

Read or watch the bible story below then chat about the story and have a go at the activity. There's also a song to sing and dance to and

a prayer to say...

Bible Passage...

Today we will be exploring together, the story of the empty tomb! You can find it in your Bible in:

John 20:1-18

Or watch it here

Song for today Alive

Discussion

How did Mary know that the person she met was Jesus?

Mary did not realise at first who Jesus was, the Bible tells us that she thought he was the gardener. It was only when Jesus called her by name that she recognised him. This is the sort of relationship that God wants with each one of us - God knows each of us by name and loves us like a shepherd loves his sheep. Just like the sheep know the voice of their shepherd God wants us to respond to him and follow Him. When he died and rose again Jesus removed all the barriers that stood between us and God, all our mistakes were wiped away, the price was paid. Because of Jesus we can choose to follow God and to enjoy a perfect relationship with Him.

Who is your best friend? What is your favourite thing about being friends with them?

A prayer to say together

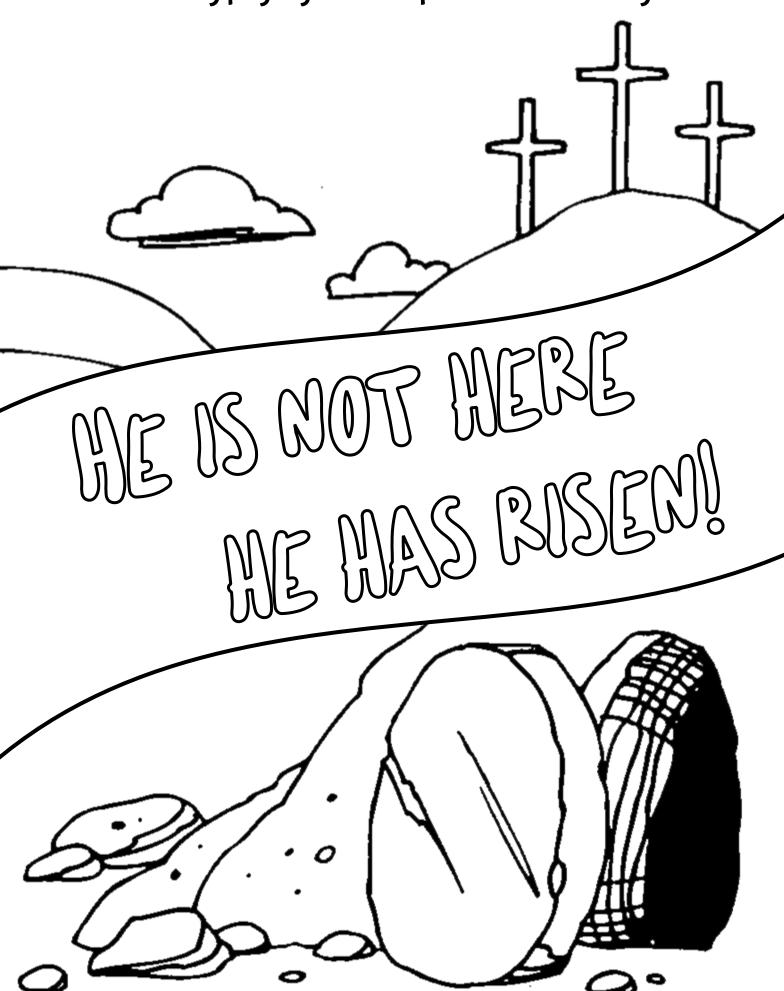
Dear God, Thank you for the story of Easter and the empty tomb. Thank you that your plan did not end with death on the cross but with your resurrection and new life. Thank you that you made a way for us to be forgiven for all our mistakes and to be your friends forever. We pray today for all those in the world who do not yet know you, that they would draw closer to you this Easter.

Amen

Activity

You will need: Anything you have around the house! Gather items from your home, garden or from your daily walk to create your own Easter Garden together. You will need to select a stone to be in front of the tomb and roll away, a flowerpot or cup can make a good substitute for the tomb. You could do some junk modelling and use some items from your recycling or just build the whole thing from building blocks and toys. Once you have built your Easter garden, use any toy figures you have to act out the story of Easter morning together. See attached ideas for your Easter garden! We would love to see some photos! Sb.hcchurches@gmail.com

A colouring page you could print and colour together



Puzzle Sheet

All the letters of the name
Jesus are hidden on the
page can you find them
and colour them in?

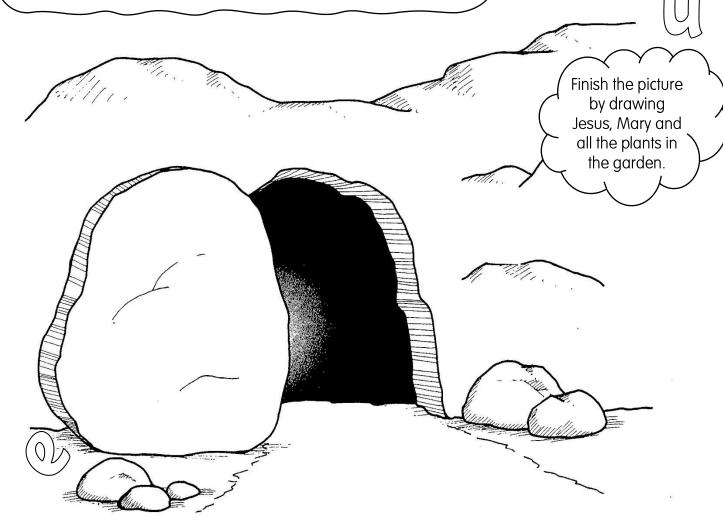
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Jesus
n z p f w r h j r r u b l e u
m o f u e l c t e j m x q m w
z j i i q g w t a o e c w p a
Easter
Tomb
g j s l c a w f e h d e u y r
l i f e e e e w v z p e f s a
Empty
Risen
r p v l u r q r e g f d o m m
Cross
Death
Saviour
V n u x e r m x e a w r c z v
Garden
Life
c o y p p f g a r d e n o b l
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EXTRA TOUGH PUZZLE!

Can you unscramble these letters to spell a big word which means coming back to life?

Then try to find it in the wordsearch.

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S	r	i	е
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t		C	





Make your own Easter Garden...





