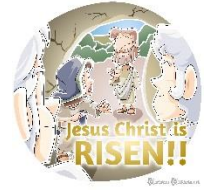


# Virtual Sunday School Lesson

## *Jesus is Risen (Mark 16: 1-8)*



### **Bible Verses (NIV):**

#### **Mark 16: 1-8**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterwards Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

### **Activity: Easter Egg-citement**

**Theme:** The resurrection

**Supplies:** An Easter basket with four plastic eggs. A small cross, three nails, a stone.

#### **Lesson:**

Good morning boys and girls. How many of you plan to have an Easter egg hunt today? As you can see, I have my Easter basket ready. When I was a boy, we used real eggs which we decorated ourselves. I guess some people still do that, but I think most people use plastic eggs like these. Usually, there is a piece of candy or perhaps a small toy inside. The eggs in my Easter basket are very special, because each of them will teach us something which will show us exactly what Easter really means.

Inside the first egg is a cross. The cross reminds me that Jesus willingly carried his cross to Calvary to die for my sins. No one told him he had to do it, he did it because he knew that was the only way that I would ever get to heaven. God loved me so much that He sent His only begotten Son so that I could have everlasting life.

Inside the second egg are three nails. They remind us that Jesus was nailed to the cross. The nails that they used to nail Jesus to the cross weren't little nails like these. They were great big nails. Can you imagine the pain he must have felt? He suffered great pain as the nails were driven into his hands and feet. He suffered the pain to pay the price for our sins.

Inside the third egg is a stone. The Bible tells us that after Jesus died, they placed his body in a tomb and put a huge stone over the entrance. On Sunday morning, two women went to see the tomb and the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was open. The stone reminds us that even a huge stone could not keep Jesus in the grave.

That brings us to the fourth egg. The fourth egg is empty. The Bible tells us that when the two women went inside the tomb, it was empty. Jesus was not there. At first the women thought that someone had stolen the body of Jesus. But inside the tomb was an angel who told them, "He is not here. He is risen, just as he said he would. Come, see the place where he lay." The empty egg reminds us that Jesus' tomb is empty. He is risen, just as he said he would.

The Jesus we serve willingly took up his cross, but he could not be held on the cross by the nails and he could not be kept in the tomb by a stone. He is risen and lives in heaven with God, his Father. The Bible tells us that everyone who believes in him, will join him in heaven with the Father.

### Closing Prayer

We thank you, Father, that you loved us so much that you sent your only Son to die for our sins. We are thankful that his story does not end with his death, but that we serve a risen Savior! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.  
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### Video: He's Alive: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HcreK5TczY>

Gracelink; We serve God when we tell others that Jesus is risen.

Duration: 4:20

### Video: The Very Best Morning: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5mmnFu1l3U>

CTA Inc: 16-page softcover book for ages 3-8 and covers Jesus' glorious resurrection and the days after.

Duration: 2:50

### Craft: Hand Plate (Preschool)

*Supplies: Paper plates, water paints, yellow construction paper, black sharpie, glue, black/dark cardstock*

Directions: Before class, put green, orange, red, blue & yellow paint in small cups. Have extra cups handy, or a piece of cardboard with stretch wrap over. Cut a cross out on black or dark cardstock. In class, give children a paper plate to paint, bottom green, top a rainbow. Encourage children to try mixing colors together on the cardboard or extra cup, creating new colors. While drying, place child's hand on a sheet of yellow construction paper, trace and cut out. Glue the hand in the middle of the plate, then glue the cross over with the upper part in the palm. Use the sharpie to write "He is Risen".



### Craft: Easter Wreath:

Supplies: "Easter Wreath" pages, crayons/markers/glue

Print off a copy of the "Easter Wreath" pages for children to color and cut out. Place two semi-circles together to create a full circle. Begin at the top, covering the seam with the flame, then dove on top. Going clockwise, glue...

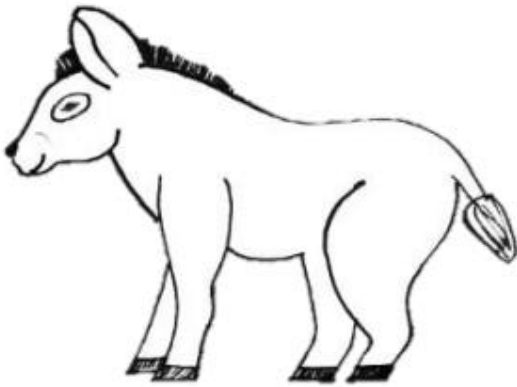
1. Jesus enters Jerusalem (palm branch and donkey pictures)
2. The Last Supper (bread and wine pictures)
3. Jesus Prays in Gethsemane (praying hands picture)
4. Jesus is Crucified (cross picture covering the bottom seam)
5. Resurrection (empty tomb picture)
6. Ascension (Jesus in clouds picture)
- 7 Holy Spirit comes down (to join up with the dove)

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## *Jesus is Risen*

### Easter Wreath



### **Jesus Enters Jerusalem**

*"The crowd spread garments on the road and others spread palm branches. They shouted 'Hosanna in the highest!'"*  
*Matt. 21:8-9*



### **The Last Supper**

*"Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it saying, 'Take this and eat it; this is my body.'"*  
*Matt. 26:26*

### **Jesus Prays in Gethsemane**

*"He fell on his face and prayed, 'My father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; but not as I will but as you will.'"*  
*Matt. 26:39*

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**The Ascension of Jesus**

*"As they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight."*

*Acts 1:9*

**Jesus is Crucified**

*"Jesus cried out with a loud voice 'My God my God, why have you forsaken me?' He cried again and yielded up His spirit."*

*Matt. 27:46,50*

**The Holy Spirit Comes Down**

*"And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."*

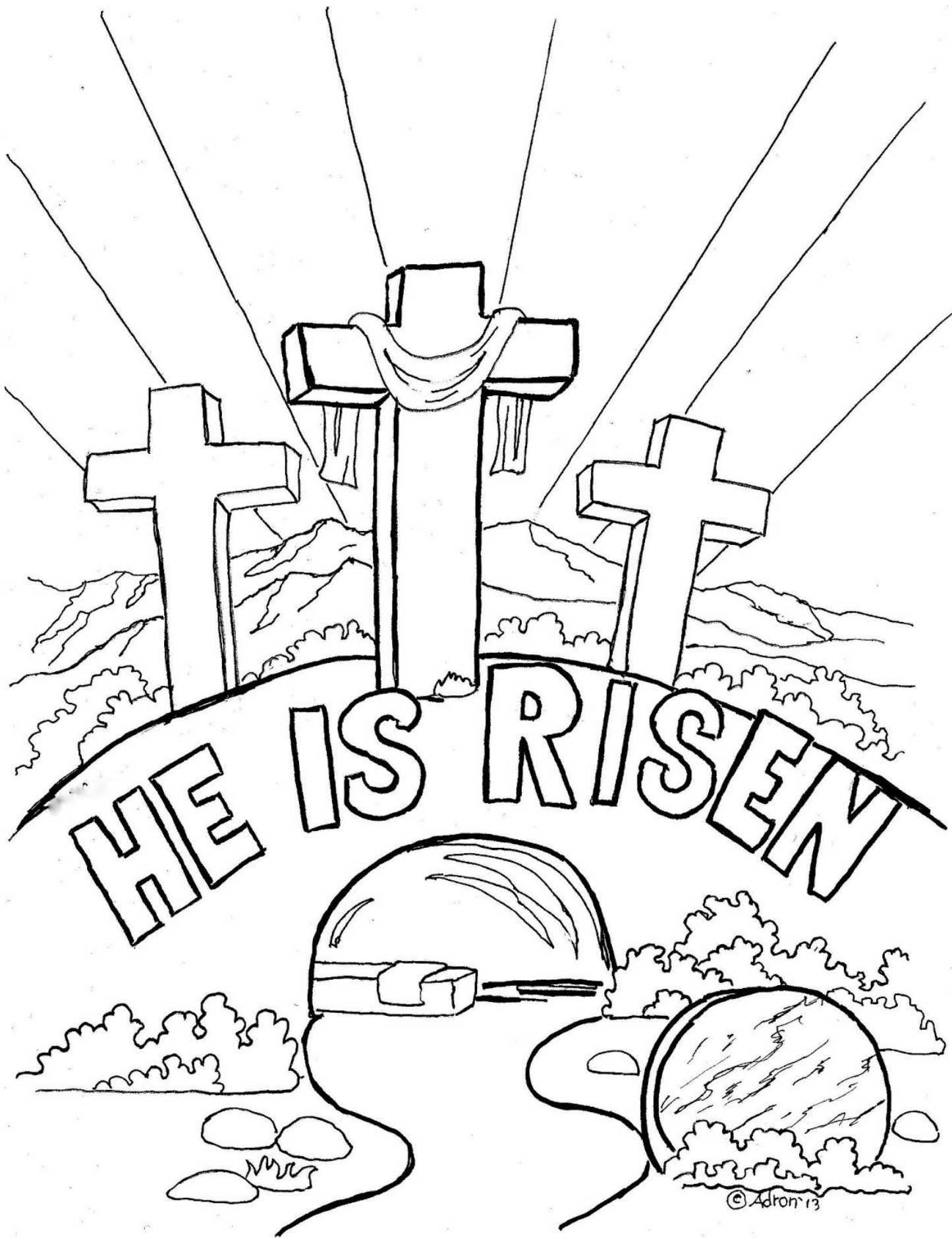
*Acts 2:3-4*

**Resurrection of Jesus**

*"He is not here for He has risen!"*

*Matt. 28:6*





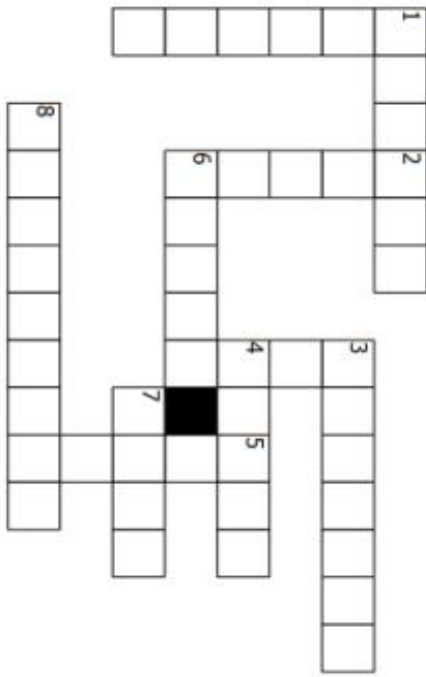
Find 6 things that are different in these two pictures.



# The Resurrection

"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." Mark 16:6 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on various Gospel accounts of the resurrection.



## ACROSS

1. To be filled with fear
3. The first or early part of a day
4. To return from death
6. To have nothing inside
7. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
8. Having been put to death on a cross

## DOWN

1. Messengers from heaven
2. Not dead
3. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb
5. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

ALIVE	MORNING	EMPTY	AFRAID	ANGELS
TOMB	MARY	CRUCIFIED	RISEN	STONE