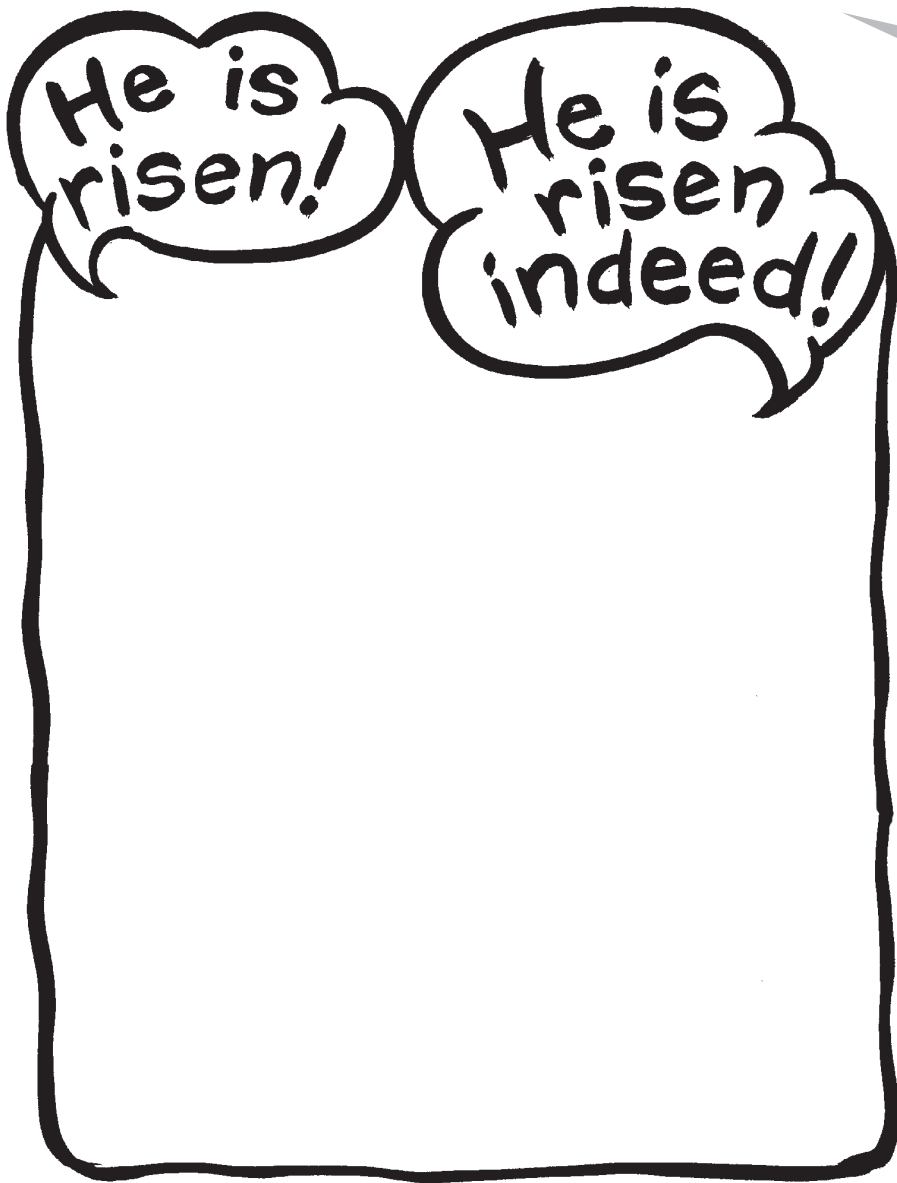


How do you share the Easter greeting in worship today?

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

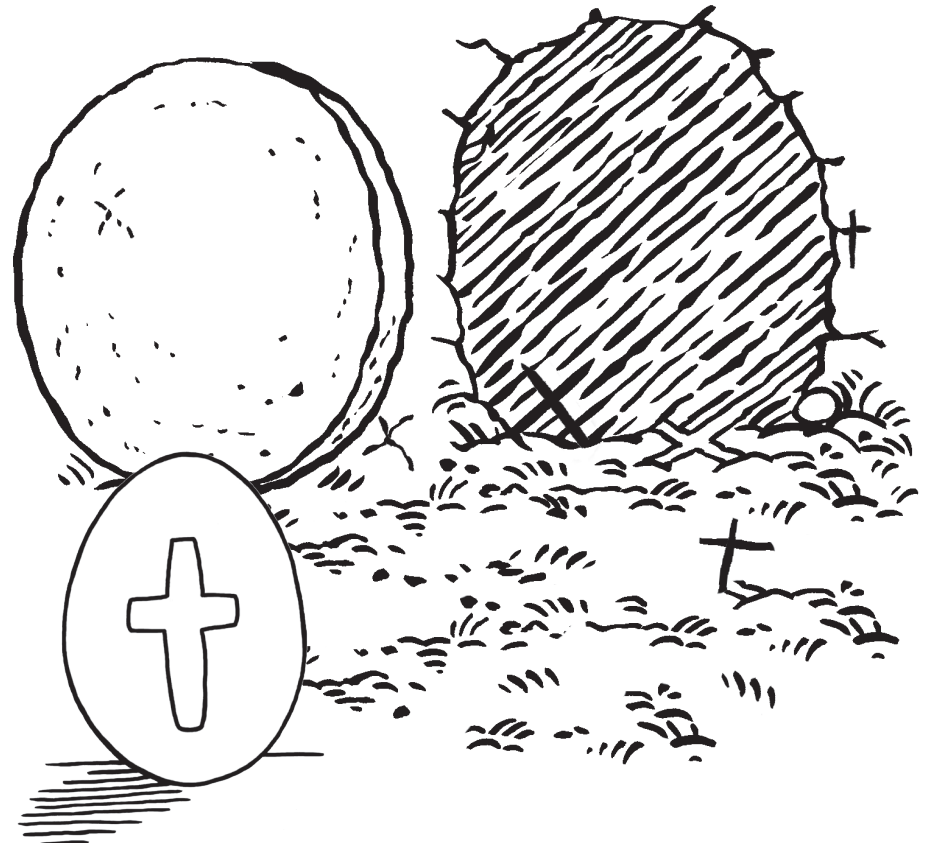


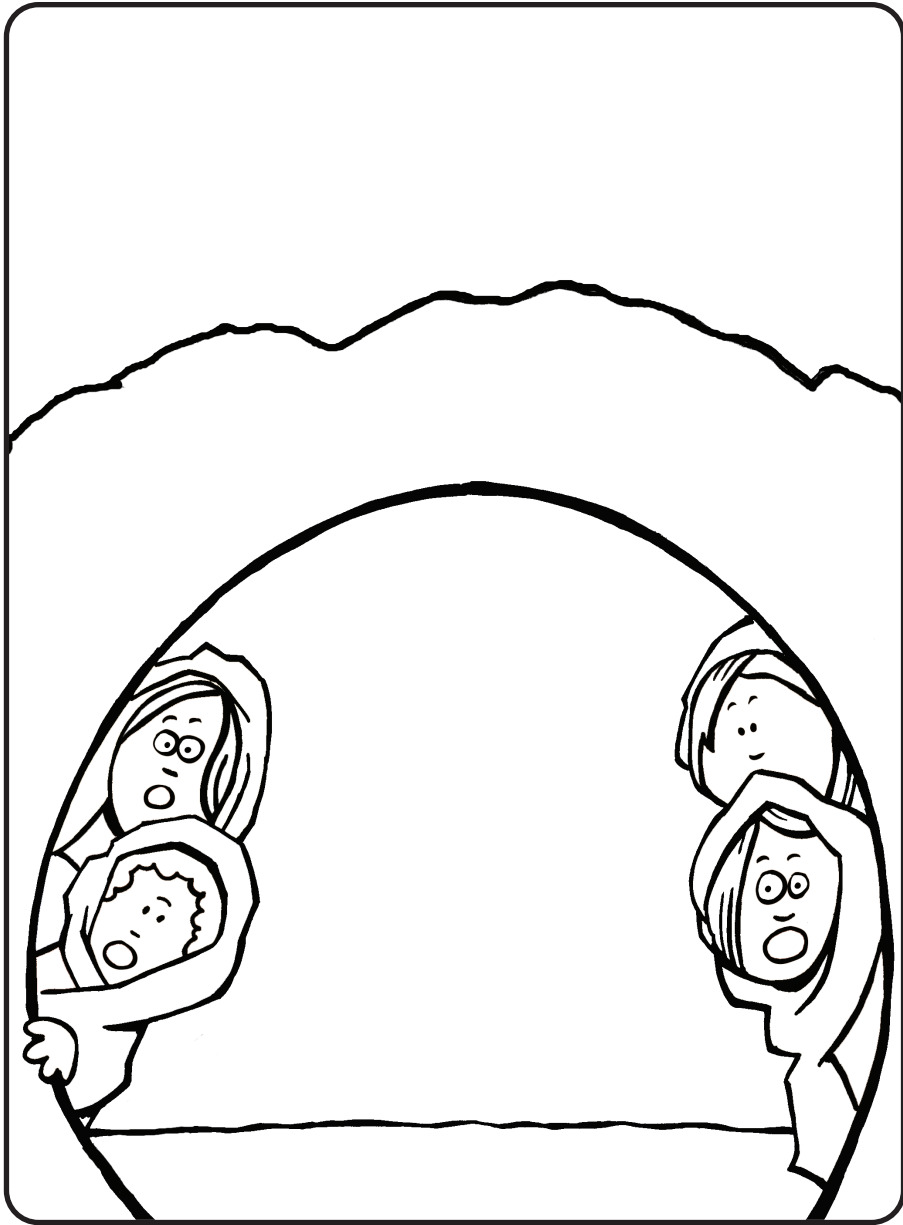
PRE-READER

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.

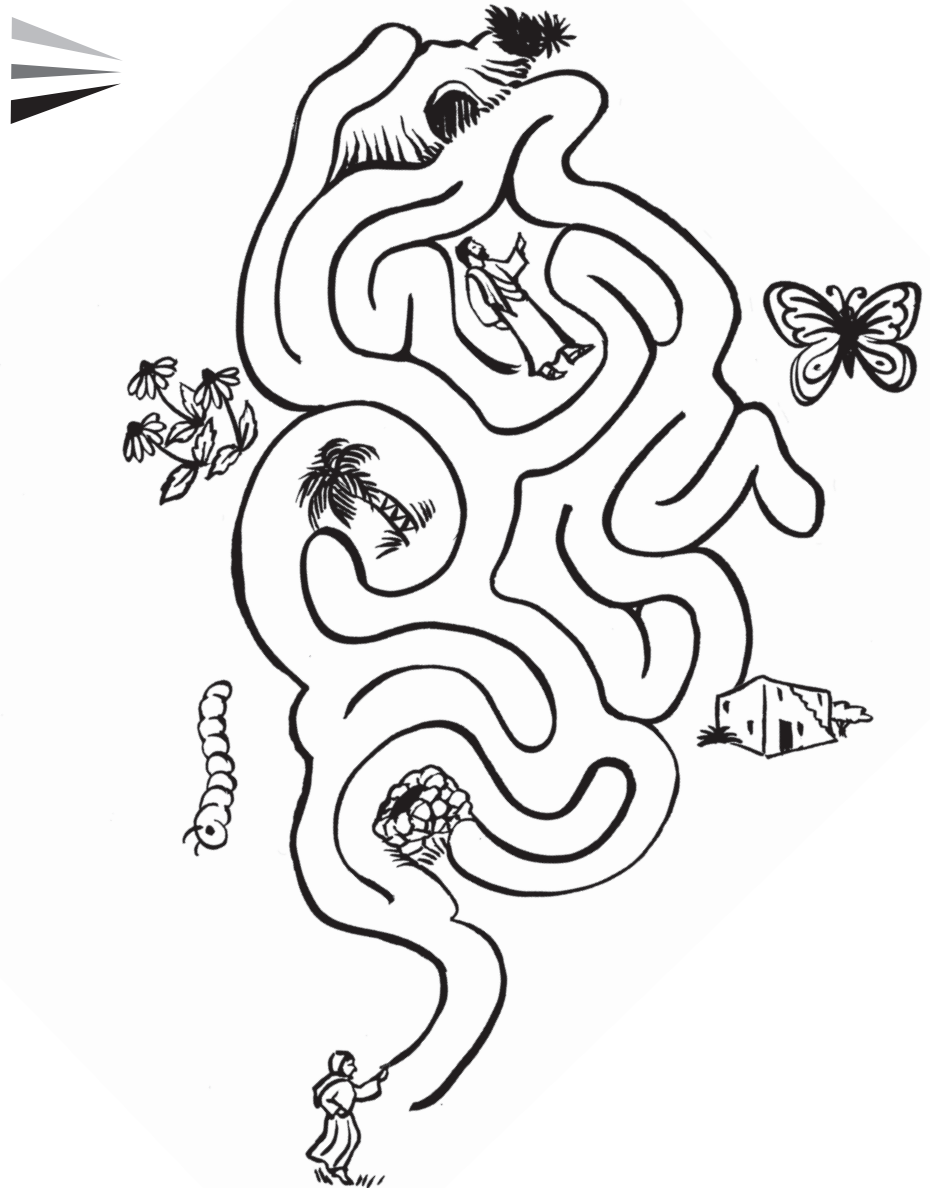




“Jesus isn’t here,” said the angel. “Jesus is alive!”

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

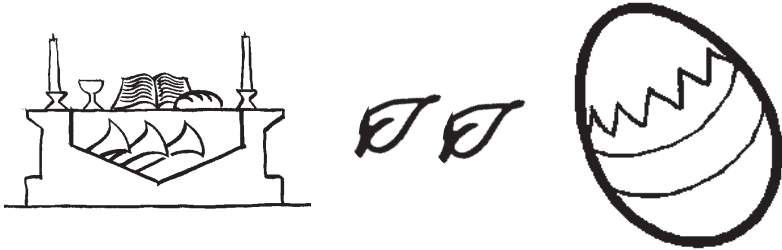
Help Mary find her way to the empty tomb and Jesus.



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.



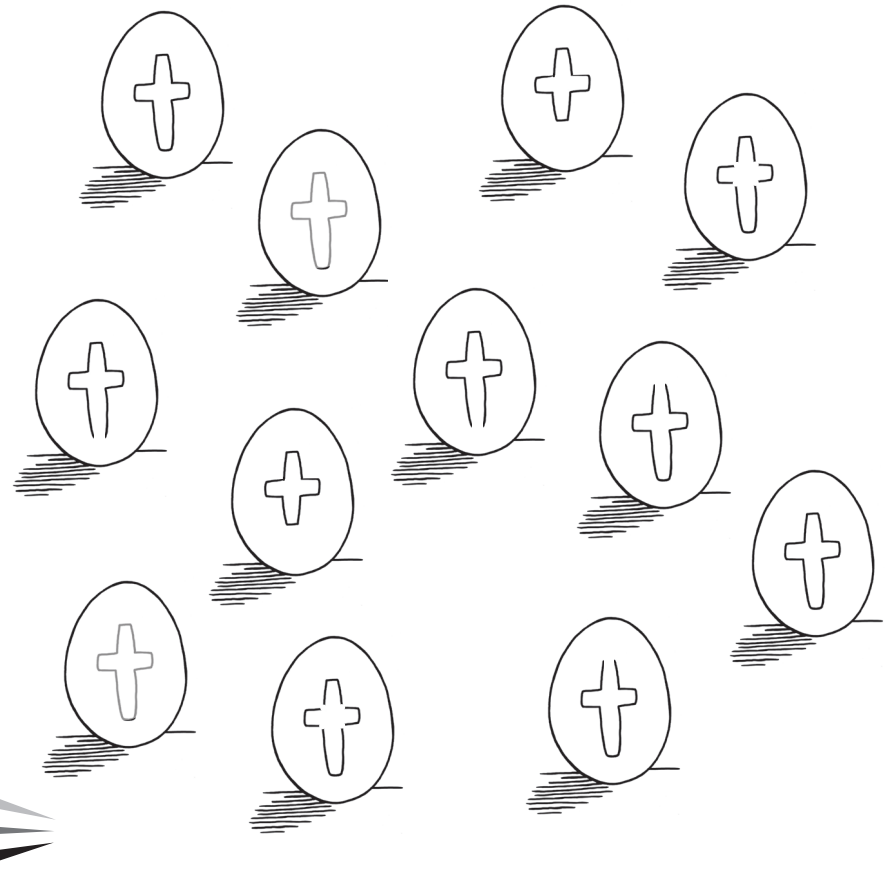
READER

Easter Day

- Today is **Easter Sunday**.
- 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!**

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.



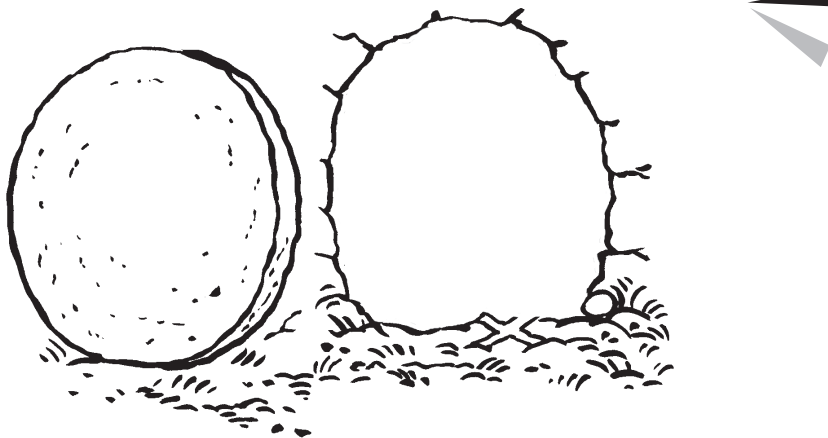
But he said to them, "Do not be **mdraale**; you are **oinlkog** for **ssuje** of Nazareth, who was **icrficued**. **eh** has been **rsaied**; he is not here. **olok**, there is the **apecl** they **dial** him." Mark 16:6

But he said to them, "Do not be _____; you are _____ for _____ of Nazareth, who was _____ . _____ has been _____; 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

PETER







































































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 words

Color all the squares with butterflies in them, and discover some Easter words.

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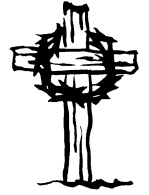
Share these Easter words with everyone!



Alleluia, Jesus lives!
Alleluia! Amen

This week

Talk about the Easter story. Where do you see Jesus everyday?



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is Easter Day, the happiest day of the year for Christians like you, because Jesus is alive! Alleluia!


























What do you see decorating your worship space?
What color is on the altar? What kind of music do you hear?

Jesus is risen!





John 20:1-18






Read today's gospel story by filling in the words for the pictures.

On  morning  was the first person at the  where they had buried . She noticed that the  was empty and tearfully ran to tell two of the  that the body of  was missing. All  of them raced back to the empty , and the  went inside, only to find the  that had wrapped the body of  lying in a pile. The  didn't know what to do, so they went .  stayed at the empty  crying, and then she peeked inside and saw two  sitting where the body of  had been! As she was talking with the  about where the body had been taken, she heard a man calling her name. It was !
 was the first person to see  alive again, and she was so excited that she ran to the  and announced, "I have seen the Lord."

Draw a picture of your favorite part of this story.

Imagine that you were Mary Magdalene, the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection. What would you say to Jesus? Who would you tell?

CODE:  = Mary Magdalene  = Jesus  = linen cloths  = disciples

 = Easter  = three  = tomb  = home  = angels



Listen to the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* at home.