

## Children's Activities for Easter April 4<sup>th</sup>

Easter is upon us! We rejoice and remember and celebrate. This year many of us will not be with family other than perhaps our own bubble and we will not be with friends at church. Perhaps this is the year we need to remember that Jesus died and rose specifically for YOU. He entered the tomb a broken dead body and left it in glorious living colour!! FOR YOU. For your children, for your family, for all humankind.

When life gets in the way of our understanding, talk to Him. Just the way the two men from Emmaus talked to Him. Ask questions, tell him your worries and your joys, He will listen, just as He listened to the men who did not recognize Him. He will comfort you the way He comforted them. He will answer your questions, the way He answered theirs.

Here is a prayer that has helped me through the years;

My Lord, My Own One  
May I sit on your doorstep awhile?  
I like the way the sunlight falls there.  
May I let my hands rest within your gentle hands awhile?  
I like the warmth I find there.  
May I rest in your garden for a while?  
I like the scent of your flowers, they have the scent of healing.  
may I tell you a few things, things that truly matter  
And things that don't matter at all?  
I like the way you hear what I am.  
My Lord, My own one.  
My Lord, My saviour, shelter me awhile.  
*(by Fern McAllister Parker)*

I wish all of you a Blessed Easter and may Jesus join you at your table.

Merilee

**Scripture:** 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. John 20:18 (NIV)

**Theme;** The Resurrection of Jesus

**Kid's Talk Object:** Graphic shown below



Stare at the four dots in the center of this picture for about thirty seconds. Then, close your eyes and wait for an image to appear. What did you see? Did you see an image of Jesus? Some people see the image of Jesus and some don't. It is just like it is in real life. Some people don't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in the wrong places.

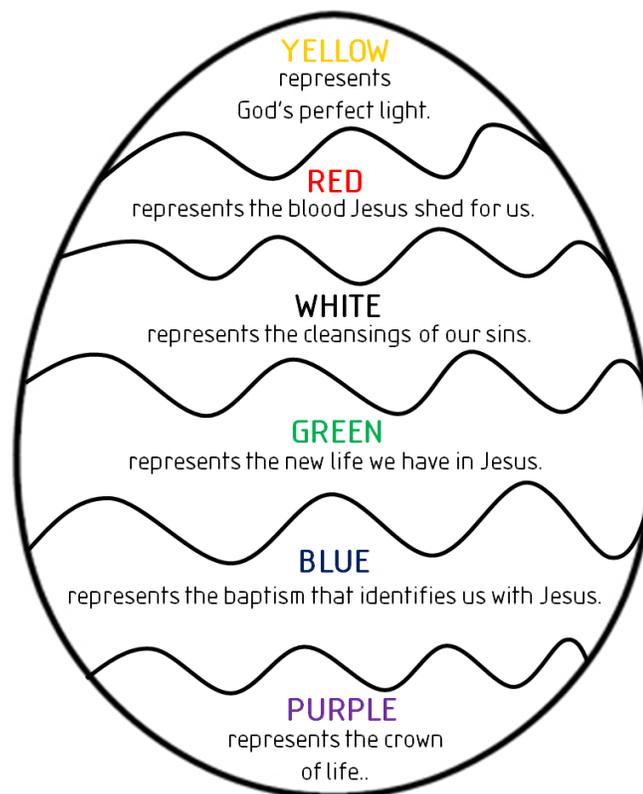
That is what happened in our Bible story today. Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. She found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and another disciple, whose name was John. She told them, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!"

Peter and John started out for the tomb. They were both running, but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed -- for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home.

Mary stayed behind and stood outside the tomb weeping. As she knelt down and looked inside, she saw two angels dressed in white. They asked her why she was crying. She told them that someone had taken her master and she didn't know where they had taken him. Then, Mary turned and saw a man standing behind her. It was Jesus, but Mary did not recognize Him. She thought he was the gardener. Then Jesus called her by name and, when she heard his voice, she recognized Him. After she saw that it was Jesus, she went to the disciples and said to them, "I've just seen Jesus! He is alive!"

Some people, like Mary, Peter, and John can't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in a grave or on a cross. He isn't there! He is risen and is seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven. If you want to see Jesus, look in His Word, He will reveal Himself to you, just as He did to Mary!

Dear God, we thank you that Jesus, our Savior, is not in a grave. He is alive! We serve a risen Savior! Hallelujah! Amen.

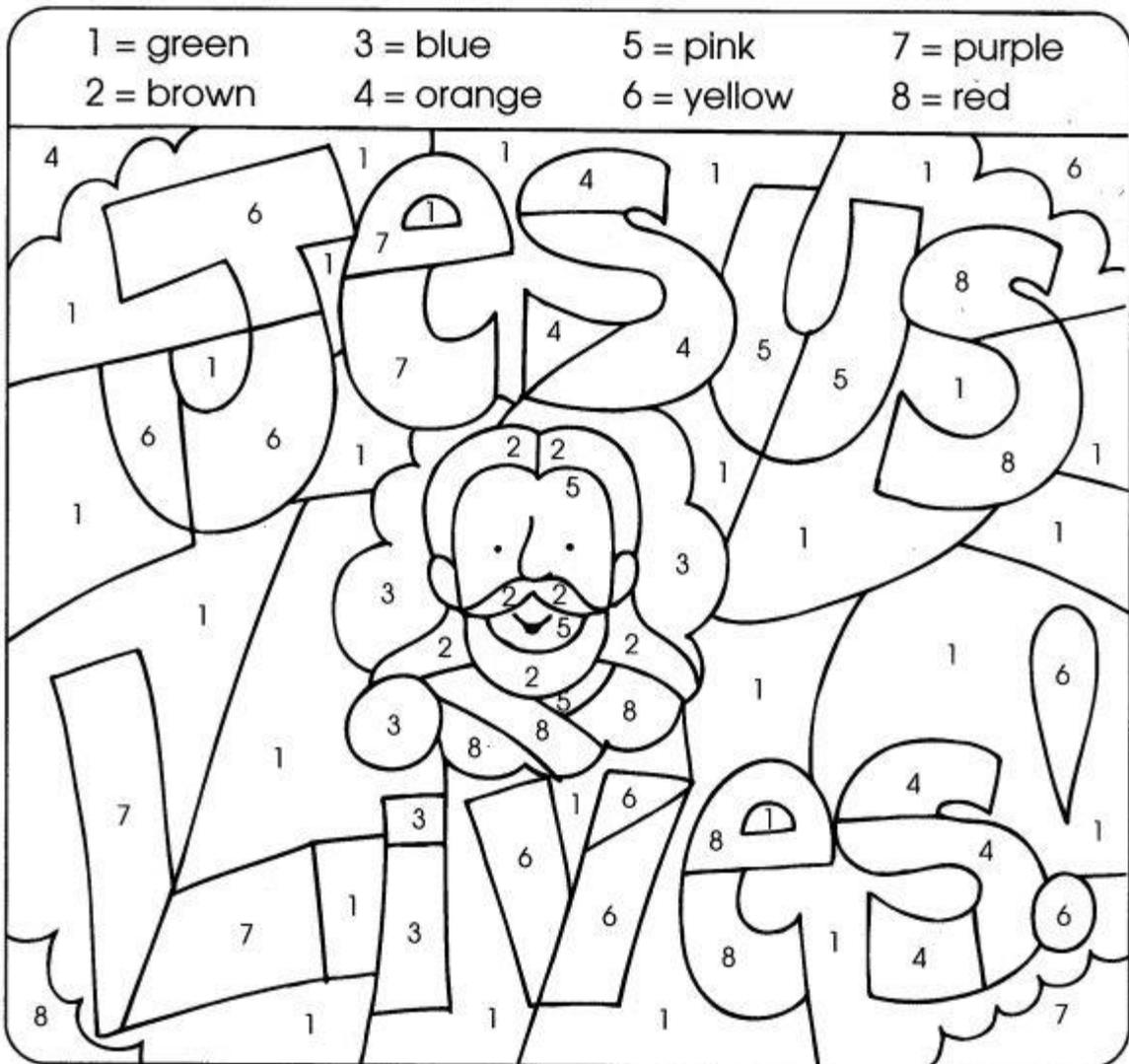


# Jesus Is Alive!

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!



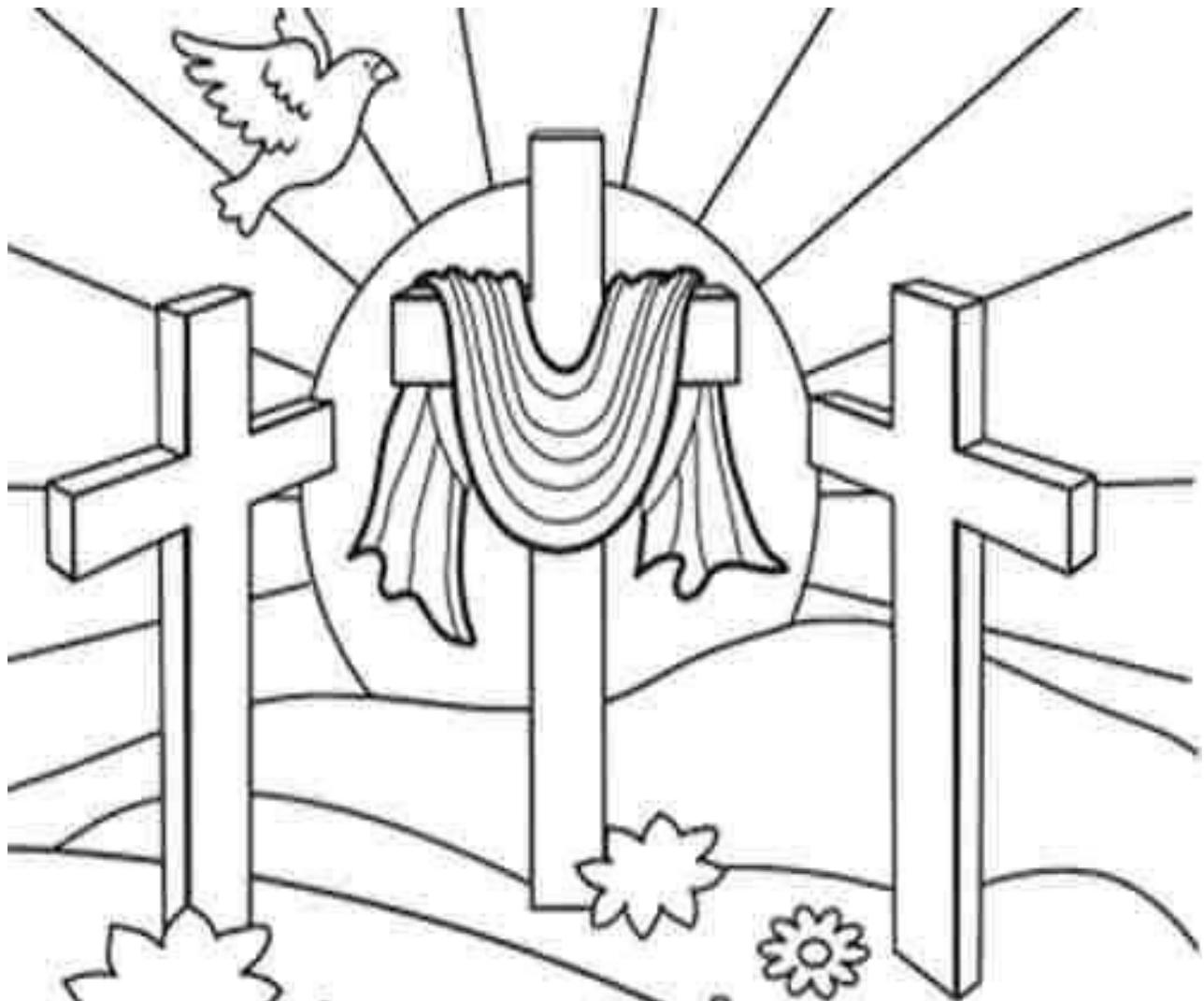
# All Through the Town

(Mark 11)

As Jesus rode the donkey through Jerusalem, people shouted, "Hosanna."

Help Jesus finish His ride through the city.





I am the  
Resurrection  
and the Life

The Last Supper  
Move on 2

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Jesus is arrested  
Go back 2

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Jesus dies  
Miss a turn

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21

Jesus is laid in the tomb  
Miss a turn

23

24

25

Jesus comes to Jerusalem  
Move on 2

27

Jesus rises to new life!  
Move on 3

28

Not the end!

**Easter story**  
~ Game ~

resurrection

Crucifixion

Burial

Hosanna!

Go home

As you reach each event, parents help your children to tell each story along the way to the resurrection!!!

## God's Garden Video Crafts for Easter



Craft #1



Craft #2



Craft #3

**Craft #1; You will need; Old pennies, nickels and dimes.** (Old coins can be cleaned by soaking in baking soda and vinegar and a good polish.) **Draw or cut out a cross (any design) 15 cm by 10 cm. (6" x 4") and the width of your coins, Glue gun ( with adult supervision).** Glue the cross to a decorated background and write "PAID IN FULL". Remember when Jesus cleaned out the temple of sellers who sold animals for sacrifices to have their sins forgiven. Now we no longer need to pay to have our sins forgiven. **Jesus has paid IN FULL for us when He died and rose to life. Alleluia!**

**Craft #2; You will need; A cross either drawn or cut out in any design or size. Lots of squares of colourful tissue paper ( 1" x1" ) , a pencil and a pot of glue.** Using the other end of the pencil, (the flat end) wrap the tissue paper square twisting it around the pencil. Dip it lightly in the glue and place gently on the cross. Pull the pencil straight up so the paper stays fluffy. Place each one as close to the others as possible for best effect. **He is not here. He has risen!**

**Craft #3; You will need; Yellow paint, a fork, woggle eyes, (or cut out of coloured paper) orange beak and legs, (precut out) and a dried egg shell.** The symbolism is that life is beginning inside a completely sealed egg shell. Our life with Jesus begins inside a completely sealed tomb. **Have fun using the fork to make the fluffy yellow chick.**

### Let's Sing a Song

#### It's About Love

It's about love, love, love.  
That's what it's all about.  
Cuz God loves us, we love one another,  
Mother, Father, Sister, and Brother.  
Everyone scream and shout!  
Cuz that's what it's all about!  
It's about love love **love !**