

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

Easter (Matthew)



Bible Verses (NIV):

Matthew 27: 57-66, 28: 1-10

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, 'Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead", and the last deception would be worse than the first.' Pilate said to them, 'You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.' So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Activity: Resurrection Rolls

Theme: The miracle of Jesus' Resurrection

Supplies: Pillsbury Crescent Rolls dough, Jumbo Marshmallows, water, cinnamon/sugar mix

Lesson:

First, gather the children together in the kitchen. Get your ingredients out and preheat the oven. Read Matthew 27: 57-66, 28: 1-10 in the New Testament while the oven is pre-heating.

Unroll the crescent rolls, separating each section.

Explain that this is like the cloth they wrapped Jesus in.

Give your child a marshmallow and explain that it represents Jesus.

It's white and pure because He was without sin.

Roll the marshmallow in a small bowl of water.

This symbolizes the embalming oils.

Now, roll the marshmallow in the cinnamon & sugar mixture.

This is like the spices used to prepare his body for burial.

Next up, wrap the marshmallow in the crescent roll dough,

making sure to pinch the dough together securely on the sides.

Don't worry about what they look like because they'll taste great no matter what! This represents how they wrapped Jesus' body.



Repeat with each marshmallow and place the rolls in the oven (symbolizing the tomb) and bake for the amount of time specified on the package – 8 to 10 minutes.

While the rolls are baking, read John 20:1-18.

When the cook time is up, open the tomb and remove the rolls. When they're cool enough to handle, let your children open one and discover what happened to the marshmallow. It's disappeared!

This signifies how Jesus has been resurrected.

Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank you for bringing your son to Earth to save us. Bless we your children as we share the good news of Jesus' resurrection... Amen

Thanks to <https://www.yummyhealthyeasy.com/easter-resurrection-rolls/>



Video: Kid's Bible; Easter Story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2TiXMhATPg>

Narrated story of Easter for younger children

Duration: 5:13

Video: PursueGod Kids: Chicken, Bunny & Easter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUmRD90kPzA>

This video will help teach your kids the true meaning of Easter.

Duration: 2:50

Craft: Egg Carton Cross (Preschool)

Supplies: *Egg Cartons, waterbased paint/brushes, ribbon, scissors*

Cut old egg cartons so you have one piece for each child that has six cups and one three cups. Add glue inside the middle cup of the three section and glue to the six cup to create a cross. Have children paint their cross, let dry, then tie a length of ribbon around the middle.

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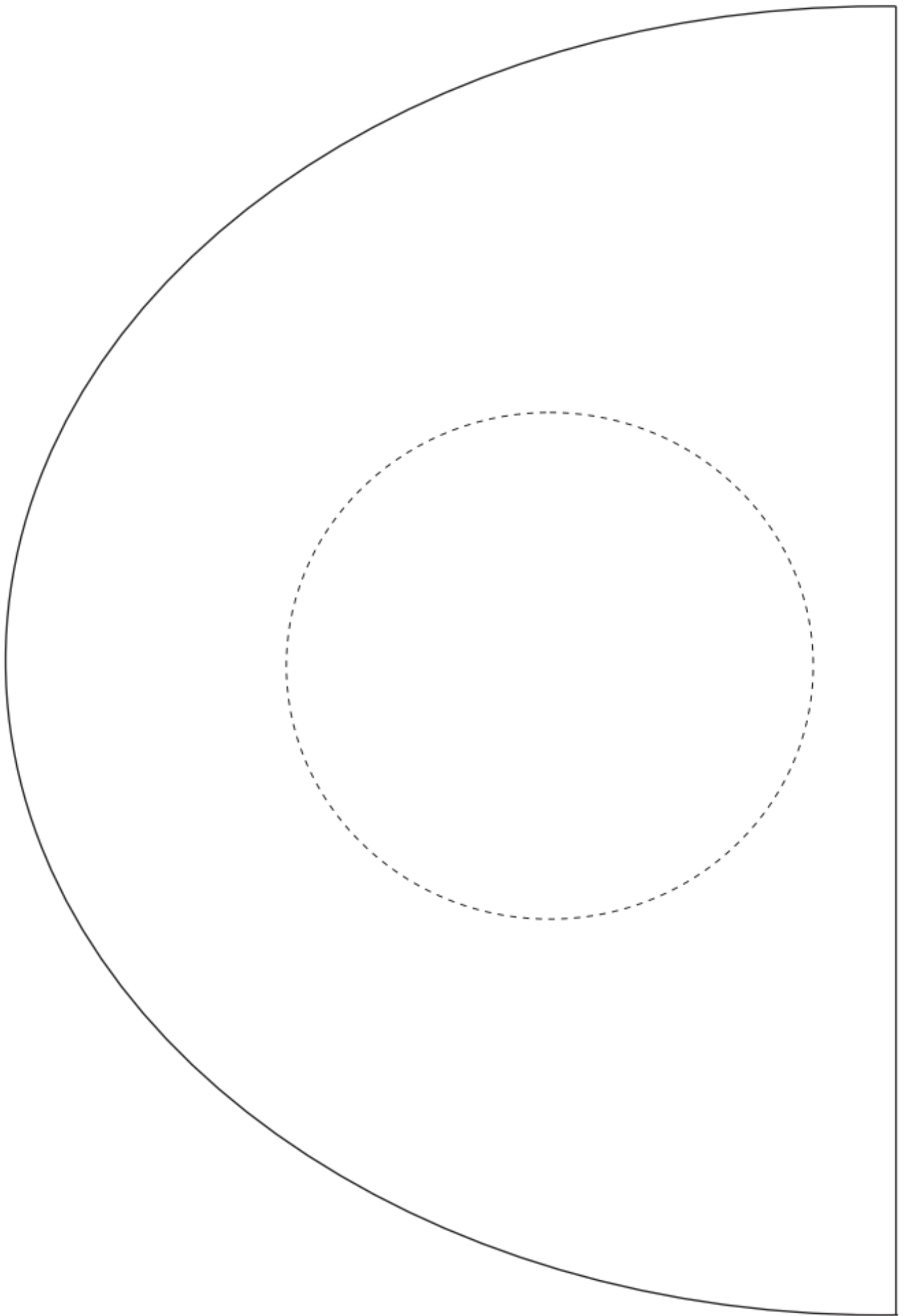
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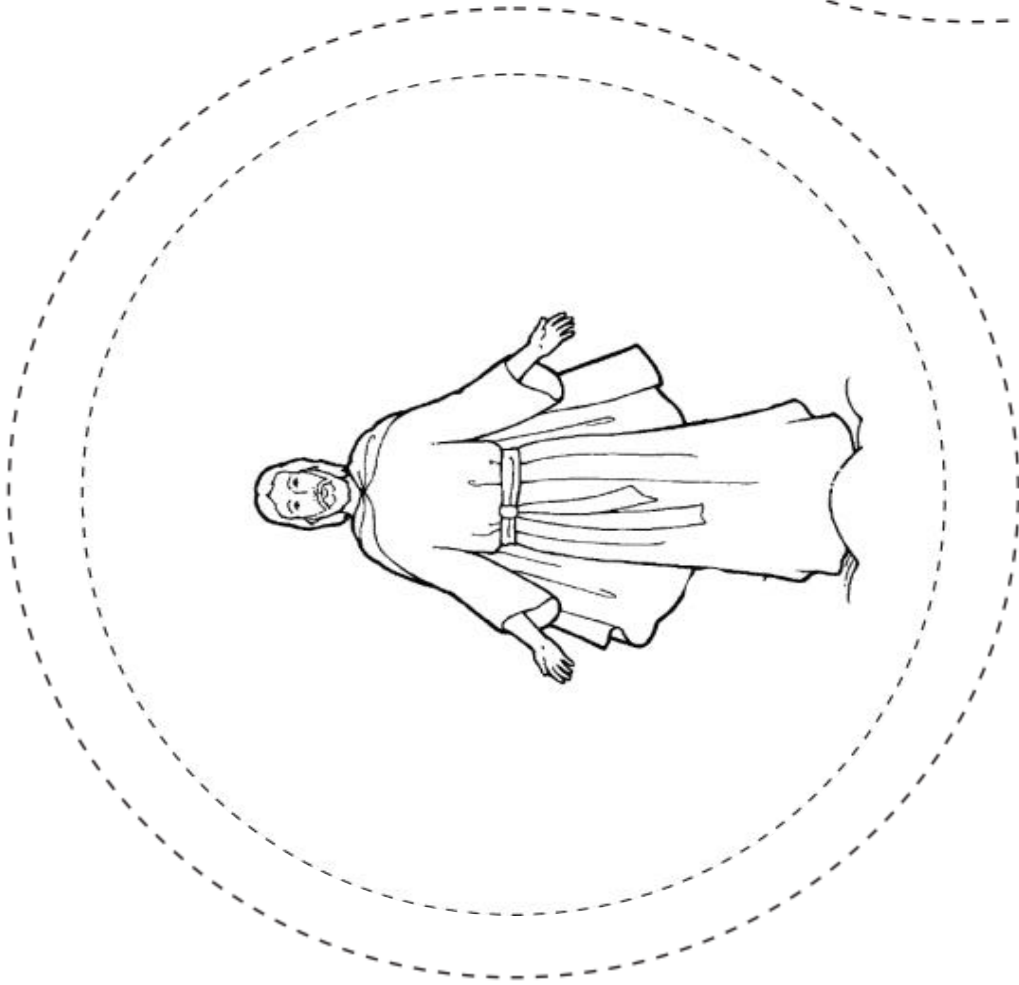
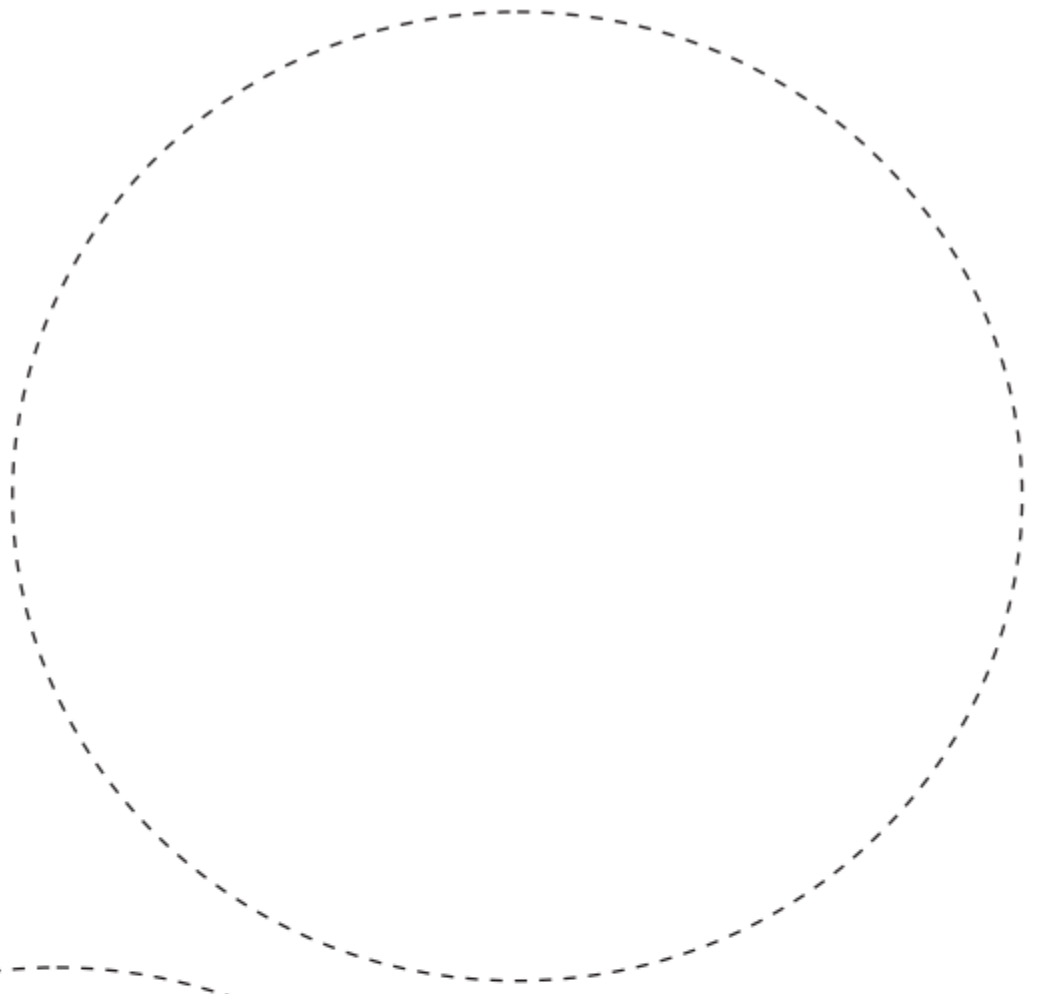
Supplies: *crayons/markers, scissors, tape, brass paper holders*

Have the children color Jesus (smaller circle area), the tomb and blank circle. Cut out the tomb opening and tape the Jesus circle in the tomb entrance, then poke a small hole at the top of the tomb entrance and the blank circle. Insert the brass paper fastener and bend arms back, so the circle can be moved to reveal Jesus.

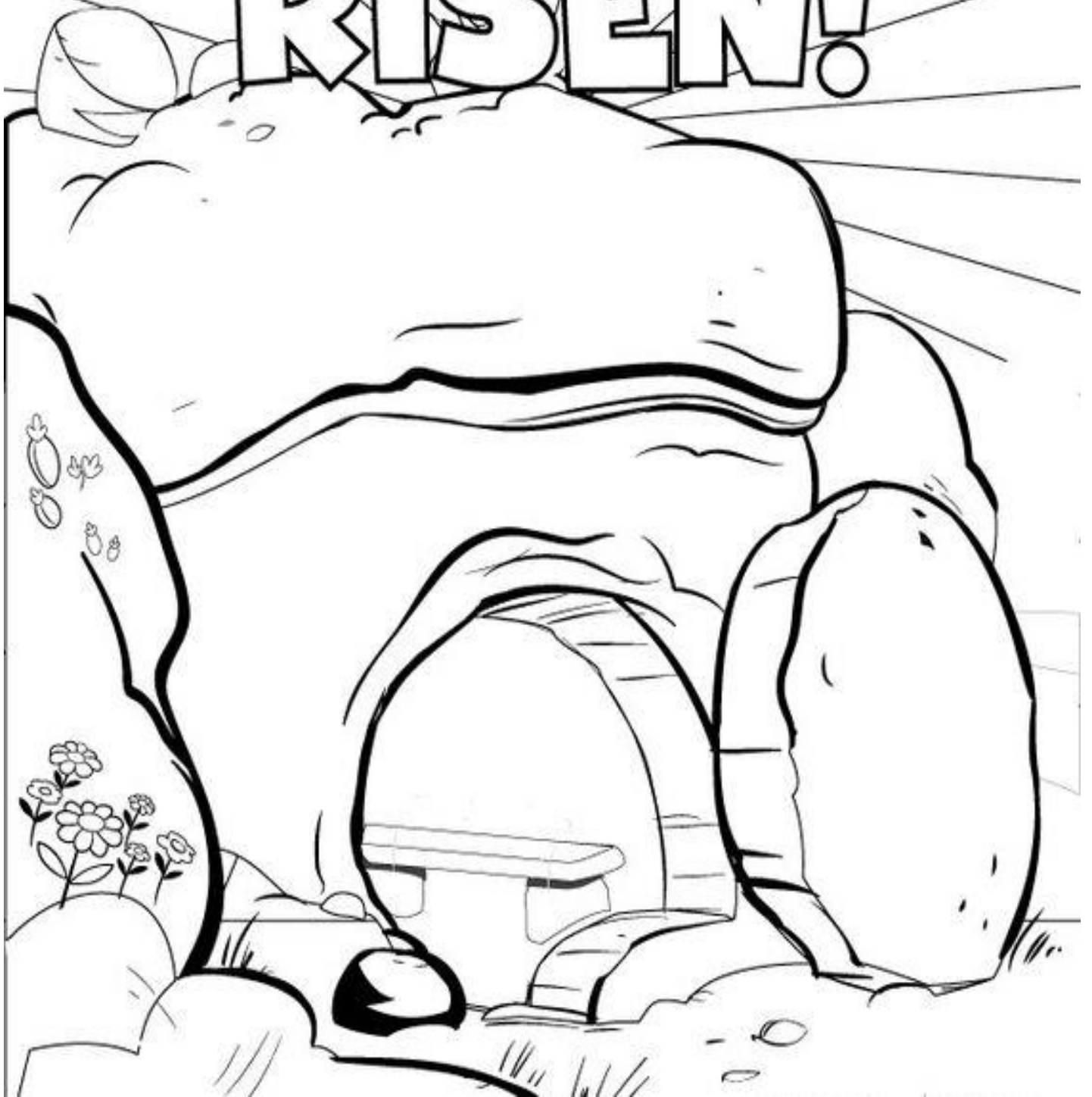
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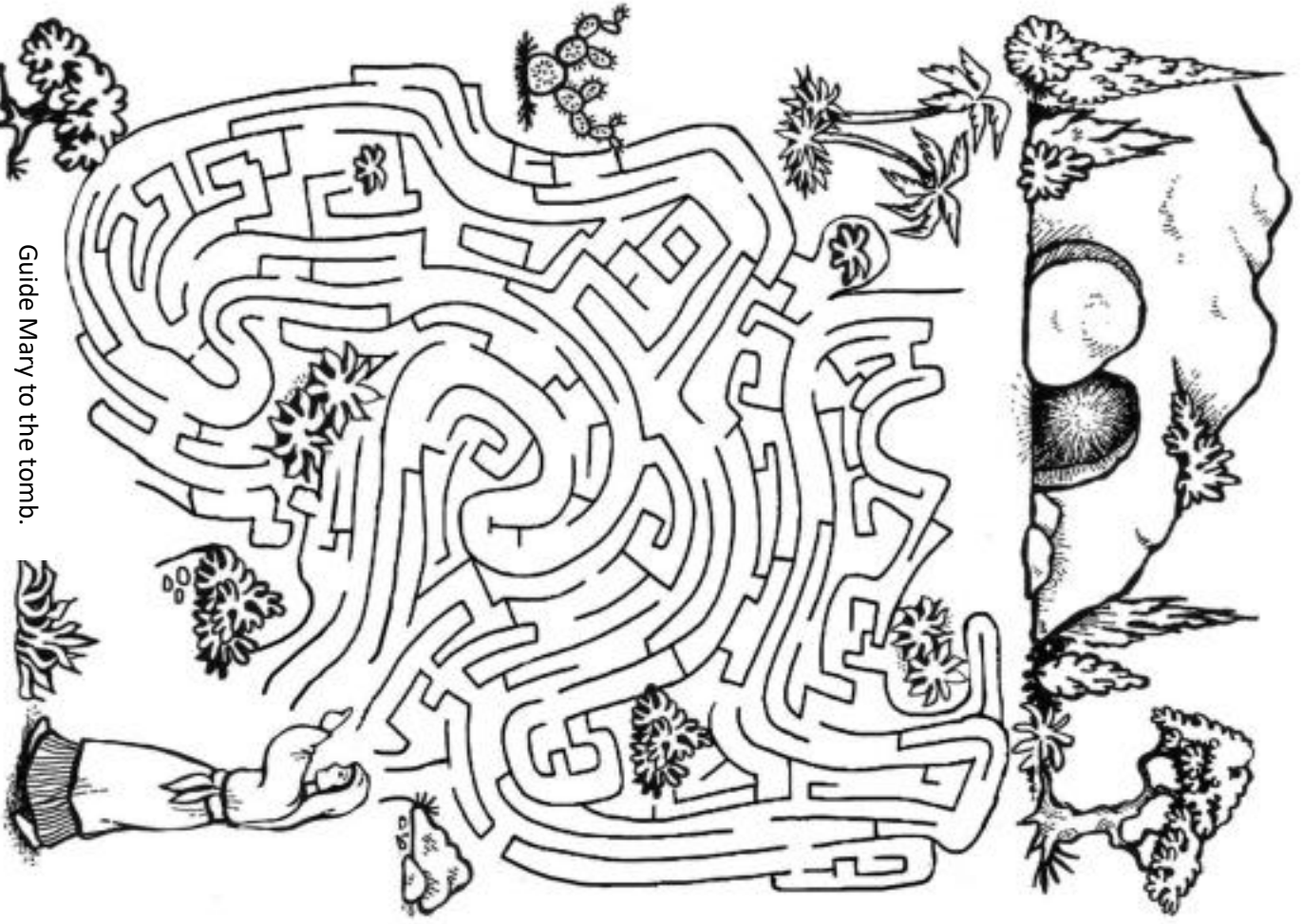






**HE HAS
RISEN!**





Guide Mary to the tomb.

Unscramble each of the clue words.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number to see what the angel told the women to do.

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