

**Preschool**  
**Easter! Jesus has power over death**  
**Luke 24:1-12; 36-49**

**Bible Truth:**        **Jesus rose! Death has no power over Jesus**  
                              **"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." Matthew 28:6**

**Telling the Bible story:**

1. You might want to find a rock, talk about heavy rocks, the rock put in front of the tomb. You might want to remember the palm branches and talk about the first parade which was so happy, then the parade that was so sad – to the cross, and then just the two women who went to the tomb.
2. Tell the story.  
Remember the 3 hearts: Black heart (our sin) + Red heart (Jesus' blood) = White heart (our new heart)  
What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

**Here are some questions you might consider asking. How do you know if a child understands a story (or information)? You ask a question and listen to their answer.**

**Suggested story review questions:**

- Where did Jesus die? On a cross
- What happened after He died? His body was put in a tomb
- Why did the two women go to the tomb? They wanted to put perfume on His body.
- Where was the rock that had been in front of the tomb? It was moved away.
- Who did the women see? Angels
- What did the angels say to the women? That Jesus was alive!
- What did the women do when they heard Jesus was alive? They ran to tell the disciples.
- Did they see Jesus later? Yes, He came to see them all.
- When will we see Jesus? When we go to heaven.
- What will we do in heaven? We will tell Jesus how much we love Him.

**Rhyme:**

Christ the Lord is risen to-day! Angels rolled the stone away from the tomb wherein He lay!  
Little children, come and sing, "Glory, glory to the King, Christ the Lord of everything!"

Remind them that Easter is when we remember that Jesus takes away our sin and gives us His eternal life. Jesus rose and now lives in heaven and in the hearts of His children.

**Pray!**



# Lesson Five

## *Jesus' Resurrection*

### *Heart Preparation and Bible Background*

#### Scripture

*Luke 24:1–12, 36–49*

#### Bible Truth

- *Jesus rose from the dead.*
- *People saw Jesus after he rose.*

#### Lesson Aim

*To rejoice that Jesus is alive*

#### Memory Work

*Believe in the Lord Jesus.  
Acts 16:31a*

#### First Catechism

Review 1–8 (p. 99)

9. What is God? *God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.*

How is Jesus Christ different from Buddha, Mohammed and any other religious leader in the world? There are many differences, but the most distinctive is Christ's resurrection. Buddha died and is still in the grave. Mohammed died and is still dead. All others who have boasted of deity have died and remain dead. Jesus Christ alone rose from the dead and is alive today, our living Savior. Everett Harrison says

No human eye saw the Lord Jesus Christ rise from the dead. It was as unobserved as his conception in the womb of the Virgin Mary. But just as surely as that conception led to the birth and the life that followed, so the silent emergence from the tomb ushered in the risen life of Christ with all its manifestations.

*(A Short Life of Christ, p. 232)*

Christ appeared to many of his disciples, friends and family after he rose from the dead, and he appeared to more than 500 people at one time. He told Thomas to touch his nail-pierced hands and feet. And yet,

... faith in the resurrection of Christ is grounded not in his appearance, but in the Word of God. The appearance only confirms that the Word of God is true. This is how all the disciples, even Thomas, experienced it. The same thought is found in the words, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." *(Promise and Deliverance, S.G. De Graaf, p. 109)*

When did you first begin to understand the meaning of the resurrection? What difference does the resurrection make in your daily choices? Spend some moments thanking God that Jesus is our living Savior, "the same yesterday, today, and forever." Ask God for wisdom in teaching the truth of the resurrection to your toddlers simply and clearly.





## Bible Time

5 min

Have your Bible open on your lap to Luke 24.

Everyone hold up one hand. Now wiggle your fingers. Let's count with our fingers . . . 1, 2, 3! Again . . . 1, 2, 3! Now lay your hands on your laps very quietly.

Today our story talks about three days . . . 1, 2, 3 days. Day one *hold up one finger* was sad, very sad. Jesus died on the cross. Jesus' friends put Jesus' body in a special tomb—a room or cave for dead people. *Show Teaching Aid 4.* Jesus did not breathe or move because he was not alive. All of Jesus' friends were very sad. They loved Jesus and now he was gone.

On day 2 *hold up two fingers*, the friends of Jesus stayed home and missed Jesus very much. They felt all alone. They didn't know what they were going to do without Jesus. They loved him so much!

Early in the morning, on day 3 *hold up three fingers*, some of the women who were friends of Jesus went to see Jesus' body. They wanted to put sweet smelling perfume on Jesus. As they got near the tomb, they were scared! The big, heavy rock that had been in front of the door had been moved! *Show Teaching Aid 4.* They looked inside the special room. Jesus wasn't there! Tears filled their eyes. Where was Jesus?

Suddenly two men *hold up two fingers*, who were really angels in white, bright clothes, stood beside them. The women were afraid. The angel said, "Why are you here? This is a place for dead people. Why are you looking here for someone who is ALIVE?" ALIVE? Then the angels said, "Remember when Jesus said he would die and live again?"

Yes! The women remembered! They were afraid and happy at the same time. The women were so excited with the good news! They ran back to tell the others: "Jesus is ALIVE!"

Peter, one of the disciples, ran to look in the tomb. *Show Teaching Aid 4.* Yes! It was true! Jesus was not there. What happened? Where was Jesus? Jesus was risen! Jesus was ALIVE! Jesus is ALIVE today! *Students repeat "Jesus is ALIVE!"*

Later, Jesus came to his friends' house and said, "Peace be with you." Jesus taught them many things. Jesus had done his special work for God. Jesus was stronger than death. The disciples were so happy! They were full of joy! The disciples later told many, many people that Jesus was not dead—he was alive! Jesus IS ALIVE!

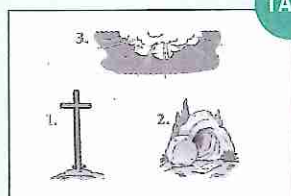
### Bible Time at a Glance

**Day 1.** Dead, Jesus was put into a garden tomb.

**Day 2.** The disciples missed Jesus.

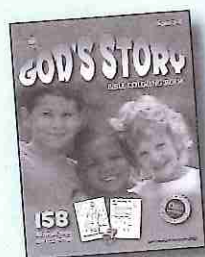
**Day 3.** Women went to the empty tomb.

- Angels said, "Jesus is alive."
- Women told others; Jesus visited disciples; great joy!



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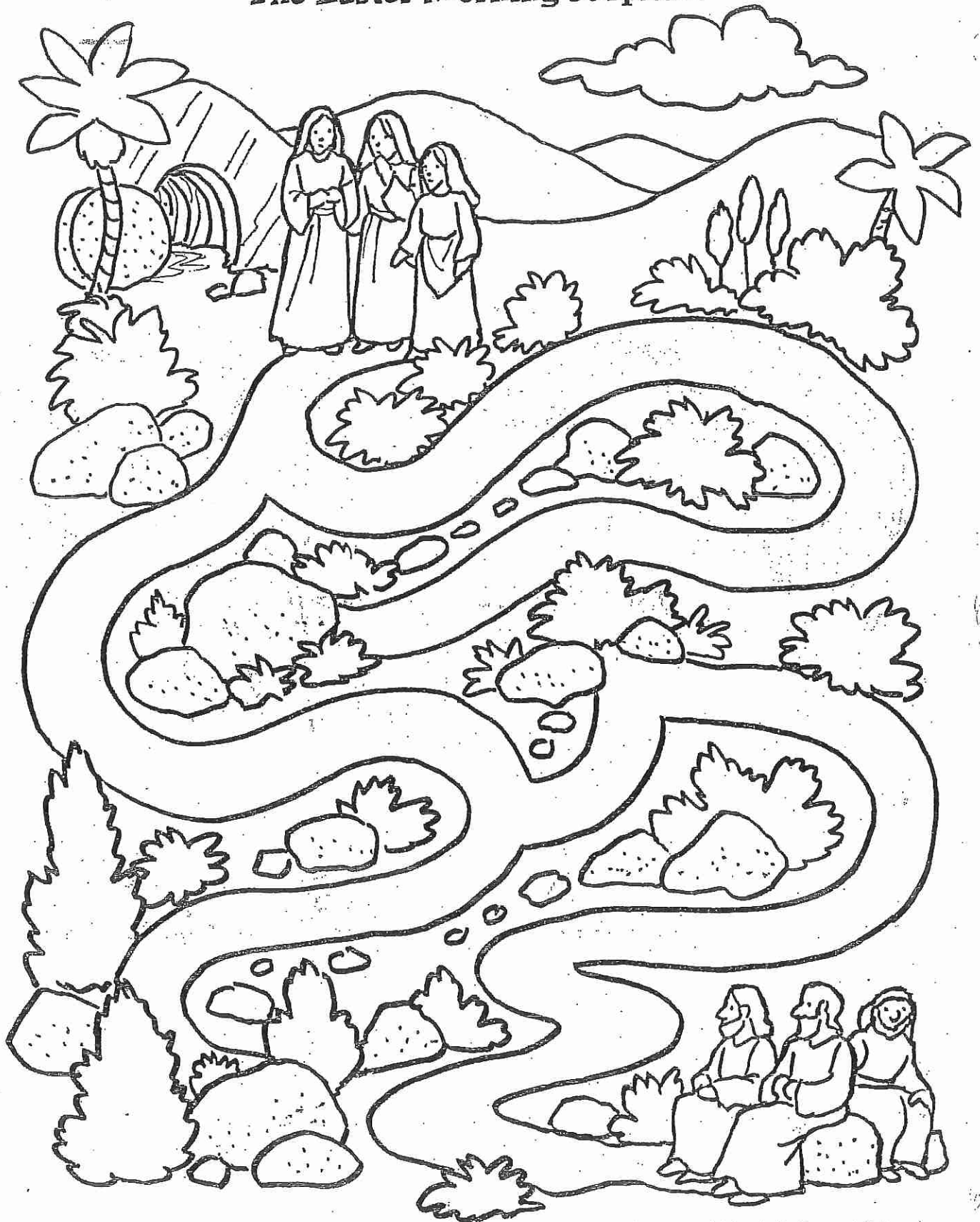


On the first day of the week, Mary and the other Mary went to the tomb. An angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified on the cross. He is not here! He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay."

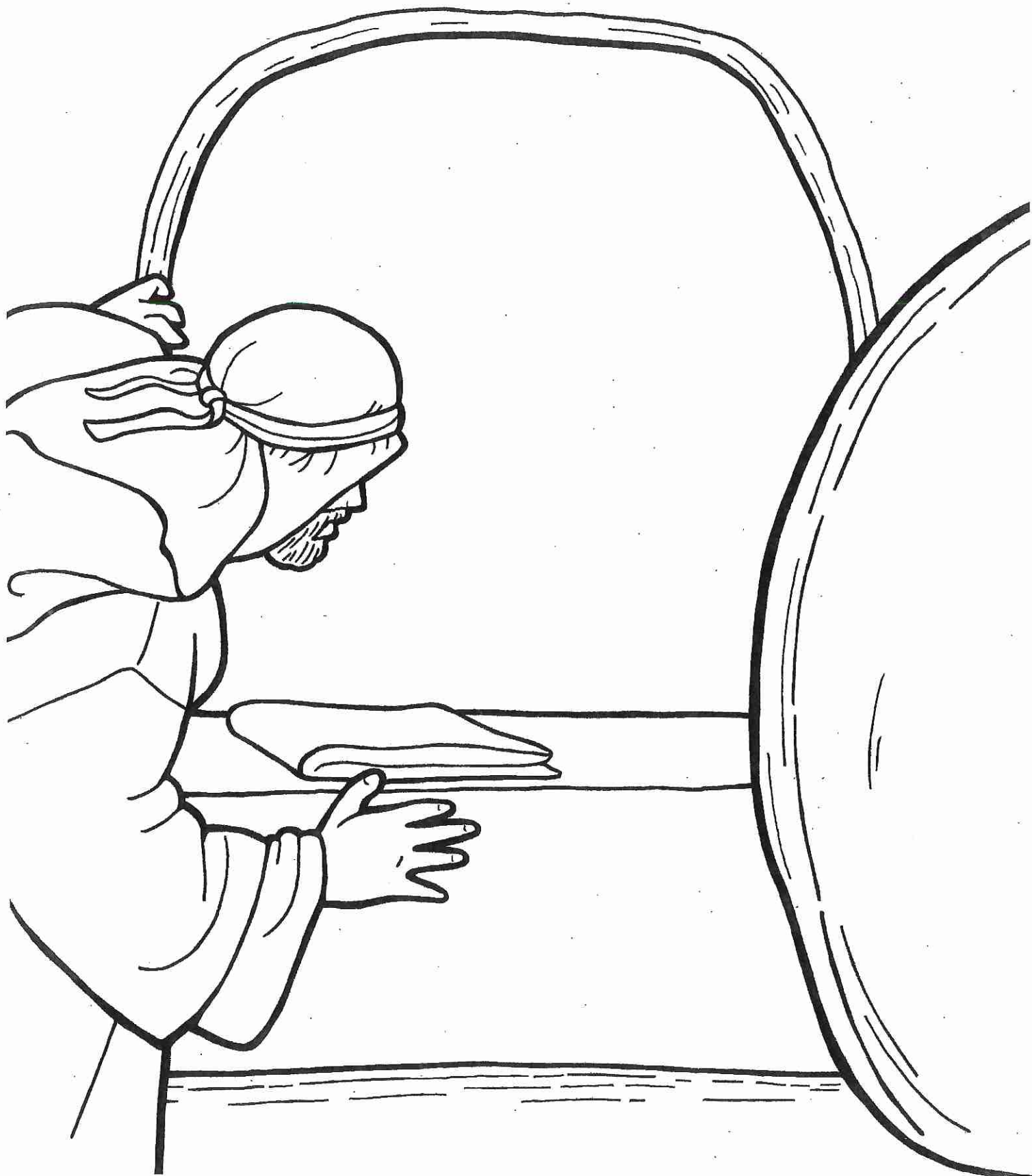
Matthew 28: 5, 6



## The Easter Morning Surprise!



Jesus kept His promise! He said He would come back after three days, and He did! Jesus' friends ran to tell the disciples that Jesus was alive. Help them find their way.



**Jesus is alive!**

Luke 24:1-12

Easter Morning

# The Tomb is Empty!

Has emptiness ever been so beautiful? Has darkness ever been replaced with so much light?

Why was the empty tomb so beautiful? Why was the dark tomb filled with so much light? What happened to change everything?

Jesus had died on the cross. He was put there by Romans and by Jews. He was mocked and scorned and beaten. And then His body was taken from the cross and put in the tomb. But when Mary and the others went to the tomb He was not there. Instead the tomb was filled with light and two angels said,

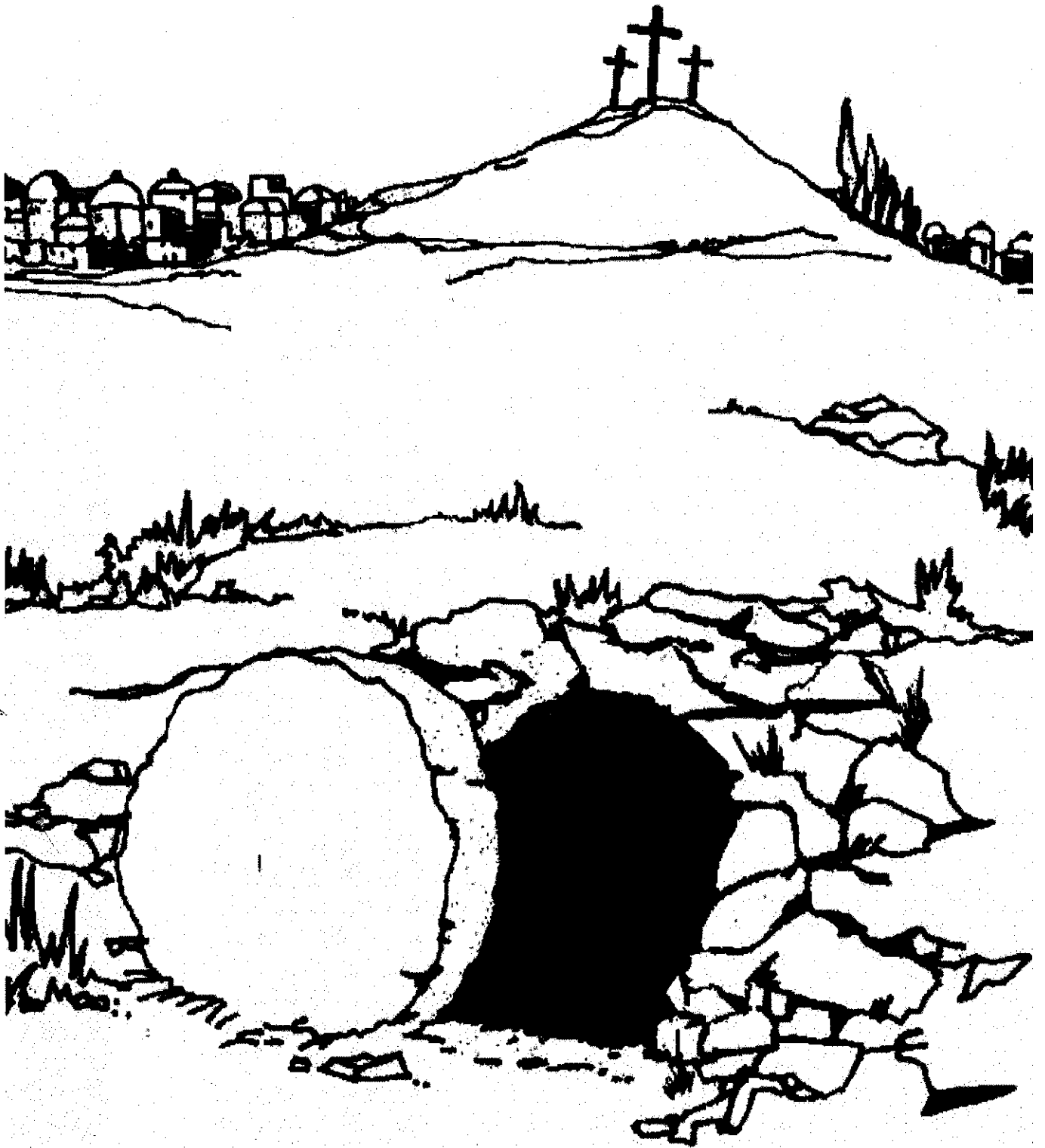
*"He is not here. He is risen just as He said He would!  
Go and tell His disciples!"*

Death had been defeated. Sin had been conquered. The debt of sin had been paid. Darkness was replaced with light. The light of Christ will always shine – in the world and in the hearts of God's children.

The tomb is empty and our hearts are full!

*Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:14*

Color the picture below. Cut out a circle of white paper and glue it on the entry way to the tomb. Color it bright yellow. Add tissue paper flowers or colored squares around the tomb.



Jesus Christ is risen today!  
He is not here, but has risen.  
Luke 24:6



## Easter word search

## Mark 16:1-8

## He is Risen!

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

<sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.'"

<sup>8</sup> Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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Easter is the happiest day! Jesus conquered sin when He died on the cross. He rose from the grave because the power of sin was defeated. The tomb was empty and now our hearts are full, filled with love from Jesus. Now we wear the white coat of Christ's righteousness.

*He has risen, He is not here,  
see the place where they laid Him  
Mark 16:6*