best, so let them loose to do none, one or all of these extras.

NOTE: The story of Jesus' death and resurrection is a hard one. People and churches have debated the details and even the veracity of it for centuries. Pastors and professors still don't know and understand every detail of this rich story.

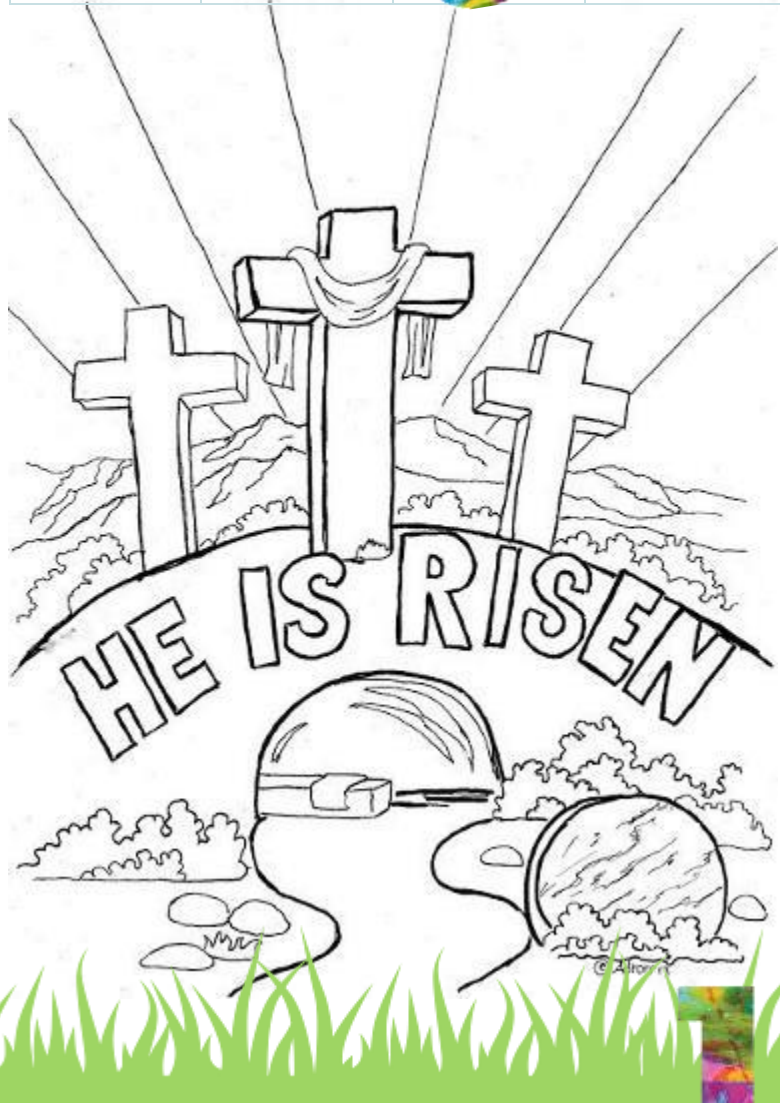
So, why do we think we can or should relate this story to our children?

It's not a story to be understood, dissected and fact-checked. It's a story to be experienced. A story to be awed by. A story to believe in. And children are the best at belief. As you walk through the story with your children, use these devotionals as a guide. But use your relationship with Jesus, your walk with Him and your heart to convey these truths to your children. Impress this story on their hearts and minds. (You might want to read the article on page 25 on how to talk to your children about death before starting these devotionals.)

Devotionals are taken (and sometimes modified) from the book "A SENSE OF THE RESURRECTION" by Amanda White.

I SPY EASTER STORY EGGS

How many of each of the Easter story eggs (shown below) can you find in this activity book?



REMINDER: IF YOU WOULD LIKE EXTRA COPIES OF THE ACTIVITIES/PUZZLES, GO TO

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/KINGDOMZONE.CBC/ OR CONTACT US AT SAMUNDSON@CBCNEENAH.ORG



MARY'S PERFUME

DAY 1—SMELL

You smell the perfume to prepare your heart for Jesus' death

READ IT TOGETHER:

John 12:1-8; Matthew 26:6-13;
Mark 14:1-9; Luke 7:36-50

MAKE IT TOGETHER (DIFFUSER):

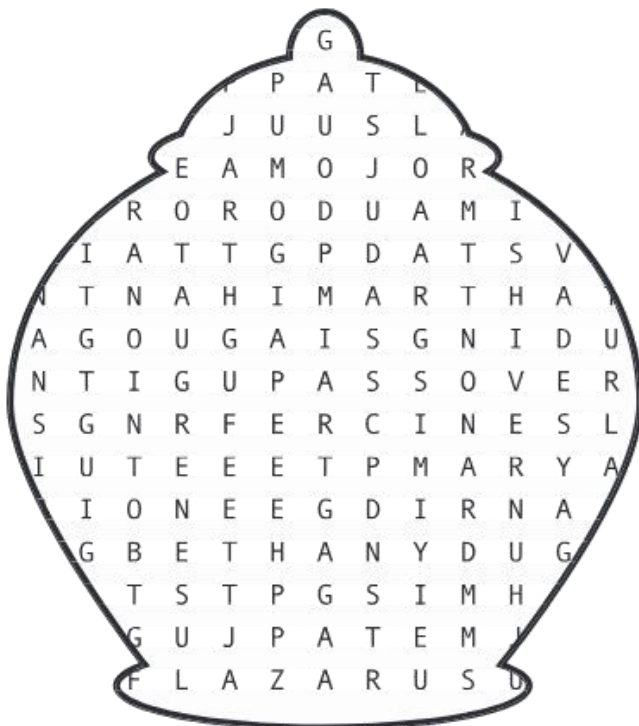
Supplies: reeds (or bamboo skewers), small mouth jars (spice jars, baby food jars, etc.), liquid potpourri (or essential oils), scrapbook paper, ribbons, stickers, or other assorted decorations.

1. Decorate jars with paper, ribbons, and stickers
2. Pour 1-2 inches of liquid potpourri into each jar
3. Place 4-6 reeds into each jar
4. Place each jar in a different room of the house (dependent on how many kids you have)

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

Jesus said Mary anointed Him to prepare Him for His death and burial. When she broke the jar and perfume spilled out, the Book of John says, "and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."

When we smell the perfume in our house, let's remember that Jesus died for us. We can try to say a quick prayer like, "thank You Jesus for dying for me!" each time we notice the perfume. Let's be like Mary and prepare our hearts for Jesus' death.

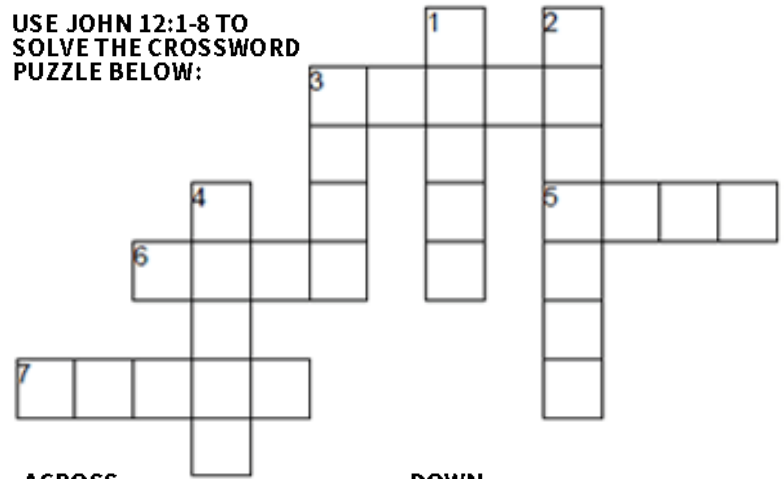


ANOINT
JUDAS
BETHANY

LAZARUS
FEET
MARTHA

PASSOVER
JAR
MARY

USE JOHN 12:1-8 TO
SOLVE THE CROSSWORD
PUZZLE BELOW:



ACROSS

3. The building in which a family lives
5. The part of the body on which a person stands
6. The opposite of rich
7. Pay received for the labor of a worker

DOWN

1. The disciple who betrayed Jesus
2. A liquid produced and sold for its pleasant smell
3. What grows on the head of a person
4. What we use to buy things

TRACE THE DESIGNS ON THE
EASTER EGGS AND COLOR!





TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

DAY 2-SOUND

You hear the truth of Jesus' mission: to save us from our sin!

READ IT TOGETHER:

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19

MAKE IT TOGETHER (WINDCHIMES):

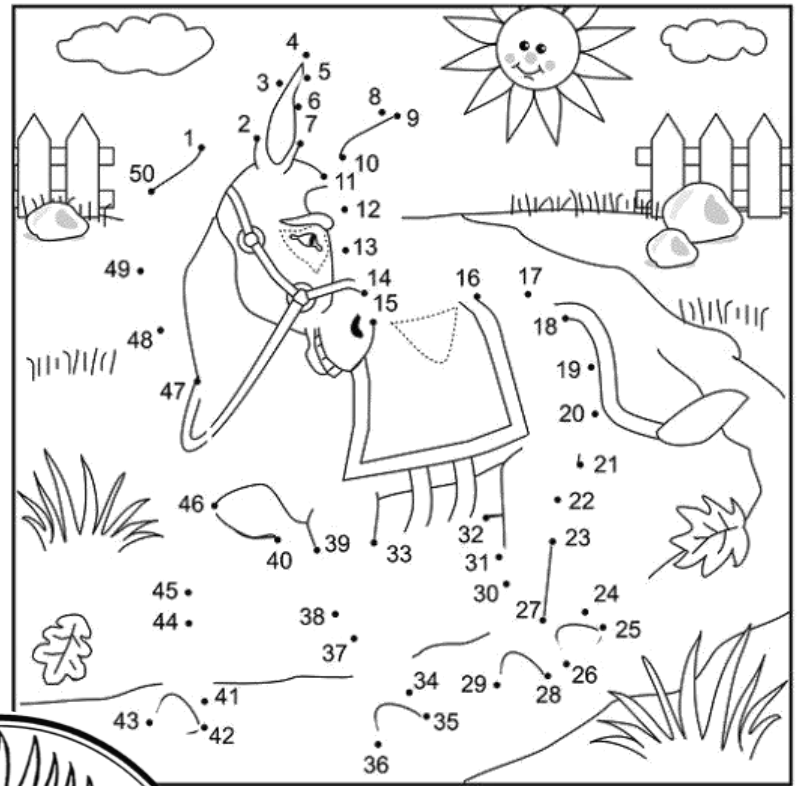
Supplies: assorted sizes of empty tin cans, paint, string, nail, hammer

1. Paint cans as desired (with leaf motif or "Hosanna!" would be fun)
2. Use nail to poke hole in one end of each can
3. Place string through hole and tie
4. Hang several cans together

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

When everyone saw Jesus they started waving tree branches at Him and shouting, "Hosanna!" which means "save us!" Even though they were talking about being saved from the Romans, their words show us why Jesus really came. He came to save us from sin and death.

How would He save us? By dying on the cross for us. Every time we hear our windchimes, let's say "Hosanna!" and thank Jesus for saving us.



WASHING FEET

DAY 3-FEEL

You will feel Jesus,
the Servant King.

READ IT TOGETHER:

John 13:1-17

DO IT TOGETHER (FEET WASHING):

Supplies: bowls/bins of
soapy water, towels

1. Wash your kids' feet and have
your kids wash yours. This can be
a serious ceremony or it can be dramatic
play. Either way it will be memorable.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

Was it funny to have someone wash your feet?
What did it feel like to wash someone else's feet?
What do you think it was like when Jesus washed
the disciples' feet?

Jesus was being really nice to them, wasn't He?
He was showing them how to love and serve other
people. Jesus showed us how to be a servant and
how to love others. He is God, but He is also a
servant.

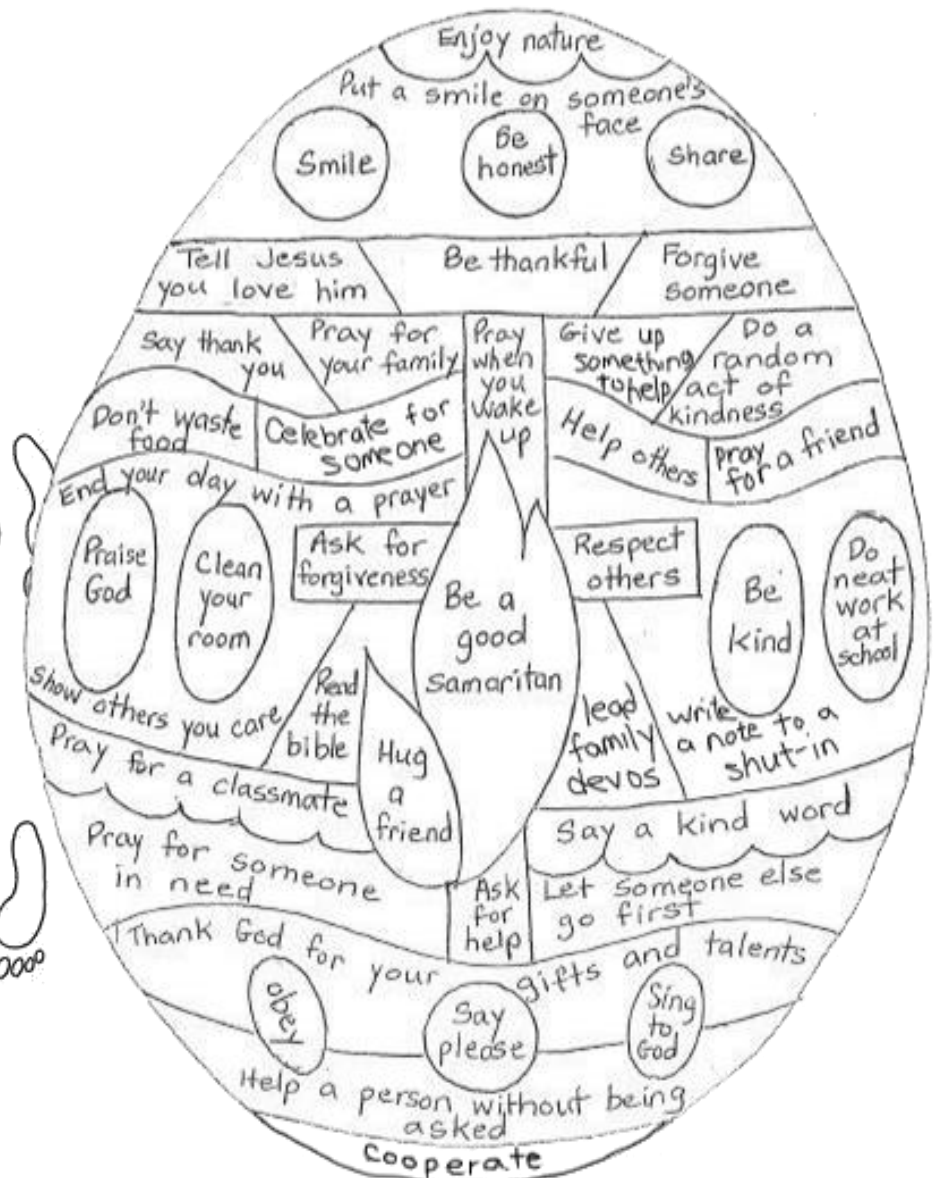


MAKE NEW WORDS OUT OF THE LETTERS IN THE WORD

EASTER

(each letter will be used only once per word)

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S _ _ _ _	S _ _ _	S _ _
A _ _ _	T _ _ _	T _ _
E _ _ _	T _ _ _	T _ _
E _ _ _	T _ _ _	T _ _



LAST SUPPER

DAY 4-TASTE

You eat and taste Jesus' body broken for you.

READ IT TOGETHER:

Matthew 26:26-30;
Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20

MAKE IT TOGETHER (BREAD):

Supplies: a special loaf of bread (matzo or challah would be perfect)

1. After reading the Bible passage, make or heat up your loaf of bread and serve it as a special treat.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

Jesus and His disciples were eating a special, traditional meal called "Seder." This meal reminded them of the many things God had done for the Israelite people in the past. Then, Jesus takes the bread in the meal and uses it to tell His friends what God was going to do very soon.

What did He do with the bread? That's right, He broke it. Jesus already told us that He is the bread of Life (John 6:35). Jesus used bread to show us what would happen to His body = that it would be broken and hurt for us when He died on the cross.

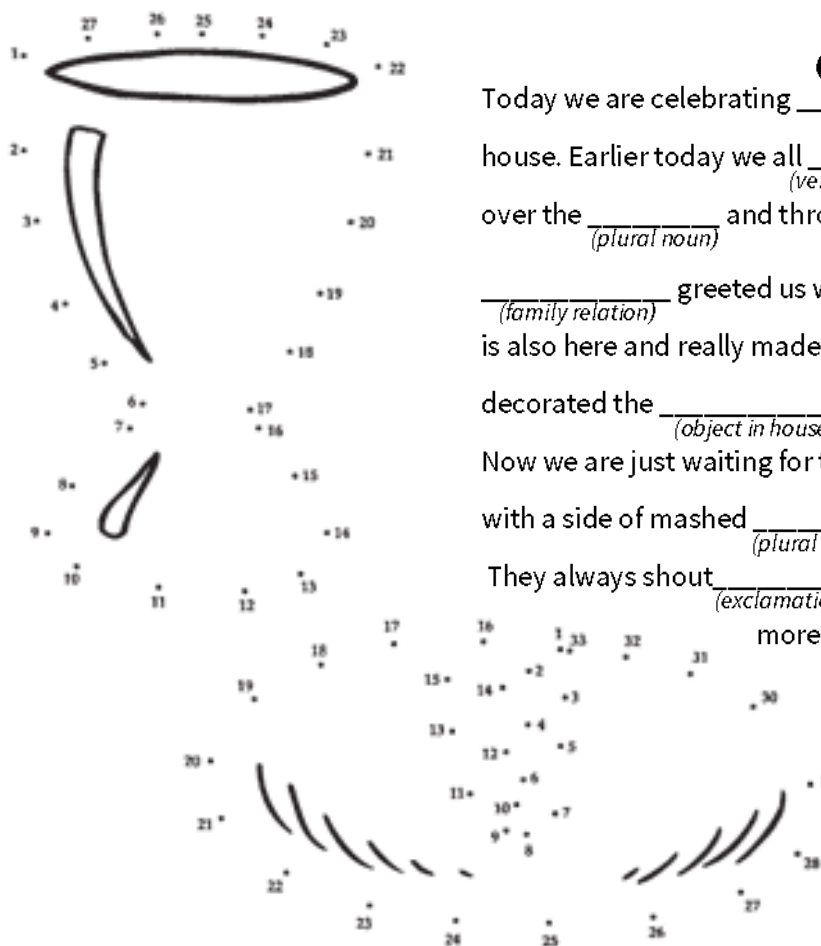
When we eat this bread, let's imagine what it was like when Jesus broke the bread and explained this to the disciples.

**if you want to celebrate a kid-friendly Seder (Passover) meal, you can find a print-out of instructions on our Kingdom Zone Facebook page or contact us in the office (samundson@cbcneenah.org).*



PASSOVER	BETRAYAL	JERUSALEM
LAMB	PSALM	FATHER
RUACH	COMMANDMENT	DISCIPLES
BLOOD	BODY	COVENANT
BREAD	JUDAS	YESHUA
MOUNT OF OLIVES	CUP	UNLEAVENED BREAD

*There are probably a couple of words above that you do not recognize: Ruach and Yeshua.
Ruach is Hebrew and means wind, breath, or spirit.
Jesus In Hebrew Is Yeshua.*



CELEBRATION MAD LIBS

Today we are celebrating _____ dinner with the whole family at _____'s
(holiday) (relation)
house. Earlier today we all _____ into the _____ and drove
(verb past tense) (adjective) (kind of transportation)
over the _____ and through the _____ to get here. Once we arrived, my
(plural noun) (plural noun-nature)
_____ greeted us with a big _____
(family relation) (adjective) (type of greeting) (person)
is also here and really made sure things were looking _____. They had
(adjective)
decorated the _____ with _____. It was all so very festive!
(object in house) (number) (plural noun)
Now we are just waiting for the _____ to come out of the oven. I always eat it
(animal)
with a side of mashed _____. My _____ is watching _____ on TV.
(plural noun) (family relation) (sport)
They always shout _____ when their team scores a _____. Hooray! Only _____
(exclamation) (noun) (number)
more minutes until the _____ is ready to eat. Don't forget
(food)
to save room for dessert. My _____ makes the best
(person)
_____ pies. They smell like _____. I'm
(noun) (noun)
so full now I feel like a _____
(adjective) (animal)
Happy _____!
(holiday)





PURPLE ROBE

DAY 5- SEE

You see the real royalty and recognize Jesus as King.

READ IT TOGETHER:

Matthew 27:11-31; John 19:1-16

MAKE IT TOGETHER (WINDOW ART):

Supplies: liquid soap, water, purple cellophane (found at craft stores)

1. Combine two parts soap to one part water.
2. Cut cellophane in squares, hearts, strips, or other shapes.
3. Spread soap and water on window.
4. Press cellophane into the soap mixture.
5. Place shapes into cross shape.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

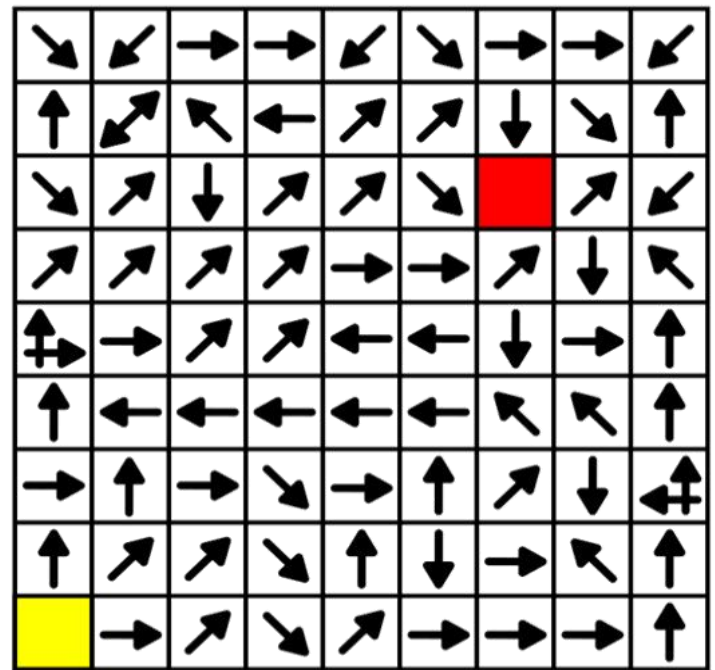
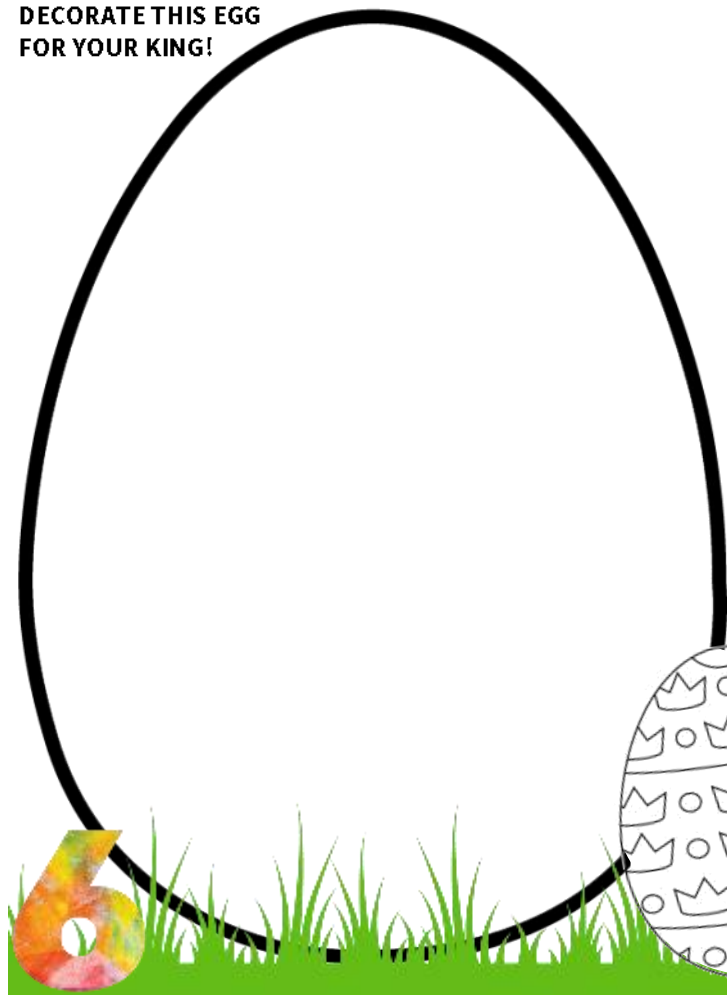
The soldiers weren't putting the purple robe on Jesus because they thought He was the King; they did it to make fun of Him. They did not believe Jesus was the King of Kings.

When we see the purple cross on our window, let's remember that Jesus really is our King. Let's thank Him for loving us enough to be beaten, made fun of, and even die for us.

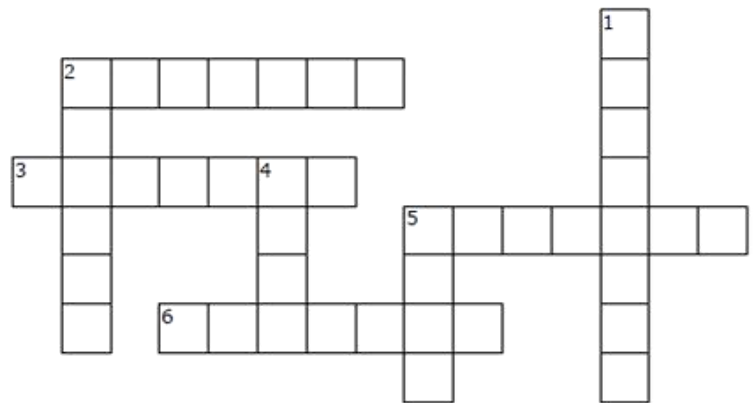
ALTERNATE ACTIVITY:

Using chalk on the sidewalk declare for your neighborhood that Jesus is King!

DECORATE THIS EGG FOR YOUR KING!



START THIS MAZE IN THE YELLOW SQUARE AND END IN THE RED SQUARE FOLLOWING THE ARROW IN THE DIRECTION SHOWN. BE CAREFUL TO NOT GET STUCK!



ACROSS

2. Things such as dresses and trousers that you wear
3. To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
5. A person who is in an army and wears a uniform
6. To stop blaming, or not punish someone for something they have done

DOWN

1. Someone who commits a crime
2. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament
4. The emotion you feel when you are frightened or worried
5. To keep someone from being killed or injured; to rescue



PETER'S DENIAL— ROOSTER

DAY 6-HEAR

You hear and remember to stand with and speak about Jesus.

READ IT TOGETHER:

Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75;
Mark 14:27-31, 66-72;
Luke 22:31-34, 54-62;
John 13:31-38, 18:1-18, 25-27

MAKE IT TOGETHER (MOD PODGE ART):

Supplies: small canvas or piece of blank cardboard, rooster template/outline, scrapbook paper, Mod Podge (or white glue), paint, and brushes, alphabet sticker (optional)

1. Paint your canvas desired color.
2. Use the rooster template (you can google "rooster shape template") to cut rooster shape out of scrapbook paper.
3. Once the paint has dried, glue down the rooster shape. Use alphabet stickers to spell "remember" or hand paint the words.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

Just a few hours before Jesus' arrest, Jesus and His disciples had dinner (Remember the bread?) and Jesus told them He would be arrested and that all of His disciples would run away. The disciples couldn't believe this. Peter said, "Never! I'll die for you." Jesus said to Peter, "Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you don't know me."

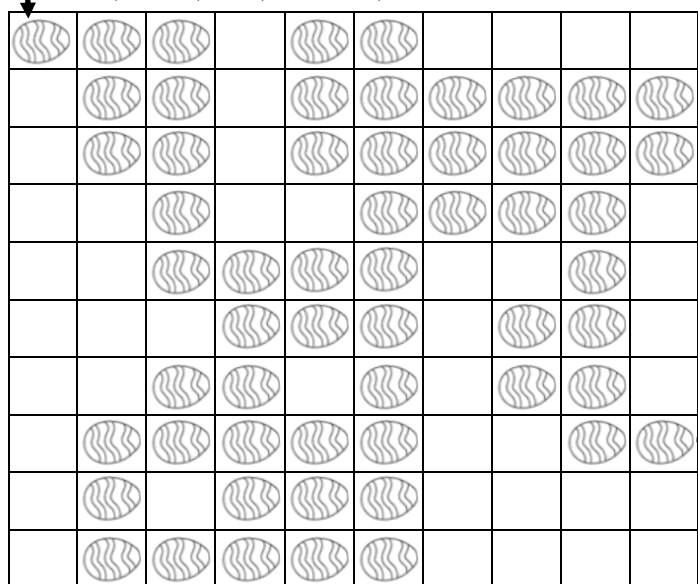
So, when Peter heard the rooster crow later that night, he remembered what Jesus said. And it made Peter sad. He had been so scared he forgot how much he loved Jesus, forgot all the great things Jesus had done for him!

Let's keep our rooster picture up to remember to tell everyone we know about Jesus. Let's remember to never be afraid to talk about all the great things Jesus has done for us.



WRITE DOWN EVERY OTHER LETTER STARTING WITH THE "L" TO FIND TWO THINGS PETER SAID ON THE NIGHT JESUS WAS ARRESTED.

DRAW A LINE FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END THAT PASSES THROUGH EACH BOX WITH AN EGG IN IT ONCE. THE LINE CAN GO UP, DOWN, LEFT, OR RIGHT, BUT CANNOT GO DIAGONAL.





NAILS

DAY 7-FEEL

You feel Jesus' sacrifice for you.
His intimate sacrifice, His touch
and care for you.

READ IT TOGETHER:

Matthew 27:32-44;
Mark 15:21-32; Luke 23:26-33;
John 19:16-27

DO IT TOGETHER (DRAW):

Supplies: red marker

1. Draw a red dot in the palm of your hand.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

In Jesus' time, criminals were nailed on crosses.
We know that Jesus was not a criminal! In fact,
He had never done anything wrong.

It was horrible to be nailed to the cross. It was
painful and embarrassing. Why did He have to die
like that? Why didn't He do a miracle and get off the
cross?

He died on the cross because He loves you. He let
them nail His hands and feet to the cross so He
could die in your place. (Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8)

We're going to put this red dot on our hands to
remind us of the marks where the nails went into
Jesus' hands. When we see them today, let's
remember how much Jesus loves us!

ONE AT A TIME

Change one letter at a time to create new words
and turn SINS into GIFT.

SINS

- _____ sharp metal objects (sewing)
- _____ a type of tree
- _____ a straight mark
- _____ bits of thread
- _____ a series of items
- _____ the main idea

GIFT

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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DECIPHER THIS CODE TO FIND THE BIBLE VERSE:

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 _____ 23:33

For I
know
the plans
I have for you
DECLARES THE LORD
Plans to prosper you
and to
NOT
HARM
YOU
Plans to
give you
HOPE
and a
FUTURE
Jeremiah
29:11





VINEGAR

DAY 8-TASTE

You taste the bitterness of sin.
Jesus took the bitterness of
your sin.

READ IT TOGETHER:

Matthew 27:32-50;
Mark 15:21-37; Luke 23:33-49;
John 19:23-30

DO IT TOGETHER (TASTE):

Supplies: rice vinegar, spoons

1. Let everyone in the family taste a bit of vinegar from a spoon.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

Jesus drank vinegar just before He died. Let's try some and see how it must have tasted. Was it good? Yuck! No way!

Not only did Jesus drink the vinegar, the Bible shows that Jesus took all our sin, sickness, and shame into Himself. It's like He drank our sin. It's like He took the cup of our sin and put it into Himself. (2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:5)

When you remember how horrible the vinegar tastes, remember how horrible sin is. Remember that Jesus took that bitterness, that sin into Himself. He drank it for you.

1. Which disciple had his feet washed first?

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

2. Who anointed Jesus' feet?

W ○ W V

3. Who was the prisoner they traded for Jesus to be crucified?

~ ○ ~ ○ ~ ○ ~

4. Who was the one who first saw Jesus when he emerged from the tomb?

W ○ W V

5. Who was the one who doubted Jesus when he was resurrected?

F H ∞ W ○ V

Key:

A= ○

B= ~

H= H

M= W

O= ∞

R= W

T= F

Y= V

W= H

P= ○

I= H

L= W

E= W

S= V



EMOTIONS EXPERIMENT

Materials: food coloring, baking soda, vinegar, squirt bottle or regular water bottle, cupcake tin, storage tub the cupcake tin fits inside

Prep: put a drop or two of food dye in each cup of the muffin tin and then a teaspoon of baking soda over it to hide the coloring. They will have no idea there was a hidden color under each pile of baking soda, and different colors at that. Place the tin inside the tub and put vinegar into the spray/water bottle.

Read: Matthew 5:21-24

Discuss:

- Has anyone ever called you a bad name?
- When was the last time you felt really angry?
- What does anger feel like?
- Is it a sin to feel angry?
- Have you ever been accused of doing something you didn't do?

Then let them spray or drop bits of vinegar in each cup of the tin. Talk about how feelings can bubble up sometimes and look different. How do you think Jesus felt when He was accused? Do you think He felt different things at different points in the Easter story? What and where?

Thank God for feelings, and ask Him for wisdom to express emotions in a Godly way.



EARTHQUAKE

DAY 9-HEAR

You hear the power of Jesus and recognize Him as God's son.

READ IT TOGETHER:

Matthew 27:50-56;
Mark 15:38-39

MAKE IT TOGETHER (SHAKER):

Supplies: colored duct tape,
2 plastic spoons, plastic egg,
small rocks or beans

1. Put rocks or beans inside of the plastic egg
2. Place a spoon on either side of the egg (to make a maraca shape)
3. Use the duct tape to secure it all together and then cover the entire shape in duct tape
4. Decorate as you would like
5. Then shake like crazy!

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

There are a lot of noises in this part of the story—Jesus shouted, the curtain was torn in two, there was an earthquake and tombs broke open. When the Roman centurion saw what happened, he was so amazed it made him realize that Jesus really was God's son and not just a normal man.

Our noise makers today will remind us of the noises at Jesus' death. When we hear how loud they are, let's be like the Roman soldier and say, "Jesus is God's Son!"

ONE AT A TIME

Change one letter at a time to create new words and turn DEAD into LIFE.

DEAD

- _____ to go first
- _____ a burden
- _____ a master
- _____ an old tradition
- _____ to tempt
- _____ steady
- _____ a person of importance
- _____ a thin cable
- _____ female spouse

LIFE



ANGELS
APOSTLES
BETRAYAL
BLOOD
CALVARY
CROSS
CROWN OF THORNS
CRUCIFIXION
DARKNESS
DEATH
EARTHQUAKE
EASTER
GOLGOTHA
HIGH PRIEST
JESUS
CHRIST
JOSEPH



When Jesus died his friends were sad. They put him in a tomb.

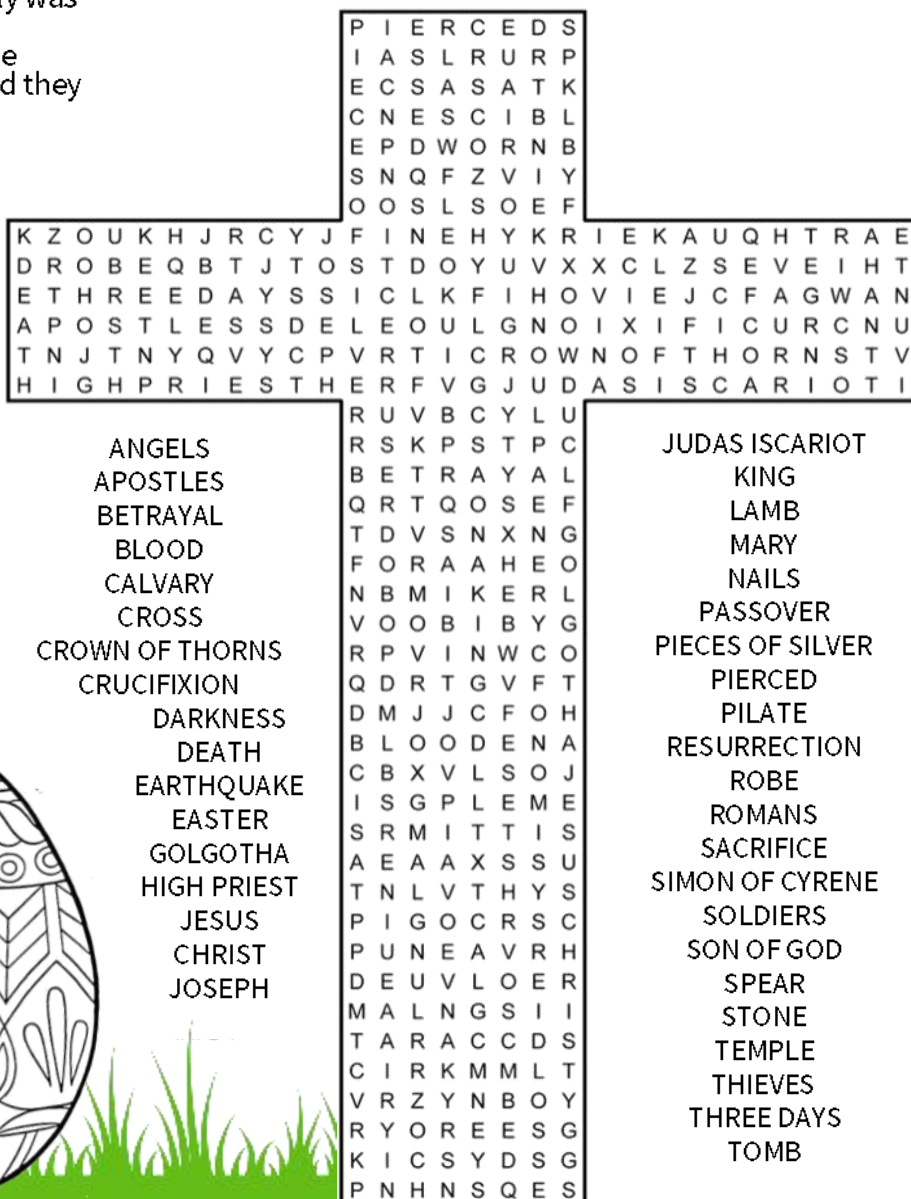
A large stone was placed in front of the tomb. Soldiers stood nearby to see that no one rolled the stone away.

For 3 days Jesus' body lay in the tomb. Then in the morning of the third day, an angel came and rolled the stone away. When the soldiers saw the angel, they were afraid.

That day Jesus' friends came to the tomb. They saw that the stone had been rolled away. There was an angel in the tomb. The angel said, "He is not here: for he is risen."

Jesus died so that we can all live again after we die. We have

Easter to remind everyone of the day Jesus arose from the dead.



SEALED TOMB

DAY 10- SEE & FEEL

You see and feel the finality of death — the death that should have been yours.

READ IT TOGETHER:

Matthew 27:57-66;
Mark 15:42-47;
Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42

MAKE IT TOGETHER (SEAL):

Supplies: string, streamers, or rope.

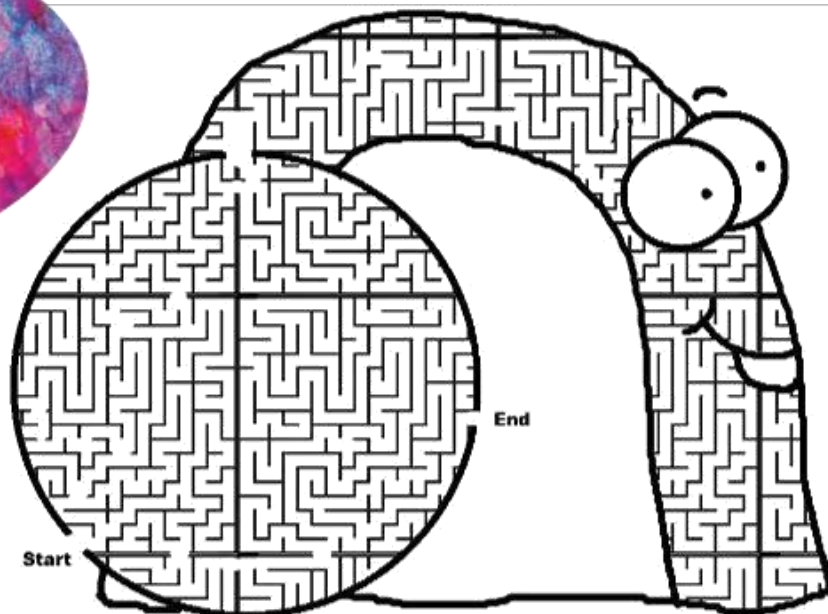
1. Use the string to close off a doorway, hallway, or other entry of your house.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

When Jesus died, no one expected Him to come back to life. The disciples went away sad. Joseph of Arimathea wrapped Him with linen cloth and spices (which is how the Jewish people took care of dead bodies). Pilate sent Roman soldiers to guard the tomb so no one would steal His body. They sealed the tomb so no one could get in.

Jesus was dead. He really died. This death is what sin brings. (Romans 6:23) It's the death we are supposed to have. But Jesus took our sin (remember the vinegar?) and died in our place.

We're going to seal up one of the doorways in our house to remind us of Jesus being dead and sealed up in the tomb. We'll keep it up for several days so we can remember that Jesus was dead for 3 days.



SCRAMBLED WORDS

CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE THESE EASTER WORDS?

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TONES _____

GINFROVE _____

BTOM _____

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*ANSWERS FOR THIS PUZZLE AND OTHERS ON PAGE 25
OF THE FAMILY VERSION OF THE ACTIVITY BOOK





ANGEL

DAY 11- SEE & FEEL

You see the dawn, the empty tomb, the bright and shining angel. You see the miracle of light from dark.

READ IT TOGETHER:

Matthew 28:1-1; Mark 16:1-8;
Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-19

MAKE IT TOGETHER (SUN CATCHER):

Supplies: glue; clear, sparkly, glittery materials (clear plastic bottles, old CDs, glitter foam, tinsel, aluminum foil, tin pie plates, etc.)

1. Use round materials as a base for a sun catcher.
2. Glue and attach as many sparkly, glittery pieces as possible.
3. Hang in window to reflect the light

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

I want you to imagine what those women saw when Jesus came back to life on that Sunday morning.

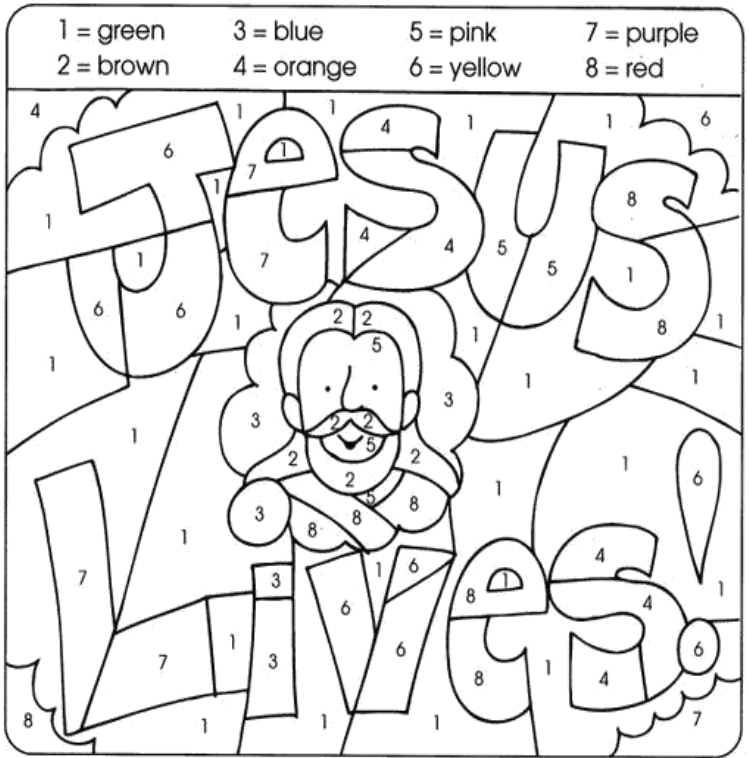
First it was dawn, which means the sun was just coming up. The sun is super bright!

Second, they saw a tomb with no rock in front of it, it wasn't dark inside anymore!

Third, they saw a bright, shining man—an angel!

Jesus came back to life to show us how our hearts can go from dark to light! That resurrection morning was a bright picture of what Jesus does in our hearts—He defeats dark death and makes us alive in His light.

When we see the bright light shining off our sun catchers, let's remember resurrection morning and how Jesus came back to life!



WRITE EVERY SECOND LETTER ON THE SPACES BELOW
TO REVEAL THE HIDDEN MESSAGE.

START HERE



Luke 24:6

FISH

DAY 12-TASTE

You will taste Jesus' love and provision.

READ IT TOGETHER:

John 21

DO IT TOGETHER (EAT):

Supplies: picnic lunch including fish (anything from tuna sandwiches to frozen fish sticks, even goldfish crackers)

1. Have a picnic lunch with your family (could even be in your living room). This should be a celebration of all you've experienced as a family this Easter season.

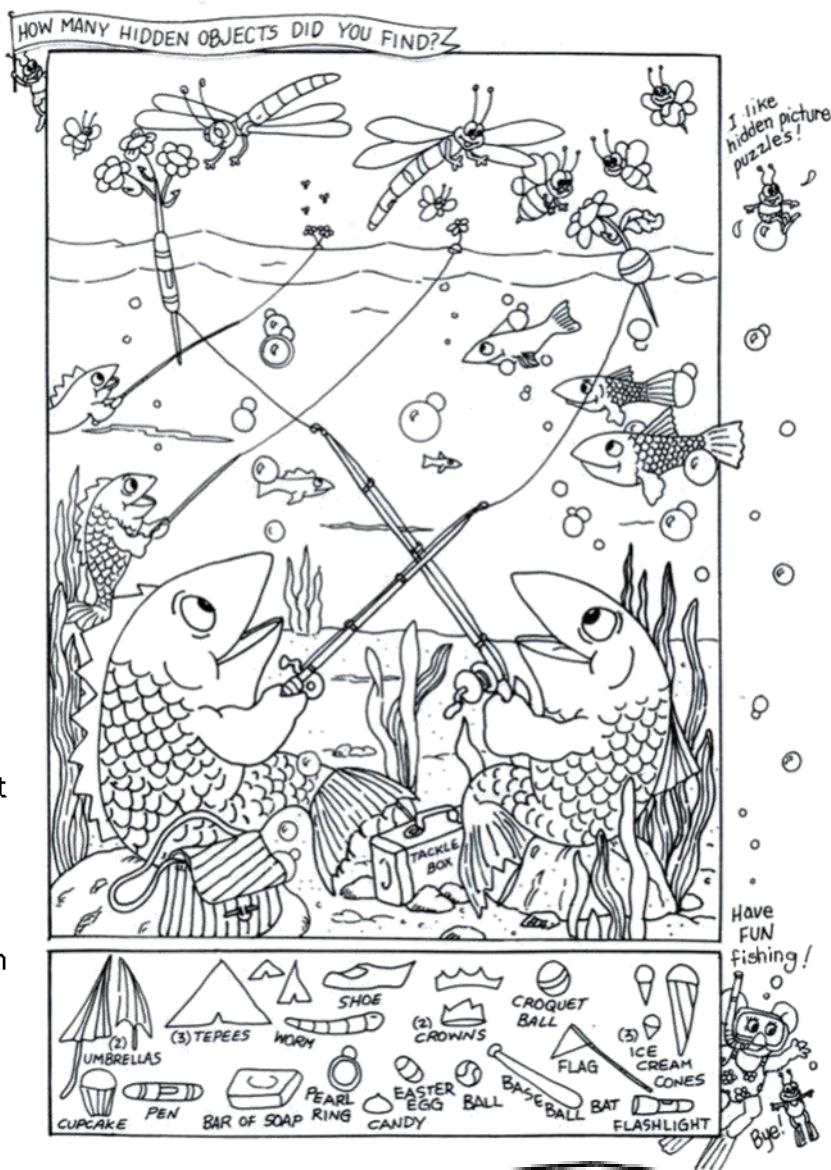
TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER:

After Jesus came back to life, He appeared to many other people besides the women at the tomb. This day, He appeared to the disciples as they were fishing. And even though the disciples were fishermen, Jesus is the one who got all the fish for them!

Jesus also used this time to remind the disciples (especially Peter) what He had planned for them. They weren't going to be ordinary fishermen the rest of their lives. They were going to tell others about Jesus.

Jesus has the same plan for you. He loves you so much, He wants you to taste the love, goodness and plans He has for you. Just as the disciples tasted the fish and knew Jesus' love and care for them, you can remember that Jesus came back to life to have a real relationship with you.

The story of Jesus' death and resurrection is only the beginning of your relationship with Him.



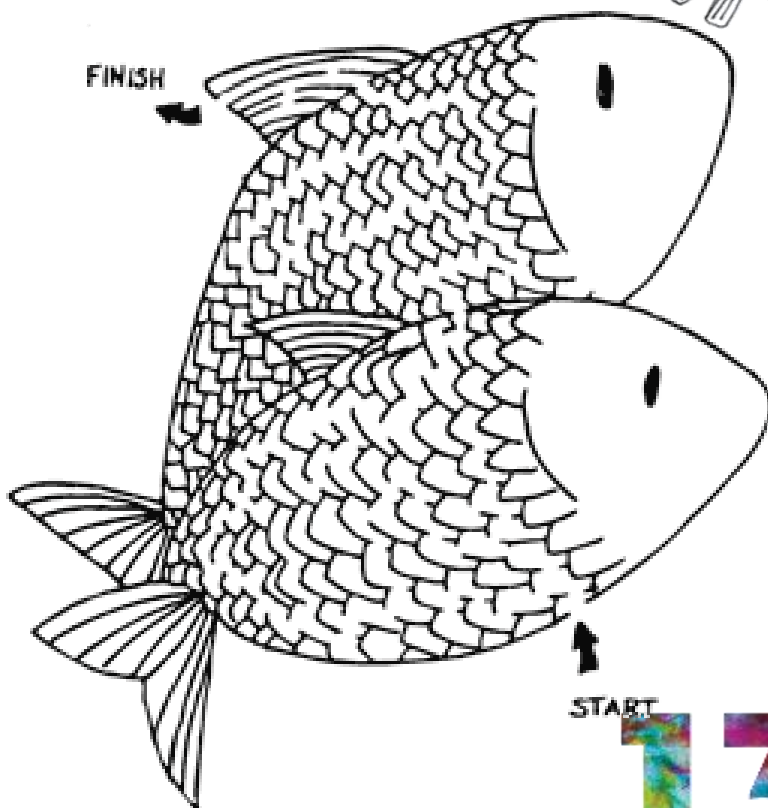
Following Jesus

This week I will follow Jesus by doing this

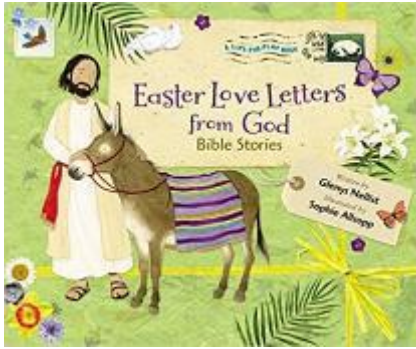


Colour in the foot day by day as you follow Jesus!

Lord God help me to be a disciple this week. Amen



BOOK & MEDIA RECOMMENDATIONS



EASTER LOVE LETTERS FROM GOD

by Glenys Nellist
Illustrated by Sophie Allsopp

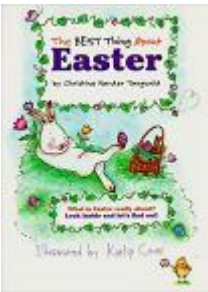
Are you looking for a way to teach your child about Holy Week and

Easter? What if your child could also receive, open, and read his or her own personal mail from God to make the lessons come alive? Easter Love Letters from God contains seven beautifully illustrated Bible stories, each accompanied by a special Bible verse and an encouraging letter tucked away in its own lift-the-flap envelope that can be personalized to your child.

THE GARDEN, THE CURTAIN, AND THE CROSS

by Carl Laferton

This book is perfect for older children and explains the whole story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation through the lens of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Consider reading through this with your kids over the weeks leading up to Easter.



THE BEST THING ABOUT EASTER

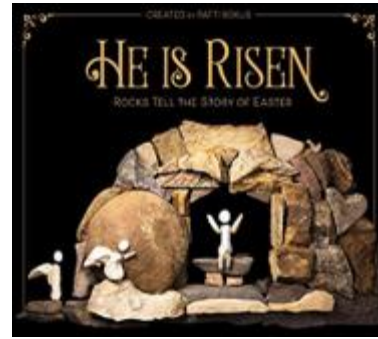
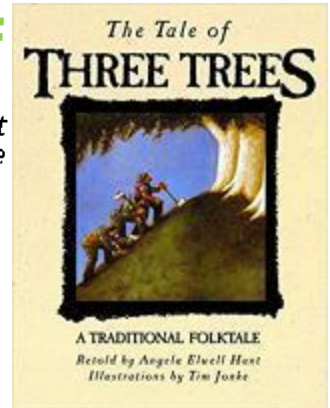
by Christine Tangvald

Follow the young narrator as she learns that although Easter is fun with eggs, candy, and dressing up in a special new dress, the real reason we celebrate Easter is the resurrection of Jesus.

THE TALE OF THREE TREES

by Angela Elwell Hunt
Illustrated by Tim Jonke

This best-selling children's book tells the Easter story from a new and unusual point of view. Children will be deeply touched as they understand, perhaps for the first time, the significance of Christ's life and His atoning sacrifice on the cross. This story is based on a traditional folktale about how three trees end up being used as wood for three parts of Jesus' life: the manger, the boat in which He calmed the storm, and the cross.



HE IS RISEN: ROCKS TELL THE STORY OF EASTER

by Patti Rokus

This unique and unforgettable picture book uses rock art and simple text to tell children the story of the miracle of Easter—the resurrection of Jesus. Through the arrangement of a few rocks and powerful words directly from Scripture, the entire Easter story is told in He Is Risen: Rocks Tell the Story of Easter. Young readers will be intrigued by the nature-filled artwork that shows the death and resurrection of Jesus and the celebration of the very first Easter in a powerful and unique way. He Is Risen is perfect for children ages 4-8.



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR YOUR
SUGGESTIONS FOR BOOKS OR
MOVIES YOUR FAMILY "HAS" TO
WATCH AT EASTER.
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KINGDOM ZONE FACEBOOK PAGE.

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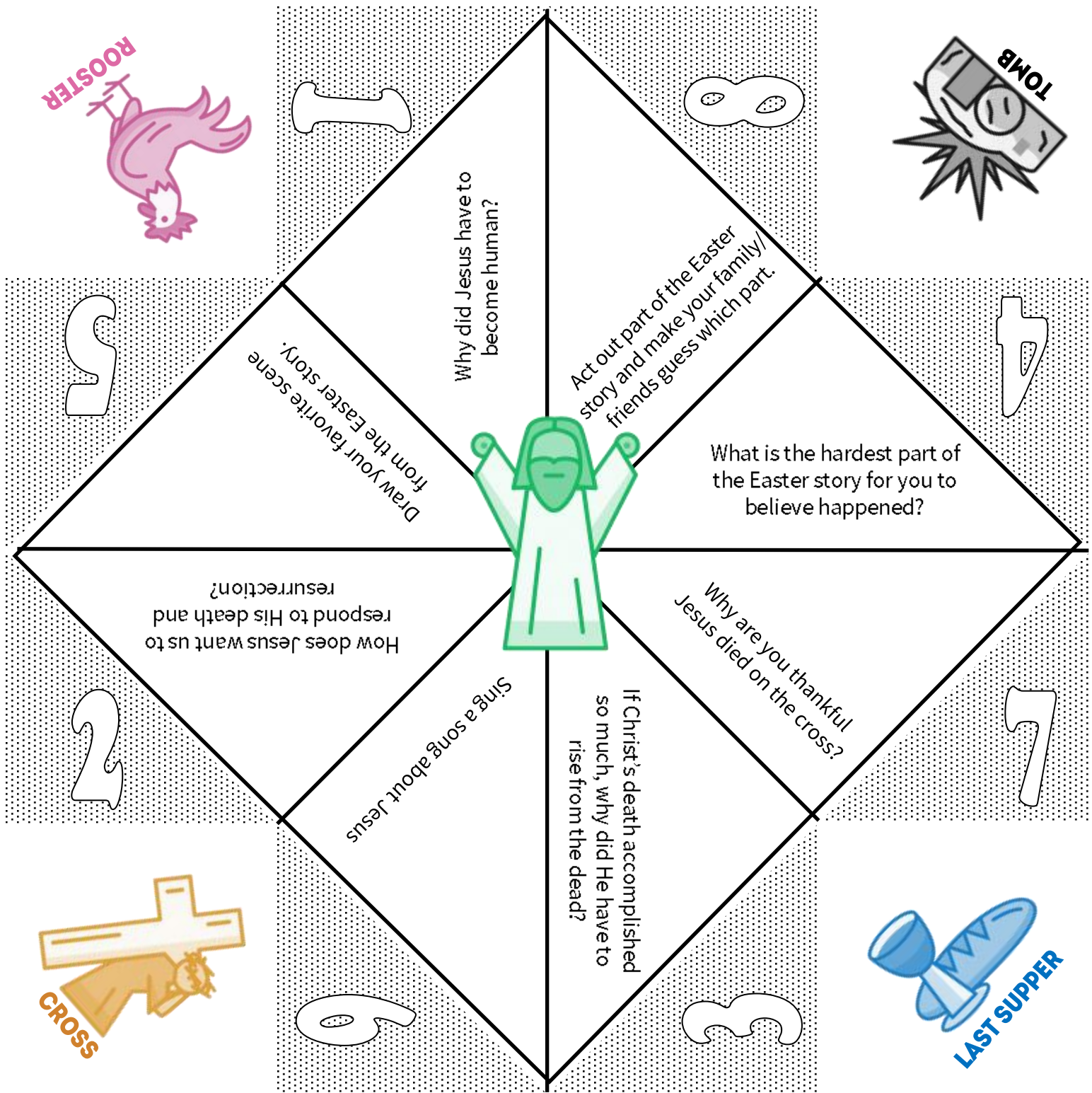


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COOTIE CATCHER FOLDING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut on dotted line to make a square (cutting off these instructions)
2. Fold in half diagonally (put the rooster corner into the last supper corner)
3. Open up flat and then fold the other two corners together (cross to tomb)
4. Open up and turn facedown. Then fold all four corners into the middle (marked by where the two previous folds intersect)
5. Turn over and fold the four new corners into the middle (the numbers should be up after folding)
6. Fold in half
7. Place our fingers into the fold and work to form four points.
8. Play the game by having someone else choose a graphic. Then by spelling and counting out you will open up the points and then they will choose a number. Count that out and then they choose a new number and under the fold will be the question or dare they have to complete.

Reminder: If you have kids who want to do both activities and not tear this out of the book, you can print this page by going to: www.facebook.com/groups/KingdomZone.CBC/



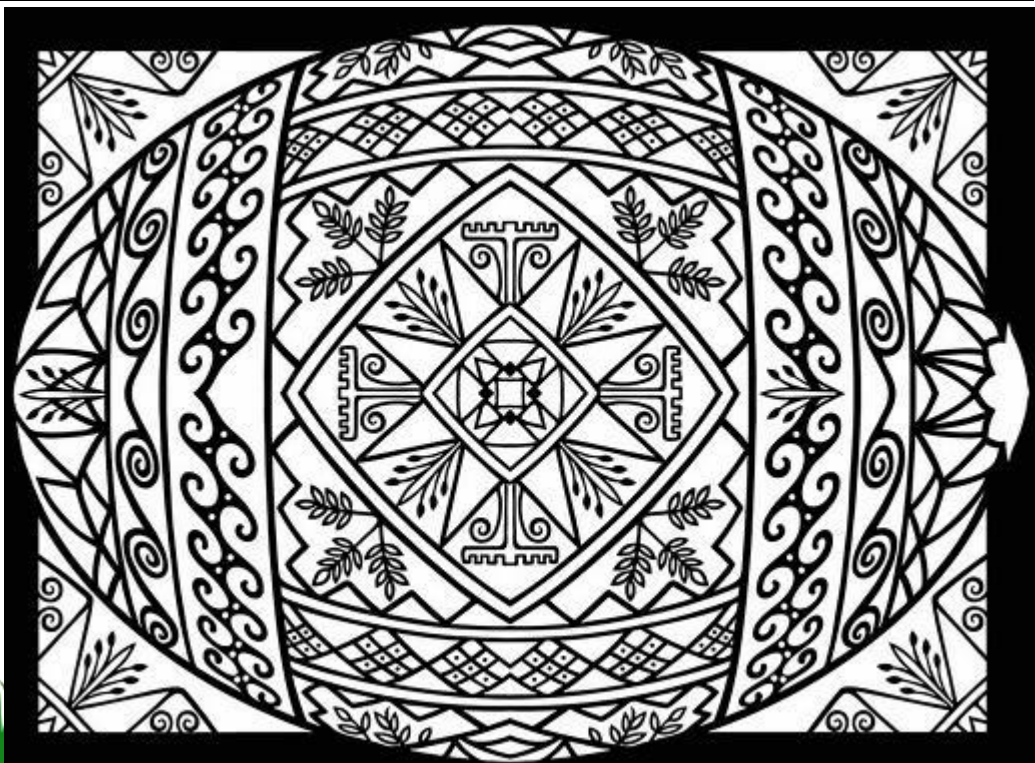
EASTER SUDOKU

PLACE A WORD FROM THE WORD BANK IN EACH EMPTY BOX SO THAT EACH ROW, COLUMN, AND NINE BOX GROUP CONTAINS ONLY ONE OF EACH OF THE WORDS.

		SACRIFICE				LAMB	CALVARY	CROWN OF THORNS
	CROWN OF THORNS		SPRING	LAMB			CROSS	SACRIFICE
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	FORGIVE				SACRIFICE	SUNRISE	CROWN OF THORNS	SPRING
	LAMB	CROWN OF THORNS				SACRIFICE	ASCEND	CALVARY

WORD BANK:

SUNRISE, SPRING,
ASCEND, LAMB, CALVARY,
CROWN OF THORNS,
SACRIFICE, FORGIVE, CROSS



FAMILY RAOK ACTIVITIES

(RAOK = RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS)

"EGGING" SOMEONE'S HOUSE

If you haven't heard of it before, no, it does not mean you chuck raw eggs at your neighbor's windows.

This kind of 'egging' is when you take a bunch of treat-filled plastic eggs, head to a friend's house, jump out of the car, hide the eggs all over their lawn, and then hop back in the car and drive away. When the 'egged' houses' homeowners come outside they get to be surprised and blessed by the spontaneous egg hunt!



All you have to do is stuff 12 eggs with stickers, mini Easter erasers, Easter post-it notes, and even a little bit of candy (be careful about the chocolate candy – you don't want it to melt. And, of course, the empty egg – the most important one!

THEN FOR DELIVERY:

First put the sign on your friends' door (you can print a full size copy from the files on the CBC Kingdom Zone Facebook page or by requesting one

through email: samundson@cbcneenah.org).

Then hide the eggs in the yard and on the front porch (without being detected) and hightail it out of there leaving the blessing behind.

HE IS RISEN CHOCOLATE BARS

You can print off the labels and wrap them around 1.75 ounce Hershey Candy Bars. (you can print a full size copy from the files on the CBC Kingdom Zone Facebook page or by requesting one through email: samundson@cbcneenah.org).

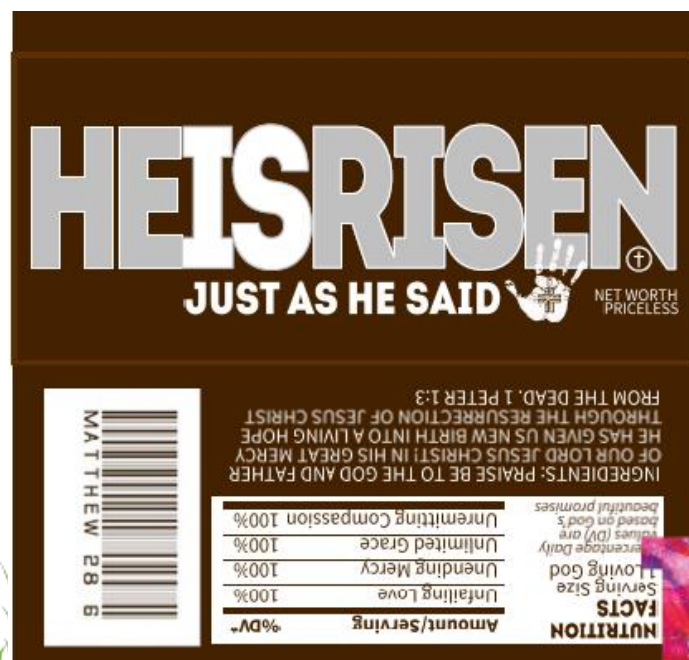
This is a simple way to share the Gospel message of hope!



EMPTY EGG BASKETS

Sometimes people put candy or small toys into Easter eggs. Know what's even better? Nothing! For nothing is precisely what they found in Jesus' tomb on Easter Sunday! He is alive!!! He is no longer here!

1. Pick up some adorable Easter-themed pails from the dollar bins at Target or Dollar Store
2. Fill them with colored Easter grass
3. Place a single empty egg on top
4. Then add the poem/card below (you can print a full size copy from the files on the CBC Kingdom Zone Facebook page or by requesting one through email: samundson@cbcneenah.org)
5. Hand out to neighbors, friends, family...even the mailman!



EASTER FUN RECIPES

RESURRECTION ROLLS

- 1 can (8 oz) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 8 large marshmallows
- melted butter
- A mixture of cinnamon and sugar



DIRECTIONS:

1. Before beginning, you may want to read through John 19 with your family and gently explain what happened before Jesus died.
2. Hold up a white marshmallow and tell your children that it represents Jesus – pure white, perfect, without sin.
3. Dip the marshmallows in melted butter and explain that it represents the water, or anointing oils, that was used to clean Jesus' body.
4. Next, dip the marshmallows in the mixture of cinnamon and sugar. This represents the herbs and spices used to anoint Jesus' body. The spices may also represent how Jesus' death on the cross was a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2 says, "...and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."
5. Take the marshmallow and wrap the crescent dough around it. Make sure you pinch all of the edges closed. This represents the strips of linen used to wrap Jesus' body. (brush with more melted butter if desired)
6. Place Resurrection Rolls in the tomb (oven) and bake according to package directions.
7. While the rolls are baking, read John 20:1-18.
8. Let the rolls cool for a few minutes when they come out of the oven. Sit and ponder what you might discover inside!
9. Carefully open the Resurrection Roll.
10. What to my wondering eyes should appear? It's empty inside! Jesus is not there! He has risen! When baked, the marshmallow melts away leaving only the puffed crescent roll. This represents how Jesus rose from the dead and all that was left in His tomb were the linen wrappings. "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said!!" Matthew 28:6
11. Eat your Resurrection Rolls and marvel at the greatness of our God and this glorious Easter reminder!

PRETZEL CROSSES

We prepared two pretzel rods for each cross, breaking one, to make a shorter cross beam. Then, we melted vanilla flavored almond bark in the microwave, according to the directions on the package. Half the package, or six squares, ended up being enough to make fourteen crosses. We poured the melted almond bark into a mug, to make it a little easier to dip the pretzels into. Then, we dipped them, long ones first... ..with the short pretzels going across on top... ..followed by a tap or two worth of candy sprinkles, before the candy coating had a chance to harden back up. (note: lay the dipped pretzels on a cookie sheet covered in aluminum foil for easy clean up.) Once cooled then you can place in a bowl of jelly beans to have the crosses stand up.



FISHERS OF MEN SNACKS

Since I was in the pretzel aisle anyway, I decided to grab a bag of Snyder's "Butter Snaps", along with a bag of Hershey Kisses®, and a box of fish shaped crackers, for these yummy little treats, as well.

We had a great time making these, and they were so simple. Just line up the pretzel "nets" on a cookie sheet... ..and top each one with a Hershey Kiss®. Place the pan in a 350 degree Fahrenheit oven, for a minute or two, until the chocolate is shiny, indicating it's melted (don't overbake, or the chocolate will burn and turn hard and crumbly). Then, press a fish cracker down into each melted chocolate, and place the entire pan into the fridge for a few minutes to cool. While you're waiting, read the passage from John 21:1-14 about Jesus appearing to the disciples, while they were fishing, after the resurrection.

FAMILY PRAYER IDEAS

GOD WANTS AUTHENTIC PRAYER

God isn't interested in lofty, super-spiritual family prayers. He wants to meet us right where we are, in the middle of messy human life. So we can come to Him right where we are.

I know we often make prayer a pretty formal thing in churches, but remember, Jesus rebuked the Pharisee for making a show out of his prayer (Matthew 6:5) and praised the man who came humbly.

If your family is in the middle of a family crisis, pray about it...no matter how messy it is.

In the midst of a family celebration? Praise Him together for that.

If your family needs to make a decision, invite God into that process through prayer.

Praying where we're at teaches kids that no matter what we're going through, God is near. He wants us to acknowledge Him and seek Him and praise Him through it all.

HAVE A PRAYER BASKET

Fill a basket with items that you can pull out to use as reminders of what to pray for. Here are some ideas of what to place in the basket:

- An item representing a part of the Easter story: a crown, a nail, a stuffed lamb, etc.
- Missionary prayer letters or pictures
- Christmas cards from the previous year to pray through
- Church bulletin or prayer list
- Memory verse cards or favorite Scripture to pray through
- Small map or postcards from states: pray for the leaders/government and people who live there
- Put pictures or write the names of relatives, classmates, neighbors, or coworkers on strips of paper and add them to a small jar in your basket
- Items that remind you and your family of a current praise or struggle, like homework for that tricky class or an email for a project that isn't turning out



JELLY BEAN PRAYER

Red is for the blood He gave,
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright,
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we made,
White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hour of sorrow.
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans is yummy to eat,
It's a picture, a promise, a special treat,
To help us remember Jesus' work complete,
Gives us hope beyond any earthly sweet

OTHER THINGS TO PRAY FOR...

1. Pray that our church family and other Christians put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:11-17)
2. Pray for soft and repentant hearts (2 Timothy 2:24-26)
3. Pray for open doors (Colossians 4:3)
4. Pray for boldness (Ephesians 6:18-20)
5. Pray for Kingdom workers (Matthew 9:35-38)
6. Pray for Pastors—that they love the Lord (Psalm 19:14), Honor Christ in their heart, words, and actions (Matthew 22:36-40); Preach the whole truth (1 Corinthians 4:2), are spirit-filled (John 15:4-10), and protect their families (Ephesians 5:22-6:4, 1 Timothy 3:4-5)
7. Pray we hate evil (1 Peter 5:8) and turn from distraction (Proverbs 4:20-27)
8. Pray that we work diligently but wisely (Luke 12:42-44, Galatians 1:10)
9. Pray we strive for unity (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 11:17-19) and walk in love (Colossians 4:5-6)
10. Pray our church family prioritizes spiritual growth (Revelation 2:3-4, 2 Corinthians 11:3)
11. Pray our church family lives surrendered lives (Matthew 7:21-23) with authentic faith (Romans 10:9-10, 12:1-2), walk in our calling (Ephesians 1:18-19), and are devoted to prayer (Matthew 6:6, 18:19-20)
12. Pray salvation (Ezekiel 36:26, Ephesians 5:18) and hope for the lost (John 15:1-17)

PRAYER WALK SCAVENGER HUNT

DOOR: Pray that doors would be open to show Christ's love

BIRD: Praise God for always being with us

BUTTERFLY: Ask God to use the church to share His love

EVERGREEN: Ask God to give leaders wisdom

ACORN: Ask God to take care of your family and friends

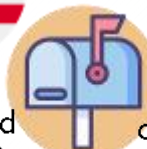
RED FLOWER: Ask God to protect those in the medical field

FLAG: Pray for government and leaders

BUG: Ask God to heal those who are sick

BRIDGE: Pray for unity and peace in our community

MAILBOX: Pray for community helpers (police, mail, fire)



EASTER GAMES

Here are some fun ideas for games that will promote lots of laughter for all ages! You only have a minute to complete each game! Make sure you have someone recording the fun times so you can watch it later!

EASTER EGG TOWER

For this game you will only need plastic colored eggs. Open all the eggs beforehand. Players start stacking the eggs as fast as they can. Players compete and see who can build the biggest egg tower in one minute. Depending on the amount of people, you may need a lot of plastic eggs.



JELLY BEAN PICK UP

For this game you will need straws and jelly beans. The smaller the jelly bean, the better to make pickup easier. Give each player a handful of jelly beans, a small bowl or basket, and a straw. Players use the straw to pick up one jelly bean

at a time and transfer it into the bowl by sucking up air through the straw. The player with the most jelly beans in their bowl by the end of the minute is the winner.

EGG MATCH

Another simple minute-to-win-it game for Easter parties is this Easter Egg Match game. Simply mismatch all your plastic Easter eggs and put them in a big basket. Players simply open the mismatched eggs and then put them together again with the correct color match. The player who correctly matches the most eggs wins! This one is super fun and harder than you think. Make sure all your plastic eggs are the same brand since many eggs from different companies do not fit together well.

CARROT PATCH

Place family members in pairs and have them face each other, about 10-15 feet apart. (Recommend marking off this distance with masking tape so they know where to stand.) Give one partner a bag of baby carrots. At the opposite end, place a large bowl or box filled with Easter grass. The second partner stands behind the bowl, facing their partner. On "GO," the partner with the carrots tosses them, trying to land the carrots in the grass... or "The Carrot Patch." Any carrot that lands in the grass stays, but any carrot that lands outside of the grass is out. The second partner tosses those carrots back to the first partner so they can try again. I let the partners toss as quickly as they want to in this game, so it's possible both partners might be tossing at the same time. It's a bit crazy, but so fun! The pair with the most carrots in the "patch" at the end of one minute is the winner.

EGG SPOON RACE

This is an easy game with a lot of laughs. The egg spoon race is played like a relay race in teams if you want. All you need is a spoon for each player and a real egg. Line players up outside in a row and have them put their egg on the spoon. Each player must race the other players to the finish line keeping their egg on the spoon. If you are doing a relay then they can run back to the start line and pass the egg to the next player. You can use raw eggs. This is hilarious when they are dropped. You can use boiled eggs, or plastic eggs to lessen the blow when they are dropped.

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OTHER FUN EASTER GAMES

ACTION EASTER EGG HUNT

To prep, make action cards (see list of ideas below) then place different actions inside a plastic Easter egg. When all of the eggs are stuffed, hide them around the house while the kids are distracted or "sequestered" in a room. Then let them loose to find the eggs. They will eagerly run from one room to the next hunting for eggs. Each time they find one, they are to open the egg and do the action inside. They should keep the eggs as they run to find another one. Once all the eggs are found the person who found and did the most actions gets to be the next "hider". Do as many rounds as you need to.

Examples: 5 bunny hops. 10 giant bunny leaps. 12 soldier marches. 6 sideways steps. 4 donkey kicks. 3 frog leaps. 9 ninja kicks. 7 pencil rolls. 2 backwards steps. 8 jumping jacks. 11 claps. 1 somersault. 5 skips. 10 bear crawls. 12 stomps. 6 twirls. 4 boxer punches. 3 eye blinks. 9 tip toes. 7 gallops. 2 turns. 8 twists

EGG MEMORY

This Easter activity is not a minute-to-win-it game but instead a game to play like concentration. You will need jelly beans and plastic Easter eggs. Make sure you have 2 of each color of jelly bean. Place the jelly beans in rows in the playing area. You can mix the colors up however you want. Use the plastic egg halves to cover each jelly bean. Let players take turns choosing 2 eggs at a time to uncover. If the jelly bean colors match then that player gets to eat those jelly beans and the eggs that were covering them are removed from the game. If they do not match, simply cover the 2 choices with eggs again and let the next player try. Play until all the jelly bean matches have been found. This game works well with little kids that are too young for minute-to-win-it games.



Older kids would have fun too if you make the playing area bigger and use a lot more jelly beans.

EGG ROLL

Take plastic eggs outside and roll down a sliding board or hill. Which ones rolled the farthest? Add items inside the eggs like small rocks or jelly beans. Do the eggs roll any differently?

NOISY EGGS

Fill a bunch of plastic eggs with random small items. Shake and try to guess what is inside each egg

EASTER CRAFTS



STAINED GLASS CROSS

SUPPLIES:

- tissue paper (cut into squares)
- clear contact paper (2 sheets per child)
- black paper (cut into two cross outlines per child)

1. Tape down a section of contact paper (sticky side up!)
2. Put down a cross outline in the middle of the contact paper. Each child also receives an individual bowl of tissue paper squares. (Taping down the contact paper helps keep their projects from moving.)
3. Have your child lay the tissue paper to cover the inside of the cross.
4. When your child is done with their masterpiece, put the second cross

- outline on top of the first (to hide the spots where the tissue paper overlapped the first outline).
5. Lay a second sheet of contact paper down--with the sticky side on top of the artwork to seal everything inside.
6. The final step is to trim around the project leaving a border of contact paper to keep everything together.

YARN EGGS

SUPPLIES:

- multi colored yarn
- cardboard
- hot glue/hot glue gun
- scissors
- marker

1. Draw an egg shape onto your cardboard at least 4" tall and cut it out with scissors.
2. Hot glue the end of your yarn onto one side of your cardboard egg and begin wrapping your yarn around the egg in every which direction.
3. Once your cardboard has been completely covered, cut the end of the yarn, and carefully hot glue it to the back. Make a few more.



MARBLED PAPER EASTER EGGS

SUPPLIES:

- shaving cream
- card stock cut into egg shapes or a cross or any shape
- acrylic paint
- tray or box lid
- paintbrush, toothpick, or fork
- newspapers & paper towels
- scraper tool

1. Spray shaving cream onto a tray or box lid and have the kids spread it around. I actually used a cookie sheet lined with tin foil to make clean-up a little easier.
2. Let the kids decide on the colors of paint they want to use for their marbled paper and squirt it on top of the shaving cream. Make paint drops, lines, squiggles...be creative!
3. Then using a toothpick or another pointy tool (fork, paintbrush) start dragging the paint through the shaving cream. Make straight lines back and forth. Then do it again,

- but this time go up and down to start creating a marbled look.
4. Now time to get messier! Younger kids could need a little help with this step. Take the paper egg and place it on top of the shaving cream. Apply a little pressure to push it down into the paint & shaving cream, then pull it up and place on newspaper for a few minutes.
5. Using some sort of scraper tool (I used an old gift card) scrape off the shaving cream and let the paint dry for a bit.
6. Once the paint has dried, display your eggs for Easter. I attached mine to some twine to make a little Easter banner to hang up in our house.

Q-TIP LAMB

Supplies:

- Q-tips
- white glue
- a fine tip magic marker
- a pink pencil crayon
- scissors
- white card stock or heavy white paper
- 2 Clothes pins
- red ribbon



1. First, you'll need to cut out the lamb's body and the lamb's head. The body is just an extended oval. And the head is kind of egg shaped. Just remember, that the bigger you make these pieces, the more Q-tips you'll need to cover them, so don't go too crazy. I think the body on mine was about 3" long and it felt just a little bit too wide.
2. Next, cut off the tips of the Q-tips. Be prepared – they are going to go flying across the room! Try to rig up some kind of blocker so they can't fly too far after you cut them. I had to send my kids on a mission to pick them all up off the floor.
3. You aren't going to know how many Q-tip pieces you need until you get going. Just keep cutting more as you run out.
4. Start by adding a small line of glue at one end of the lamb's body. I prefer using white glue because it's easier to work with, but if you don't want to wait overnight for it to dry, you could definitely use your glue gun.
5. Neatly place the Q-tip ends over top of the line of glue.
6. Start with the outer edges and overlap the second layer of Q-tips on top of the first layer. Keep on adding lines of glue, and Q-tips as you work your way across the lamb's body.
7. There's really no magic way of getting it perfect, just do your best to end up with rows of Q-tips that overlap and kind of look like the photo below. You'll want the area that you finish with that has the Q-tip ends exposed to be on the right. You'll be using the head to cover up the ends. Make sure you let the body dry completely before you add the head.
8. Next, move on to the head. Add a small amount of glue to the narrow part of the egg shape and add three Q-tip ends. Make sure you choose Q-tips that have been cut to a similar length to keep it looking neat and tidy.
9. Add more glue and two sideways Q-tips for the ears. Then cover up the ears with more Q-tip pieces so that it looks like the picture to the left.
10. Use a fine tip magic marker to draw the closed eyes with eyelashes. Then draw the little nose and mouth. You can practice on a scrap piece of paper until you are brave enough to draw it.
11. Use a light pink pencil or crayon to draw two little circles for the lamb's rosy cheeks.
12. Next, find a scrap piece of skinny ribbon, tie it into a small bow and glue it to the top of the lamb's head.
13. Make sure you wait for everything to dry completely before you glue the head to the body – you might want to leave it over night. It takes a bit of effort to get all those Q-tips lined up perfectly, so it's extremely frustrating when they all shift out of place because they weren't quite dry! If you don't have enough time to wait, just use a glue gun instead.
14. Once the lamb is dry, take two clothes pins and glue them to the back of the lamb. I used white glue, but again, a glue gun would be way faster!

PAPER PLATE CALVARY HILL

Supplies:


- a paper plate
- brown paper
- crayons
- scissors
- glue

1. Cut out a half-circle in the center of your plate and fold it up.
2. Have the child color the plate. My kids made them look like Calvary hill with a tomb at the base. I showed my kids a little about perspective. So we made our paths to the crosses wider at the edge of the plate and narrower at the crosses, so the crosses look farther away.
3. Then, cut out strips of brown paper and form three crosses. Glue them onto the hill top.

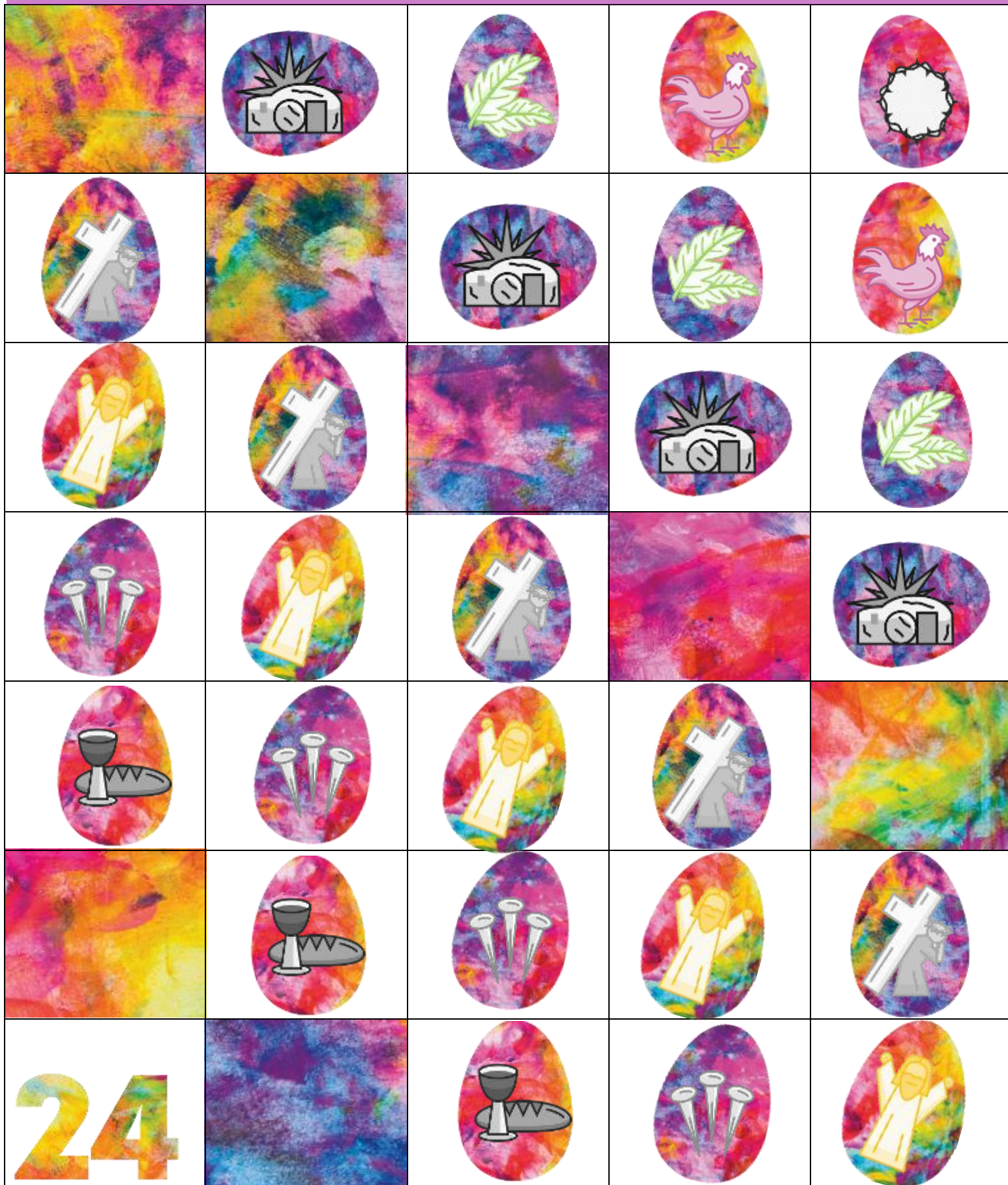


CONVERSATION STARTERS

CUT OUT THE SQUARES BELOW AND PUT THEM INTO A BOX OR BOWL AND TAKE TURNS ASKING QUESTIONS. YOU CAN DO THIS OVER DINNER OR HAVE A SPECIAL NIGHT SET ASIDE TO HAVE A FAMILY CONVERSATION.

What is your favorite thing about the person sitting next to you?	What's your favorite thing about Easter?	What's your favorite hymn and why?	If you were in charge of Easter, what's one thing you would change about it? Why?	If you could spend the day with Jesus, what would you ask Him?
What's your favorite Easter memory?	What's one family tradition you never want to give up?	If you could be any person in the Easter story, who would you be? Why?	If you could trade places with anyone in your family, who would it be, and why?	Describe Jesus in three words.
What in this room that you can see right now reminds you of Jesus?	Where's your favorite place to talk with Jesus?	What are ways we can stay focused on Jesus and hope this Easter?	What's your favorite Easter food?	What has to happen for you to realize it's spring?
How much stuff does our family have? Just enough, not enough, or too much? How can we show we put our faith in Jesus and not stuff?	What is your favorite spring activity?	Would you rather be best at one thing or pretty good at a lot of things?	What makes it difficult for us to sometimes notice people who need help? Is there something we can do to change that?	Would you rather have flowers growing out of the top of your head or butterflies constantly flying around you?
Would you rather have people pray for you or you pray for someone else?	Would you rather plan an Easter egg hunt for the families in your neighborhood or write an article in the newspaper about it?	Who is someone who is a shining light for Jesus in your life? What makes them different?	What is the hardest temptation to overcome?	Would you rather be able to say Happy Easter in 100 languages or answer 1000 random trivia questions?
What does it mean to have eternal life? What are you most looking forward to in heaven?	If Jesus were a kid right now, would you rather have him as a classmate or a teammate?	Would you rather have to spend the next week dressed as an Easter bunny or find 500 jellybeans on your front yard?	If you could ask Jesus for one thing right now, what would it be?	Would you rather have feathers all over your body or bunny ears/cotton tail?
If you had to give up all of your possessions but could keep 2, which 2 would you choose & why?	The Bible sometimes refers to the Kingdom of God as a seed, a city, or a path. How would you describe it?	Would you rather be allergic to grass or to chocolate?	Which of the 4 Gospel stories is easier for you to relate to? Why?	

**JUST IN CASE NO ONE HAS TOLD YOU TODAY--YOU ARE LOVED. YOU ARE DOING GREAT.
IT'S OK IF EASTER LOOKS DIFFERENT THIS YEAR. YOU CAN MAKE IT SPECIAL AND
TAKE THE TIME TO THANK GOD FOR SENDING JESUS TO DIE FOR OUR SINS.**



TALKING TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT DEATH

The story of Jesus' death and resurrection is often glossed over for children. It is understandable as we don't want to make our children afraid of the story of Jesus. We don't want them to be introduced to themes of death and torture too early.

However, I do not believe the crux of this story can be glossed over. I believe children can and do understand and appreciate the story of Jesus' death and resurrection—even with all its big themes.

Here are a few tips to help you navigate conversations you will surely have as you travel through the story and Easter activities:

1. **DON'T EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.** When your children ask a question, you don't have to give every single detail. I don't explain that Jesus was probably naked and the whip He was beaten with had bones and glass attached to it. But I do tell my kids that people whipped Him and beat Him.
2. **DON'T WORRY ABOUT HOW MUCH THEY UNDERSTAND.** Children only understand as much as they understand (That's brilliant, isn't it?) When my son thinks of hammering, he imagines Handy Manny. He doesn't understand what nailing a railroad sized spike into someone's wrist would do. He knows it's bad. He knows it would hurt. But he doesn't really understand it. And that's ok. He doesn't have to. I only want him to see the story with his 5 year old eyes.
3. **KNOW YOUR CHILDREN.** If you have a sensitive child, you may need to skip over some details. When my daughter was younger she would back away from pictures of Jesus on the cross. It frightened her—but not because she was genuinely afraid. It was because she recognized the severity and seriousness of the story.
4. **FOCUS ON THE GOOD PARTS.** You don't have to say, "Jesus was whipped for you!" or "You were supposed to be nailed to the cross." Instead, talk about how much Jesus loved the world, how He was obedient to His Father, how He cared for His followers and His family even in death. Focus on the resurrection and the wonderful interactions He had with His followers after He came back to life.
5. **ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SPEAK TO YOUR CHILDREN.** This may be the year your child understands and believes what Jesus did for him or her. Let the Holy Spirit speak to them. Let their hearts be broken. Let your children think about, mull over, and wonder about the story. Let God do the work in their hearts. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work before each experience and pray that your words come from God when explaining.

(from: Amanda White, **A SENSE OF THE RESURRECTION**)

PUZZLE ANSWERS:

- Page 2 Crossword (across) 3. house; 5. feet; 6. poor; 7. wages (down) 1. Judas; 2. perfume; 3. hair; 4. money
- Page 4 Easter words: teaser, taser, tease, rates, reset, stare, steer, arts, ears, eats, rate, rats, rest, seat, seer, star, tase, teas, tees, art, eat, ear, rat, sea, see, set, tar, tea, tee
- Page 6 crossword (across) 2. clothes; 3. crucify; 5. soldier; 6. forgive; (down) 1. criminal; 2. Christ; 4. fear; 5. save
- Page 7 rooster "Lord, I will not deny you." "and again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man."
- Page 8 sins, pins, pine, line, lint, list, gist, gift
- Page 10 dead, lead, load, lore, lure, sure, sire, wire, wife, life
- Page 11 scrambled words; sin, linen, stone, forgiven, tomb, cross, spices, savior, disciples, Good Friday, Lamb of God, crown of thorns, resurrection
- Page 12 "He is not here; He has risen!"



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