

An illustration of Jesus on the left, wearing a white robe with a purple sash and a yellow collar, standing on a path. On the right, a woman in a light blue robe and a tan headscarf is kneeling on the ground, looking up at Jesus with her hands raised in a gesture of surprise or prayer. The background features a pink sky, a tree with blue flowers, and a bush with pink flowers.

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To The Parent or Teacher

Every sincere Christian parent and/or children's Bible teacher desires to see his or her children learn to know Christ and become a follower of the Savior. This 83-page printable PDF is a simple collection of Easter Bible activities for kids and is designed to help the parent or teacher involve kids in a fun engagement of the Bible and, as a result, help them better understand the events associated with Easter, the God we serve, and the Son who gave his life for us. Once downloaded, here are some things you might want to know before diving in.

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The Crucifixion. Many churches avoid talking in any depth to younger children about the crucifixion. This is, in part, due to the subject matter, but it's also because Good Friday falls BETWEEN Palm Sunday and Resurrection (Easter) Sunday. Where do you put a study of the crucifixion if you're going to study Jesus' Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday? Churches will have to determine whether they want to place a study of the crucifixion ahead of Palm Sunday (out of sequence) or simply have the study on Palm Sunday. As a parent, you have more flexibility and may wish to study the crucifixion on or near Good Friday. You will have to use your discretion and familiarity with your kids to determine what to say about the crucifixion. It may be adequate simply to mention His death in explaining the resurrection.

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God bless you as you use these activity pages to teach children about the wonderful love of our Savior!

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Easter Bible Verses and the Resurrection Story

The Easter story is the story of Jesus' resurrection following his crucifixion. Below are some Easter story Bible verses with helpful commentary to help the teacher or parent understand the broader biblical story of Christ's resurrection and its significance. Additional resources related to Easter and the resurrection, including this article, scripture pages and Bible activities, can be found on SundaySchoolZone.com by searching for Easter or by using the navigation bar.

Genesis

The resurrection story actually begins in the pages of the Old Testament. As early as Genesis 3:15, after Adam and Eve sinned, God announced that He would send a "seed" or descendant of the woman (Eve) to "strike" the head of the serpent. Here are God's words to the serpent...

I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. **He will strike your head**, and you will strike his heel. Genesis 3:15 HCSB

Satan (the serpent) struck the "heel" of Christ at the crucifixion, but Jesus struck the "head" of Satan by sacrificing himself and then overcoming death in the resurrection by God's power. (More about that in a moment.) God's plan for the crucifixion and resurrection was first revealed here. Jesus would be the "seed" of Genesis 3:15.

The Psalms

When King David penned Psalm 16 he was expressing his confidence in the Lord to protect him even in death. In the New Testament, both Peter (Acts 2:25-28) and Paul (Acts 13:33-35) interpreted Psalm 16:10 as an expression of the Messiah's confidence that God would raise him from the dead. Here is Psalm 16:10...

For you will not abandon me to Sheol; **You will not allow Your Faithful One to see decay**. Psalm 16:10 HCSB

Isaiah

Virtually all scholars agree that Isaiah 53 describes the vicarious suffering of the coming Messiah on our behalf. Verse 8 suggests he would die or be "cut off from the land of the

living” as a result of his suffering and “my people’s rebellion.” But notice what else the prophet says of the Messiah in Isaiah 53:10c...

He will see His seed, He will prolong His days... Isaiah 53:10c

The only way the Messiah could be “cut off from the land of the living” AND “see His seed” or “prolong His days” would be through resurrection.

Jesus’ Teachings

In Jesus’ own ministry, he repeatedly spoke of his approaching death and resurrection. Consider these passages from the Gospels...

From then on Jesus began to point out to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and **be raised the third day**. Matthew 16:21 HCSB

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anyone about the vision until the Son of Man is **raised from the dead**.” Matthew 17:9 HCSB

As they were meeting in Galilee, Jesus told them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill Him, and **on the third day He will be raised up**." And they were deeply distressed. Matthew 17:22-23 HCSB

"Listen! We are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death. Then they will hand Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked, flogged, and crucified, and **He will be resurrected on the third day**." Matthew 20:18-19 HCSB

Then He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, be killed, and **rise after three days**. He was openly talking about this. So Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning around and looking at His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan, because you're not thinking about God's concerns, but man's!" Mark 8:31-33 HCSB

As they were coming down from the mountain, He ordered them to tell no one what they had seen **until the Son of Man had risen from the dead**. They kept this word to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant. Mark 9:9-10 HCSB

Then they left that place and made their way through Galilee, but He did not want anyone to know it. For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill Him, and after He is killed, **He will rise three days later**." But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him. Mark 9:30-32 HCSB

But He strictly warned and instructed them to tell this to no one, saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and **be raised the third day**." Luke 9:21-22 HCSB

Then He took the Twelve aside and told them, "Listen! We are going up to Jerusalem. Everything that is written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and He will be mocked, insulted, spit on; and after they flog Him, they will kill Him, and **He will rise on the third day**." They understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. Luke 18:31-34 HCSB

The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple complex He found people selling oxen, sheep, and doves, and He also found the money changers sitting there. After making a whip out of cords, He drove everyone out of the temple complex with their sheep and oxen. He also poured out the money changers' coins and overturned the tables. He told those who were selling doves, "Get these things out of here! Stop turning My Father's house into a marketplace!" And His disciples remembered that it is written: Zeal for Your house will consume Me. So the Jews replied to Him, "What sign of authority will You show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this sanctuary, and **I will raise it up in three days**." Therefore the Jews said, "This sanctuary took 46 years to build, and will You raise it up in three days?" But **He was speaking about the sanctuary of His body**. So **when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this**. And they believed the Scripture and the statement Jesus had made. John 2:13-22 HCSB

Jesus' Enemies

Jesus clearly was anticipating his death and resurrection. So much so that even his enemies were aware of Jesus' claim that he would rise from the dead. Consider this passage regarding Jesus' enemies...

The next day, which followed the preparation day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that while this deceiver was still alive He said, '**After three days I will rise again.**' Therefore give orders that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, His disciples may come, steal Him, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead.' Then the last deception will be worse than the first." "You have a guard of soldiers," Pilate told them. "Go and make it as secure as you know how." Then they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting the guard. Matthew 27:62-66 HCSB (Following the crucifixion, but before the resurrection.)

The Gospel Writers

Jesus' anticipation of his resurrection underscores the inseparable relationship between the crucifixion and resurrection. It was not enough for Jesus to die. He had to overcome death, and that's exactly what happened!

Jesus was crucified on Friday and then buried before the beginning of the Sabbath at roughly 6:00 Friday evening. The Jews of that day counted any portion of a day as a day. Friday was the first day. Saturday was the second day. On Sunday, the third day, Jesus was raised from the dead! Here again, there are numerous Bible verses about Easter (the resurrection) that affirm the reality and drama of this miraculous event. Here is a description of the events of early Sunday morning...

According to Matthew...

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to view the tomb. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake, because an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and approached the tomb. He rolled back the stone and was sitting on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his robe was as white as snow. The guards were so shaken from fear of him that they became like dead men. But the angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here! **For He has been resurrected**, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then

go quickly and tell His disciples, '**He has been raised from the dead.** In fact, He is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see Him there.' Listen, I have told you." So, departing quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell His disciples the news. Just then Jesus met them and said, "Good morning!" They came up, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him. Then Jesus told them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see Me there."
Matthew 28:1-10 HCSB

According to Mark...

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so they could go and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb at sunrise. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone from the entrance to the tomb for us?" Looking up, they observed that the stone -- which was very large -- had been rolled away. When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; they were amazed and alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he told them. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. **He has been resurrected!** He is not here! See the place where they put Him. Mark 16:1-6
HCSB

According to Luke...

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They went in but did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothes. So the women were terrified and bowed down to the ground. "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" asked the men. "**He is not here, but He has been resurrected!** Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and **rise on the third day**'?" And they remembered His words. Returning from the tomb, they reported all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. Luke 24:1-9
HCSB

According to John...

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him!" At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in. Then, following him, Simon Peter came also. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. The wrapping that had been on His head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in a separate place by itself. The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then entered the tomb, saw, and believed. For **they still did not understand the Scripture that He must rise from the dead.** Then the disciples went home again. But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, crying. As she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb. She saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet, where Jesus' body had been lying. They said to her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "Because they've taken away my Lord," she told them, "and I don't know where they've put Him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus. "Woman," Jesus said to her, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Supposing He was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you've removed Him, tell me where you've put Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said, "Mary." Turning around, she said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" -- which means "Teacher." "Don't cling to Me," Jesus told her, "for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and tell them that I am ascending to My Father and your Father -- to My God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "**I have seen the Lord!**" And she told them what He had said to her. John 20:1-18 HCSB

Jesus made other appearances on that and following days. John continued his narrative of Sunday's events...

In the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked because of their fear of the Jews. **Then Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"** Having said this, He showed them His hands and His side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." After saying this, He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you

forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But one of the Twelve, Thomas (called "Twin"), was not with them when Jesus came. John 20:19-24 HCSB

Only Luke recorded the story about two disciples on the "road to Emmaus." The event took place on Sunday, the day of the resurrection. Here is Luke's account...

Now that same day two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. Together they were discussing everything that had taken place. And while they were discussing and arguing, Jesus Himself came near and began to walk along with them. But they were prevented from recognizing Him. Then He asked them, "What is this dispute that you're having with each other as you are walking?" And they stopped walking and looked discouraged. The one named Cleopas answered Him, "Are You the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that happened there in these days?" "What things?" He asked them. So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a Prophet powerful in action and speech before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him. But we were hoping that He was the One who was about to redeem Israel. Besides all this, it's the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women from our group astounded us. They arrived early at the tomb, and when they didn't find His body, they came and reported that they had seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they didn't see Him." He said to them, "How unwise and slow you are to believe in your hearts all that the prophets have spoken! Didn't the Messiah have to suffer these things and enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted for them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. They came near the village where they were going, and He gave the impression that He was going farther. But they urged Him: "Stay with us, because it's almost evening, and now the day is almost over." So He went in to stay with them. It was as He reclined at the table with them that He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him, but He disappeared from their sight.** So they said to each other, "Weren't our hearts ablaze within us while He was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?" That very hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those with them gathered together, who said, "**The Lord has certainly been raised, and has appeared to Simon!**" Then they began to

describe what had happened on the road and how He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Luke 24:13-35 HCSB

Luke's narrative continues with Jesus appearing to the group of gathered disciples Sunday evening...

And as they were saying these things, **He Himself stood among them**. He said to them, "Peace to you! " But they were startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost. "Why are you troubled? " He asked them. "And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself! Touch Me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." Having said this, He showed them His hands and feet. But while they still were amazed and unbelieving because of their joy, He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and He took it and ate in their presence. Then He told them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you -- that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He also said to them, "**This is what is written: The Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead the third day**, and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And look, I am sending you what My Father promised. As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered from on high." Luke 24:36-49 HCSB

The Bible tells us of other appearances of Jesus in the days following his resurrection. For example, John 20:24 tells us that Thomas was not there when Jesus appeared to the disciples Sunday evening (see above). Only John tells us the story of "doubting Thomas," eight days later, in these verses...

But one of the Twelve, Thomas (called "Twin"), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord! " But he said to them, "If I don't see the mark of the nails in His hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will never believe! " After eight days His disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, **Jesus came and stood among them**. He said, "Peace to you! " Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and observe My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Don't be an unbeliever, but a believer." Thomas responded to Him, "My Lord and my God! " Jesus said, "Because you have seen Me,

you have believed. Those who believe without seeing are blessed.” John 20:24-29
HCSB

The story of Thomas is important because it demonstrates the integrity of these accounts. Even the disciples had difficulty believing in the resurrection at first.

We are not including all of Jesus’ post-resurrection appearances here for the sake of space. Suffice it to say that the biblical record is clear regarding the testimony of many who saw Jesus alive after his crucifixion.

There are, however, other Bible verses and passages that underscore the centrality of the resurrection to the Christian faith. Here are a few.

When Peter preached in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, he repeatedly pointed to the resurrection to demonstrate Jesus was the Messiah. Consider this excerpt of his sermon...

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: This Jesus the Nazarene was a man pointed out to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did among you through Him, just as you yourselves know. Though He was delivered up according to God's determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail Him to a cross and kill Him. **God raised Him up**, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. For David says of Him: I saw the Lord ever before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced. Moreover, my flesh will rest in hope, because You will not leave me in Hades or allow Your Holy One to see decay. You have revealed the paths of life to me; You will fill me with gladness in Your presence. "Brothers, I can confidently speak to you about the patriarch David: He is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn an oath to him to seat one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing this in advance, he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah: He was not left in Hades, and His flesh did not experience decay." **God has resurrected this Jesus**. We are all witnesses of this. Therefore, since He has been exalted to the right hand of God and has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, He has poured out what you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into the heavens, but he himself says: The Lord declared to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool.'

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah!" Acts 2:22-36 HCSB

Notice how Peter references King David in his sermon and specifically quotes from Psalm 16:10 (see above.)

Not long after this event, Peter and John heal a lame man in the temple complex. When a crowd gathers to see what's happening, Peter uses the opportunity to preach another sermon. Notice again how he emphasizes the resurrection...

"Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Or why do you stare at us, as though we had made him walk by our own power or godliness? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. You killed the source of life, **whom God raised from the dead**; we are witnesses of this. Acts 3:12b-15 HCSB

When Peter and John were later questioned by the Jewish leaders about this healing, this is part of Peter's response...

Rulers of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man -- by what means he was healed -- let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene -- whom you crucified and **whom God raised from the dead** -- by Him this man is standing here before you healthy. Acts 4:8b-10 HCSB

Shortly after this event and after being imprisoned and miraculously released, Peter went back to preaching in the temple. When they were examined again, we see Peter's response is similar to his first...

We must obey God rather than men. **The God of our fathers raised up Jesus**, whom you had murdered by hanging Him on a tree. God exalted this man to His right hand as ruler and Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him." Acts 5:29b-32 HCSB

The resurrection was central to the early preaching of the church. This is also demonstrated by Paul's preaching following his conversion. His preaching contained the

same emphasis on the resurrection as Peter's. Here's an excerpt of when Paul was preaching in a synagogue in Antioch in Pisidia...

Brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and those among you who fear God, the message of this salvation has been sent to us. For the residents of Jerusalem and their rulers, since they did not recognize Him or the voices of the prophets that are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled their words by condemning Him. Though they found no grounds for the death penalty, they asked Pilate to have Him killed. When they had fulfilled all that had been written about Him, they took Him down from the tree and put Him in a tomb. But **God raised Him from the dead**, and He appeared for many days to those who came with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now His witnesses to the people. And we ourselves proclaim to you the good news of the promise that was made to our ancestors. God has fulfilled this for us, their children, **by raising up Jesus**, as it is written in the second Psalm: You are My Son; today I have become Your Father. **Since He raised Him from the dead**, never to return to decay, He has spoken in this way, I will grant you the faithful covenant blessings made to David. Therefore He also says in another passage, You will not allow Your Holy One to see decay. For David, after serving his own generation in God's plan, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and decayed. But **the One God raised up did not decay**. Therefore, let it be known to you, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you, and everyone who believes in Him is justified from everything that you could not be justified from through the law of Moses. Acts 13:26-39 HCSB

Notice how Paul, like Peter, referred to King David and also quoted from Psalm 16:10.

Paul's famous sermon at the Areopagus in Athens contains the same broad message regarding the resurrection...

The God who made the world and everything in it -- He is Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in shrines made by hands. Neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives everyone life and breath and all things. From one man He has made every nationality to live over the whole earth and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live. He did this so they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. For in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' Being God's offspring then, we shouldn't think that the divine nature is like gold or silver or

stone, an image fashioned by human art and imagination. "Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God now commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has set a day when He is going to judge the world in righteousness by the Man He has appointed. **He has provided proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead.**" When they heard about resurrection of the dead, some began to ridicule him. But others said, "We'd like to hear from you again about this." Acts 17:24-32 HCSB

Paul's letters also make the point that the resurrection is central and essential to the Christian faith. We will identify several instances below, but first be sure to note that all of this affirms the point made in Genesis 3:15, Satan's (the serpent) defeat depends on the resurrection. That is, Jesus' resurrection is essential to his absolute victory over Satan. It wasn't enough for Jesus merely to die. He had to be raised as well. Paul spoke of the necessity of Christ's resurrection in his first letter to the Corinthian church...

But now **Christ has been raised from the dead**, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ, the firstfruits; afterward, at His coming, those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when He abolishes all rule and all authority and power. For **He must reign until He puts all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be abolished is death.** For God has put everything under His feet. But when it says "everything" is put under Him, it is obvious that He who puts everything under Him is the exception. And when everything is subject to Christ, then the Son Himself will also be subject to the One who subjected everything to Him, so that God may be all in all. 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 HCSB

Paul also connected Jesus' resurrection with our own resurrection and the new life we have in Christ...

How can we who died to sin still live in it? Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, **just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father**, so we too may walk in a new way of life. For if we have been joined with Him in the likeness of His death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of **His resurrection.** Romans 6:2b-5 HCSB

And if the **Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then He who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life** through His Spirit who lives in you. Romans 8:11 HCSB

Paul said faith in the resurrection is essential to salvation...

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and **believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead**, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 HCSB

In his first letter to the church at Corinth, Paul provided the clearest definition of the gospel in all of the New Testament. Notice the centrality of the resurrection...

For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that **He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures**, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to over 500 brothers at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:3-6 HCSB

Paul said this summary of the gospel message was delivered as "most important." That being the case, we must agree the resurrection is essential to the faith. This is further emphasized by Paul when he argued in the same chapter that if there is no resurrection in general or resurrection of Jesus specifically, then our faith is "worthless." He said...

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say, "There is no resurrection of the dead"? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and **if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is without foundation**, and so is your faith. In addition, we are found to be false witnesses about God, because we have testified about God that He raised up Christ -- whom He did not raise up if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised. And **if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins**. Therefore, those who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone. 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Some other verses where Paul notes the resurrection include...

We know that **the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus** and present us with you. 2 Corinthians 4:14 HCSB

And He died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for **the One who died for them and was raised**. 2 Corinthians 5:15 HCSB

Paul, an apostle -- not from men or by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father **who raised Him from the dead**... Galatians 1:1 HCSB

He demonstrated this power in the Messiah by **raising Him from the dead** and seating Him at His right hand in the heavens... Ephesians 1:20 HCSB

For the Lord's message rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place that your faith in God has gone out. Therefore, we don't need to say anything, for they themselves report what kind of reception we had from you: how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for His Son from heaven, **whom He raised from the dead** -- Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 HCSB

Finally, it should be noted that Peter also affirmed the resurrection...

He was chosen before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the times for you who through Him are believers in God, **who raised Him from the dead** and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. 1 Peter 1:20-21 HCSB

The above survey of Bible verses related to Easter and the resurrection should readily demonstrate that Jesus' resurrection is central to the biblical story and essential to our faith as God's people.

Jesus' Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem

All four Gospels tell us about Jesus' "Triumphal Entry," the day Jesus entered Jerusalem on a young donkey. Only John, however, tells us that particular Sunday was the Sunday before Jesus' crucifixion. That places the event at the beginning of Jesus' final week before his death, resurrection, and eventual ascension. We call this final week the "Passion Week."

A Royal Event

Each Gospel writer had his unique perspective and purpose for recording the event, but all of them portrayed the event as a royal occasion in which Jesus entered the city as the Messiah and King of Israel. That's why we use the word "Triumphal" to describe it. Matthew (21:5) tells us the event fulfilled Zechariah 9:9 where the prophet says, "Look, your King is coming to you..." Mark (11:10) records that the people were shouting, "The coming kingdom of our father David is blessed!" Luke (19:38) also notes the people declared, "The King who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One." According to John (12:13-14), the people identified Jesus as "the King of Israel." He further noted that the entrance fulfilled the Zechariah prophecy... "your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt."

Jesus had been announcing the Kingdom of God since the beginning of His ministry (Matt. 4:17, Mark 1:15, Luke 4:43). We should not be surprised that His final entry into the Holy City would demonstrate that Jesus is indeed the promised King whose ministry was inaugurating the great Kingdom of God. The Kingdom had been the constant and unwavering theme of His ministry. As He approached His crucifixion, Jesus was allowing the reality of His Kingship to be fully demonstrated.

Not the King (or Kingdom) You're Expecting

All of the Gospel writers report that Jesus entered the city on a donkey. And while this clearly fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9, it was not the kind of entrance anyone would expect for a king. Conquering kings typically entered a city on a war horse, not a donkey. Jesus, however, was not a typical king and His Kingdom was not a typical kingdom.

This, too, had been a consistent theme of Jesus' teaching and preaching. The people were expecting a geo-political kingdom that would restore Israel to the stature it had seen under David and Solomon. Their view of God's Kingdom was a worldly view. Jesus persistently taught that the Kingdom of God would be characterized by peace, humility, service and love, not political and military power.

Prelude to His Crucifixion

The final days of Jesus' ministry were anticipating His crucifixion. This is why He had come (John 12:27). Jesus had, at times, avoided public aggravation of the religious leaders. The timing was not right. Now, however, Jesus is moving deliberately toward His crucifixion just days away.

It is now appropriate that certain things be clarified. Jesus is the King, the long-awaited Messiah. He is inaugurating the restoration of God's Kingdom, but it is not what the people are expecting. The Kingdom of God will be secured, not by military or political power, but by the

cruel suffering and death of Israel's incarnate God. Jesus, the King, the Son of God, had to die in order to bring forgiveness and the restoration of God's Kingdom.

Jesus' triumphal entry would declare that Jesus is King, but the next few days would reveal that the King must die in order to secure the Kingdom. Such a notion was deplorable to the Jews of that day, but this is the nature of God's Kingdom. Sacrificial love is the path to victory. It was true then, and it is true now.

Maundy Thursday

"Maundy Thursday" is the annual day when many Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' final meal (the Last Supper or Lord's Supper). It is observed on the Thursday before Resurrection (Easter) Sunday (the day before Good Friday). Many church traditions don't do anything particular to recognize the day. Consequently, many inside and outside the church are unfamiliar with "Maundy Thursday." Note: A printable PDF of this article can be found and downloaded [here](#).

Some Background

During His final meal with His disciples (it was a Passover meal), Jesus said and did many things to prepare His disciples for His impending death and departure. One of the things He said was, "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another" (John 13:34). He repeated this "new command" in John 15:12 and 17. So, one of the things that night is remembered for is the "new command" of love Jesus gave to His disciples. There were other things as well, but as Jesus prepared His disciples for a new time when He would not be with them, one of the things He stressed is the need for His people to love one another.

Mandatum is Latin for "Command"

The word for "command" in John 13:34 (above) is translated as "mandatum" in the Latin Vulgate. Mandatum then became shortened to "Maundy" so "Maundy Thursday" is a reference to the final Thursday ("Command Thursday") during which Jesus gave the "new command" to His disciples.

Churches may observe Maundy Thursday in a variety of ways depending on their tradition and preferences. It often includes participating in communion or the Lord's Supper and sometimes includes foot washing in recognition of when Jesus washed His disciples' feet that same Thursday evening. However it is recognized in any particular church or home, it can become a meaningful addition to the church's passion week observances as well as the individual Believer's life.

The Passover

The Passover Festival or celebration is central to a biblical understanding of who Jesus was and what He did. The Passover originated when God passed over the land of Egypt and took the life of "every firstborn male in the land" (Ex. 11:5). In order to escape this final judgment on Egypt, each Hebrew household was to sacrifice an unblemished animal from "either the sheep or the goats" (Ex. 12:5). The animal was then to be eaten and a portion of the animal's blood was to be "put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat them" (Ex. 12:7).

Trusting in the Blood

By placing the blood over the entrance to their homes, the people were symbolizing their trust in the blood of the sacrifice. It was this final "plague" on Egypt that convinced Pharaoh to let the people of God leave Egypt. The Passover event, therefore, became the defining act of God that secured their freedom from slavery. This event and the associated celebration was to become an annual festival and would mark the beginning of the Jewish New Year (Ex. 12:2).

The Passover observance actually began on the 10th day of their month with the selection of the sacrificial animal (Ex. 12:3). It was then killed and eaten on the 14th day (Ex. 12:6). The Passover Festival was arguably the most important festival celebrated in the Jewish annual calendar. It commemorated their deliverance from Egyptian slavery and was an annual reminder of God's great saving power.

Jesus Is the Lamb of God

Jesus deliberately chose to be crucified during the Passover observance. What we call the "Last Supper" (or "Lord's Supper") that Jesus shared with His disciples was the Passover meal being observed by all of the Jews that same evening. Thousands of Jews would come to Jerusalem each year to celebrate the Passover. John 12:12-13 tells us "the next day, when the large crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet Him." The "festival" to which the large crowds had come was the Passover Festival. This New Testament event is what we now call Jesus' "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem. This happened on the Sunday before His crucifixion. We remember this day as "Palm Sunday."

By choosing to be crucified during the Passover, Jesus was identifying Himself as the final Passover sacrifice. Just as the early Hebrews were to trust in the blood of the first sacrificial animal, so we are now to trust in the blood of the final sacrifice of Jesus. And, just as those early Hebrews consumed the sacrificial animal and claimed its saving power, so God's people today observe the sacrifice of Jesus symbolically by partaking in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The Passover and Easter

When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to be baptized, he declared, "Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Paul referred to Jesus as "Christ our Passover" (1 Cor. 5:7). The Easter season is when most Christians observe the New Testament "Passover" today. When Jesus died on the cross, He was the final Passover lamb who was sacrificed for our sins. Now we trust in His blood to bring us salvation and celebrate that sacrifice that occurred on Good Friday.

Easter Bible Verses

The Easter story is the story of Jesus' resurrection following his crucifixion. Below is a simple listing of some Easter scripture verses. Many of these are narratives that tell the resurrection story. Others are sermons by early church leaders or passages from letters written by early church leaders. To see a similar list with the scripture text and helpful commentary, see *Easter Bible Verses and the Resurrection Story* on SundaySchoolZone.com. Additional resources related to Easter and the resurrection can be found on the site as well.

Matthew 16:21 HCSB

Matthew 17:9 HCSB

Matthew 17:22-23 HCSB

Matthew 20:18-19 HCSB

Mark 8:31-33

Mark 9:9-10 HCSB

Mark 9:30-32 HCSB

Luke 9:21-22 HCSB

Luke 18:31-34 HCSB

John 2:13-22 HCSB

Matthew 27:62-66 HCSB

Matthew 28:1-10 HCSB

Mark 16:1-6 HCSB

Luke 24:1-9 HCSB

John 20:1-18 HCSB

John 20:19-24 HCSB

Luke 24:13-35 HCSB

Luke 24:36-49 HCSB

Luke 20:24-29

Acts 2:22-36 HCSB

Acts 3:12b-15 HCSB

Acts 4:8b-10 HCSB

Acts 5:29b-32 HCSB

Acts 13:26-39 HCSB

Acts 17:24-32 HCSB

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 HCSB

Romans 6:2b-5 HCSB

Romans 8:11 HCSB

Romans 10:9 HCSB

1 Corinthians 15:3-6 HCSB

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

2 Corinthians 4:14 HCSB

2 Corinthians 5:15 HCSB

Galatians 1:1 HCSB

Ephesians 1:20 HCSB

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 HCSB

1 Peter 1:20-21 HCSB

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Short Easter Bible Verses

Helping your children learn or memorize verses about Jesus' resurrection can be a very helpful and fun activity during the Easter season.

Here are some short Easter Bible verses that will be easy for kids to read or memorize. In most cases the phrase has been extracted from a longer verse in order to make it easier to memorize. Unless otherwise noted, all of these are taken from the Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB).

He has been raised from the dead. Matthew 28:7b

The Lord has certainly been raised... Luke 24:34a

We have seen the Lord! John 20:25b [The other disciples to Thomas]

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus... Acts 5:30a

God raised up this man [Jesus] on the third day... Acts 10:40a

But God raised Him from the dead... Acts 13:30a

But the One God raised up did not decay. Acts 13:37

...Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father... Romans 6:4b

Christ Jesus is the One who died, but even more, has been raised... Romans 8:34b

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. 1 Cor. 15:17

But now Christ has been raised from the dead... 1 Cor. 15:20a

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Jesus' Triumphal Entry Story Profile

Bible Story: Jesus' Triumphal Entry
(AKA: Palm Sunday)

Bible Text: Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

God's Unfolding Story Element: God sent Jesus to help us.

Story Summary:

One day Jesus and His helpers were on their way to Jerusalem. Jesus stopped and asked some of His helpers to go into the next village and find a mommy donkey and her baby and bring them to Him. The helpers went to the next village and found the donkeys just as Jesus asked. The helpers laid their coats on the donkeys for Jesus to sit.

As Jesus and His helpers traveled along the road to Jerusalem, a very large crowd of people began to follow. There were moms, dads, boys, girls, grandmothers and grandfathers all along the street. They were so excited to see Jesus. Jesus had healed people who were sick; He had made blind people see; and He had fed lots of hungry people. The people wanted Jesus to know He was special.

So, as they walked with Jesus, they spread their coats on the road. Many people cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The people began to shout, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Explain this is another name for Jesus.) When Jesus reached the city of Jerusalem, the whole town was excited. As He rode to the temple, there were children shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Jesus knew the children's words made God happy. It was a happy day for Jesus.

Highlights:

- Jesus knew He would soon be crucified. He had timed this final journey to Jerusalem to coincide with the Passover. Jesus would become the final Passover sacrifice. Jesus showed that the pathway to true victory is through sacrificial love.
- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday before Passover was a royal event that demonstrated Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah and King of Israel.
- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a lowly donkey revealed that while He was the King of Israel, He was not the kind of king they were expecting. His Kingdom and rule was not the typical worldly kingdom.

Point(s) of Interest:

- Each of the four Gospels records the triumphal entry on what is now called Palm Sunday.
- Many churches remember Jesus' Triumphal Entry on the Sunday before Easter and this is reasonable as the event took place on that Sunday. Be careful, however, about skipping the story of the crucifixion because there's not a Sunday to address it. The crucifixion is an important story that kids need to know about. Consider addressing the Triumphal Entry two weeks before Easter, with a study of the crucifixion on Palm Sunday, so you can still study the

resurrection on Easter Sunday. A common alternative is to study both the crucifixion and the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Approximate Date:

The Triumphal Entry took place very near the end of Jesus' earthly ministry. The exact year is difficult to determine, but it likely occurred around 33 AD.*

Notes:

*N.T. Wright suggests, "The crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth, most likely in AD 33, is poised historically in between these two large-scale crucifixions." (Referring to the Roman crucifixion of approximately 2,000 Jewish rebels not long after the death of Herod the Great, and the final destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD when large numbers of Jewish rebels were again crucified by Roman authorities.) See *The Day the Revolution Began*, p. 58, by N.T. Wright.

Good Friday Story Profile

Bible Story: Good Friday
(AKA: Jesus' Crucifixion, Jesus Died for Me)

Bible Text: John 19:6b-18, 28-30, 38

God's Unfolding Story Element: God sent Jesus to help us.

Story Summary:

Note: This summary includes the trials of Jesus that took place after the Lord's Supper (Passover meal) Jesus shared with His disciples and immediately prior to His crucifixion. You may wish to summarize the trials in order to focus on just the crucifixion. In either case, there's a lot of detail to the story that we have not included here. Use your discretion in determining how much to explain to the kids you're teaching. We have also included some comments regarding the reason Jesus had to die that you may find helpful.

Our story takes place just after Jesus had been arrested and taken to the high priest, Caiaphas. All night the religious leaders had questioned Jesus to try and find a reason to kill Him. When Jesus was asked if He was the Messiah, Jesus replied, "You are right." To the religious leaders this was enough evidence for them. They did not want to believe that Jesus was God's Son, the Messiah. The high priest accused Jesus of breaking the law and His punishment was death.

The next morning, Jesus was taken to the governor of the territory. His name was Pilate. The religious leaders wanted Pilate to sentence Jesus to death. At first Pilate said he could not find any fault in Jesus. But Pilate was afraid of the people, so he handed Jesus over to the religious leaders. They shouted, "Take Him away! Crucify Him!" So they took Jesus away,, carrying His own cross. They took Him to a place called Golgotha. There they crucified Him and two others with Him, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Boys and Girls, why do you think Jesus had to die? (Pause for responses.) Until Jesus came God required the people to sacrifice animals for their sins. The animals took the punishment for each person's sins. These sacrifices had to be made every day because people sinned every day. The Bible says we are all sinners, and just like you have consequences for disobeying your parents, even more we have a consequence for our sins against God. The consequence of our sin is death and separation from God. But God loves us and does not want to be separated from us. Jesus came to take our consequence for us. He chose to die in our place. Like the animals took the place for the sins of the people, Jesus took our place. Now we can live with God and not be separated from Him.

After hanging on the cross for several hours, Jesus said, "It is finished." That meant that the debt had been paid for everyone. No longer would there be a need for animals to be sacrificed. Jesus took all of the punishment for our sins. The cross was Jesus' punishment for your sins and mine. It was a cruel and terrible way to die. Jesus did not deserve to die, He was perfect. But Jesus loved us so much that He was willing to die for you and me.

When Jesus finally died, a man named Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple of Jesus, took Jesus and buried Him. It was a very sad day for Jesus' friends and His followers. But, Jesus didn't stay dead! We'll learn about Jesus' resurrection in another story!

Highlights:

- The crucifixion is the pinnacle event in Jesus' ministry. This is why He came. In the resurrection, God confirmed that Jesus was, indeed, His Son, the Messiah and King. But it was at the crucifixion where Jesus accomplished and "finished" His life's work.
- Jesus' entire ministry had been focused on one thing; the Kingdom of God. His ministry demonstrated that He was the King. Now here, on the cross, the King of God's Kingdom gave His life to forgive, redeem, and restore His people. The crucifixion was not a distinct event from His Kingdom ministry, but was the final act of His Kingdom ministry.
- Jesus' crucifixion (Good Friday) is often virtually overlooked in the Easter season because it falls on the Friday between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Further, many churches prefer not to dwell on the "gory details" of the crucifixion. Nonetheless, the crucifixion deserves appropriate attention even with children. Use discretion, but do your best to convey the truth that Jesus needed to die to bring us forgiveness. The resurrection is significant, but only because it affirms what Jesus accomplished three days earlier.

Point(s) of Interest:

- Jesus was careful to time His crucifixion with the Passover to make the point that He WAS the final Passover sacrifice. He was in control at every step.
- Just as God secured the Hebrews' freedom from Egypt in the Exodus with the first Passover sacrifice, so He secured the last and ultimate Exodus with the final Passover sacrifice in Jesus.

Approximate Date:

There's a good deal of debate about the exact date of Jesus' crucifixion, but it certainly took place when Jesus was around the age of 33 and likely occurred somewhere around 33 A.D.



“Hosanna to the Son of David!” (Matt. 21:9).

“The People Honored Jesus”
Teaching Picture

The People Honored Jesus

Cut the puzzle apart on the red lines, mix the pieces up, and put the picture back together.



Heath McPherson



The triumphal entry

The People Honored Jesus Bible Craft

Bible Story: The People Honored Jesus

Bible Text: Matt. 21:1-11, 14-16

Suggested Learning Outcome: This super simple craft will help children remember the special way the people honored Jesus with palm fronds.

Supplies List:

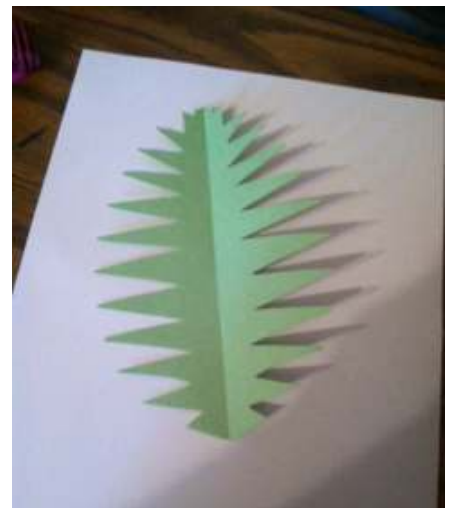
- Green pipe cleaners
- Green construction paper
- Tape
- Crayons

Instructions:

Step 1. Give each child a sheet of green construction paper and instruct them to fold it in half and to draw a half circle along the fold line.



Step 2. Children can now take their paper and, keeping it folded, begin to cut skinny “V” shapes into the edge up and down the paper. This will create the shape of the palm frond when unfolded.



Step 3. Instruct kids to unfold the paper and, if you'd like, the word "Hosanna" can be written on the center. The palm frond can now be taped to a green pipe cleaner, by taping it along the center fold line.



Step 4. Once secured, children can wave their palm fronds as a group.





HOSANNA!
JOHN 12:13B



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JOHN 12:13B



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People Honored Jesus Word Tiles

Cut the tiles along the dotted lines, shuffle the tiles, and have the student reassemble them to make the phrase.

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Hosanna!



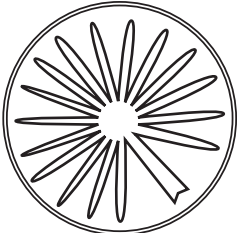
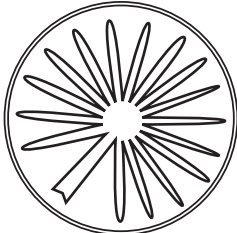
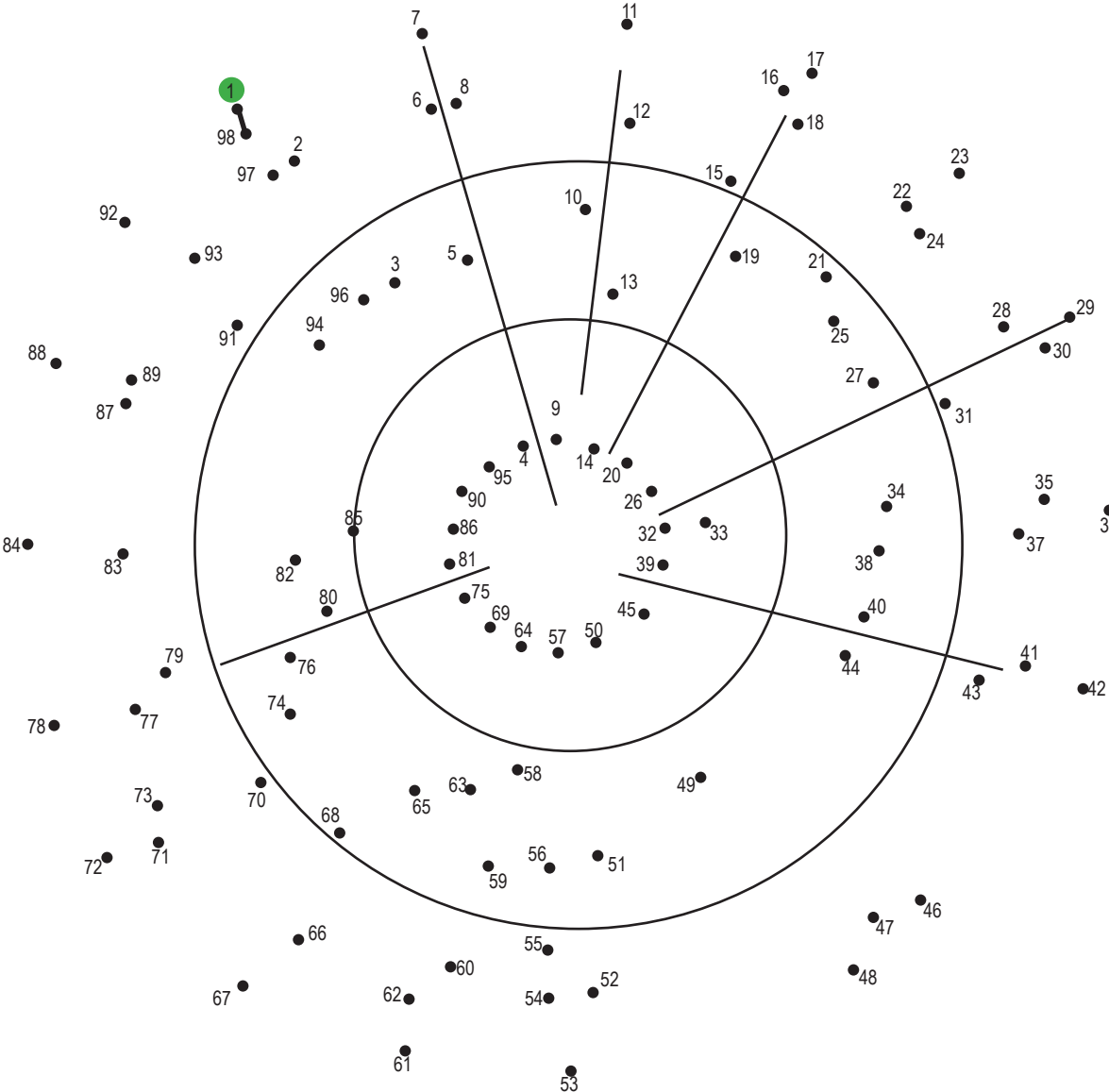
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King of Israel! John 12:13b*

The People Honored Jesus Match Game

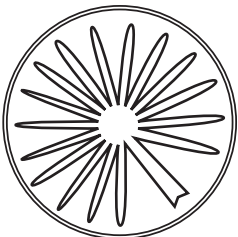
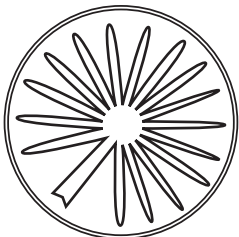
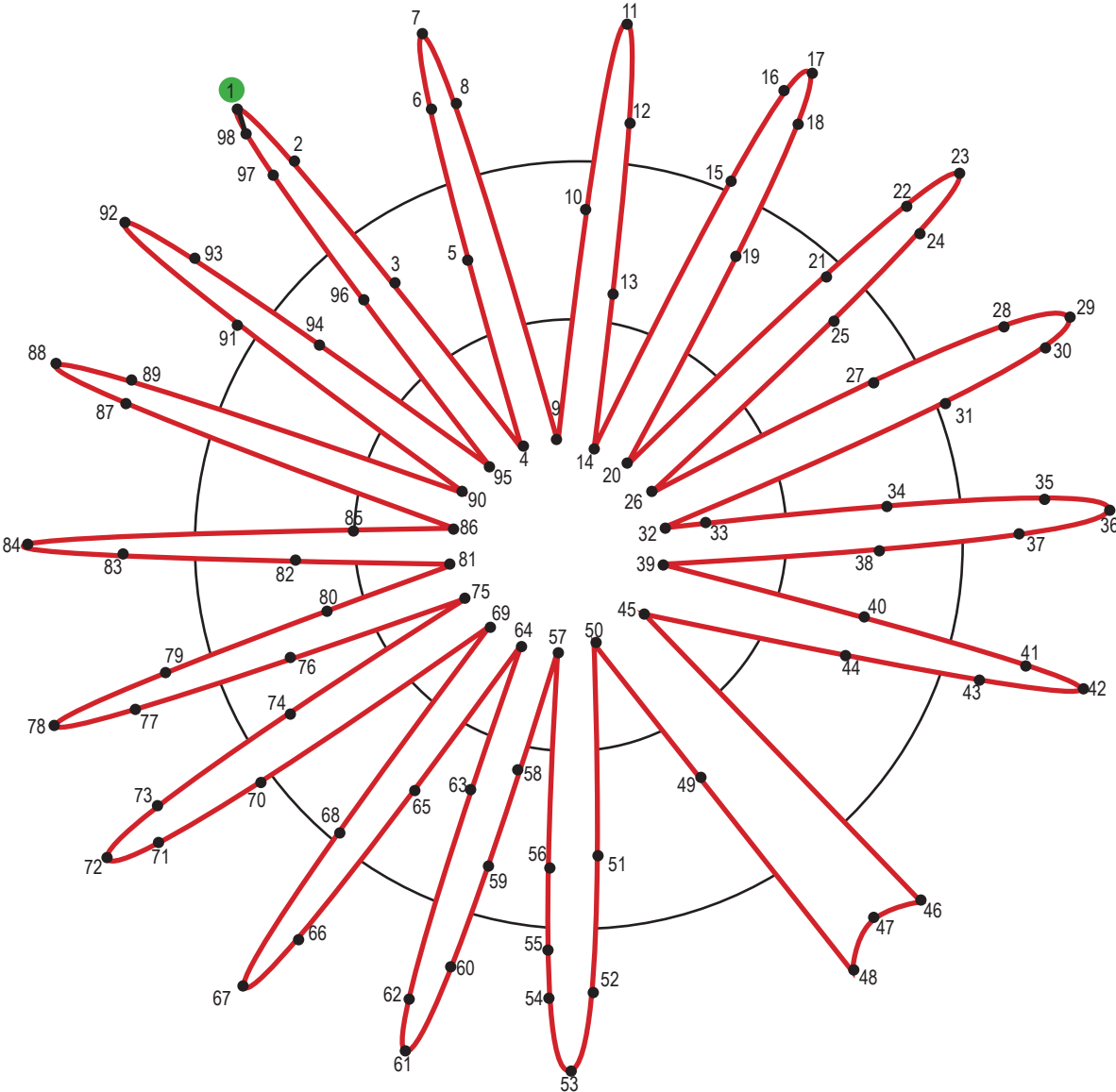
Print two sets of the cards. Cut out the cards along the black lines. Mix up the cards and lay them out face down in rows. Turn over any two cards at a time. If the pictures match, remove them from the table. This counts as one set. If you make a match, you may take another turn. If they do not match, turn them back over and let the next person try. The person with the most sets wins!



Palm Connect the Dots



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Palm Sunday

Hidden Message Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle and circle them. The words can be right to left, up and down. Hidden between, or touching those words, are six more hidden words. Circle those six words in a different color and write them in the correct order at the bottom of the page to unscramble the hidden message.

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Hidden Message:

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John 12:13b

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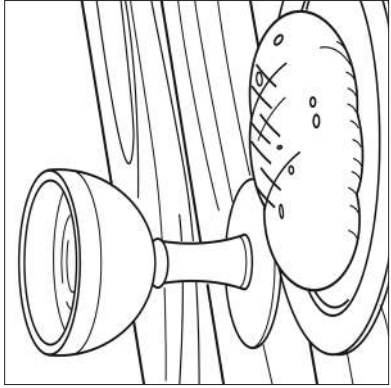
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"A Special Meal"
Teaching Picture

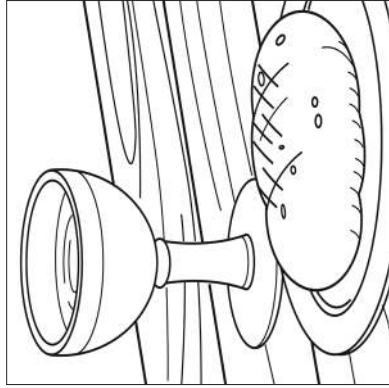
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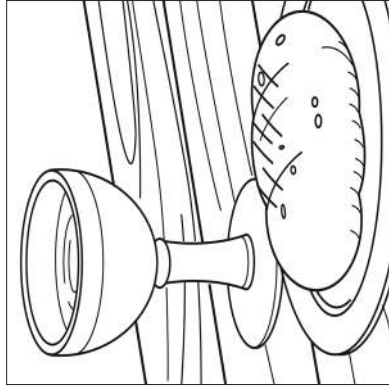




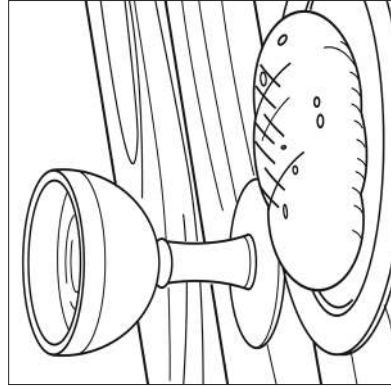
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Luke 22:19b*



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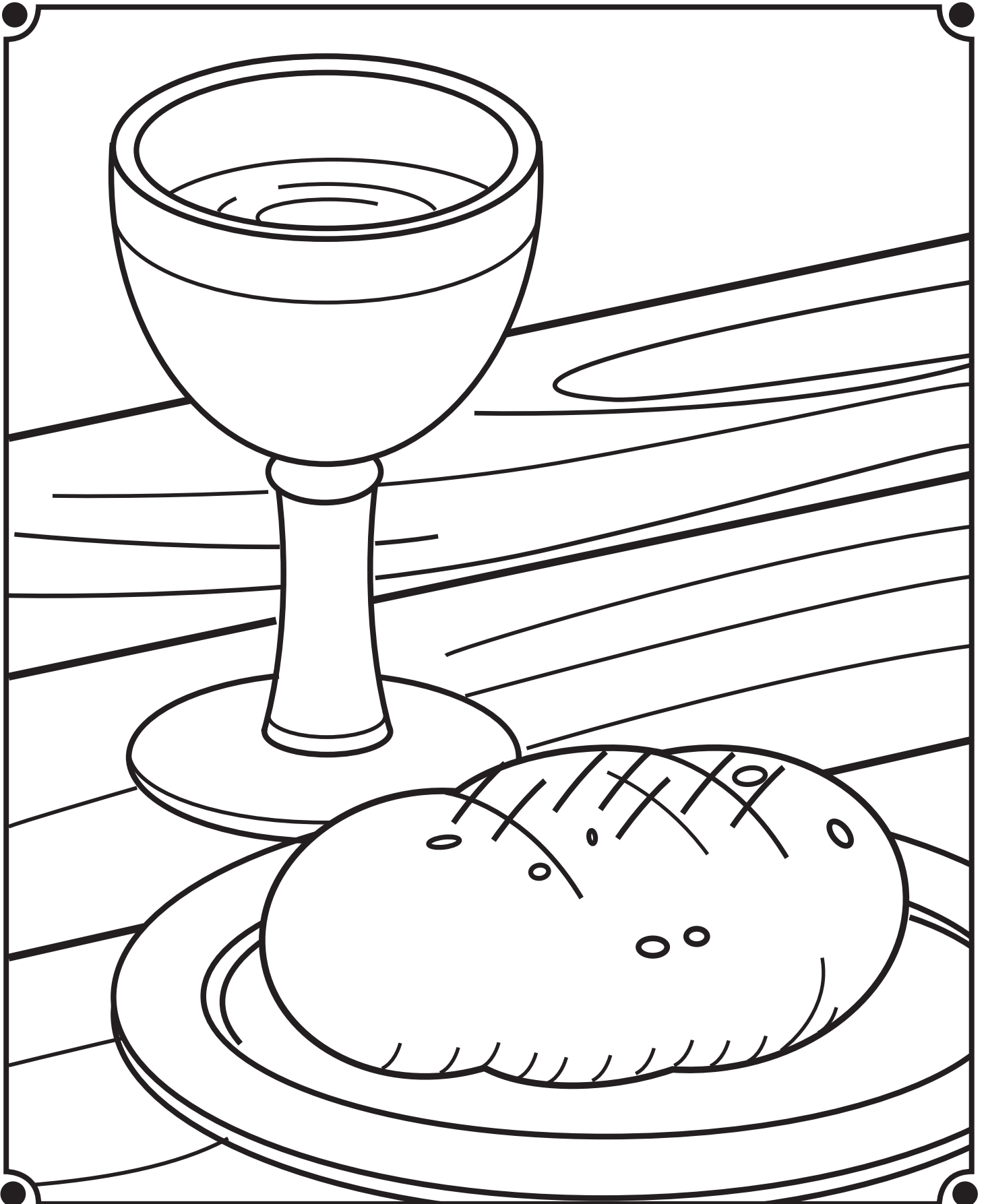


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The Last Supper Coloring Page



A Special Meal Match Game

Print two sets of the cards. Cut out the cards along the black lines. Mix up the cards and lay them out face down in rows. Turn over any two cards at a time. If the pictures match, remove them from the table. This counts as one set. If you make a match, you may take another turn. If they do not match, turn them back over and let the next person try. The person with the most sets wins!



A Special Meal Bible Craft

Bible Story: A Special Meal

Bible Text: Matt. 26:17-30; Luke 22: 7-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26

Suggested Learning Outcome: This creative placemat will help children remember the reason Jesus had the last supper was because He loves you and me!

Supplies List:

Contact paper

Sequins

Light colored construction paper (yellow, light blue, pink)

Crayons

Teacher Preparation:

Write out the words “Jesus Loves You and Me” in large block letters and make copies for each student on light colored construction paper (see image). Pre-cut rectangles of contact paper approximately 12 inches x 16 inches. You will need 2 per student.



Instructions:

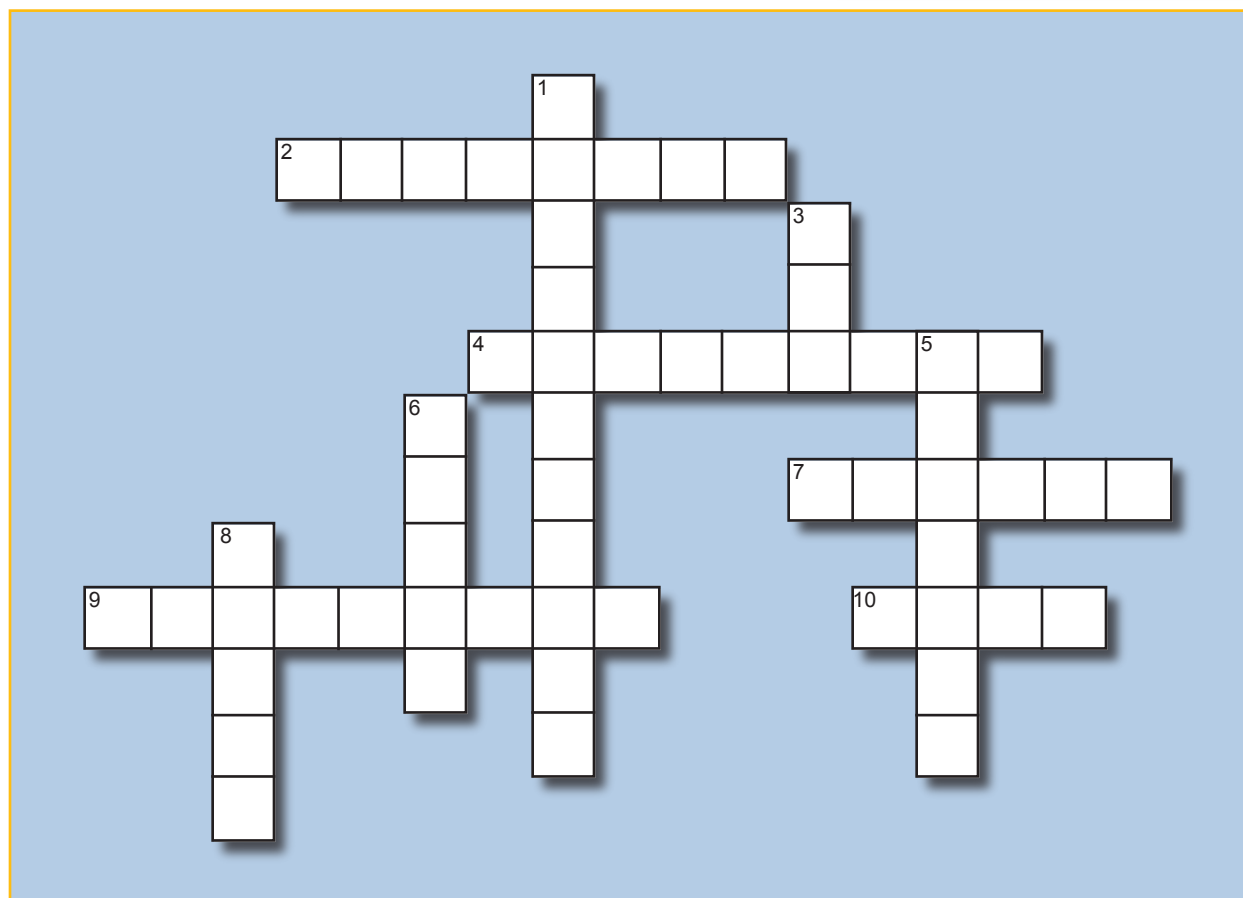
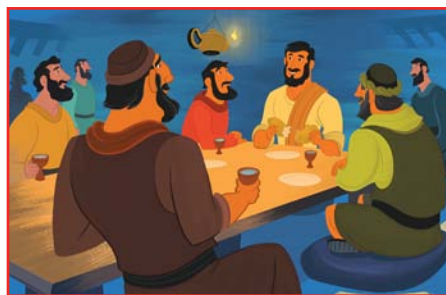
Step One. Have students color the “Jesus Loves You and Me” page anyway they like.

Step Two. Give children a sheet of pre-cut contact paper. Help children carefully peel away the contact paper covering. Guide the students in centering the “Jesus Loves You and Me” page (back down) onto the center of the contact paper.

Step Three. Allow children to sprinkle or place sequins all over the page and contact paper for decoration. Place the remaining piece of contact paper over the decorated paper to create a personally crafted placemat (see image).



The Last Supper Crossword Puzzle



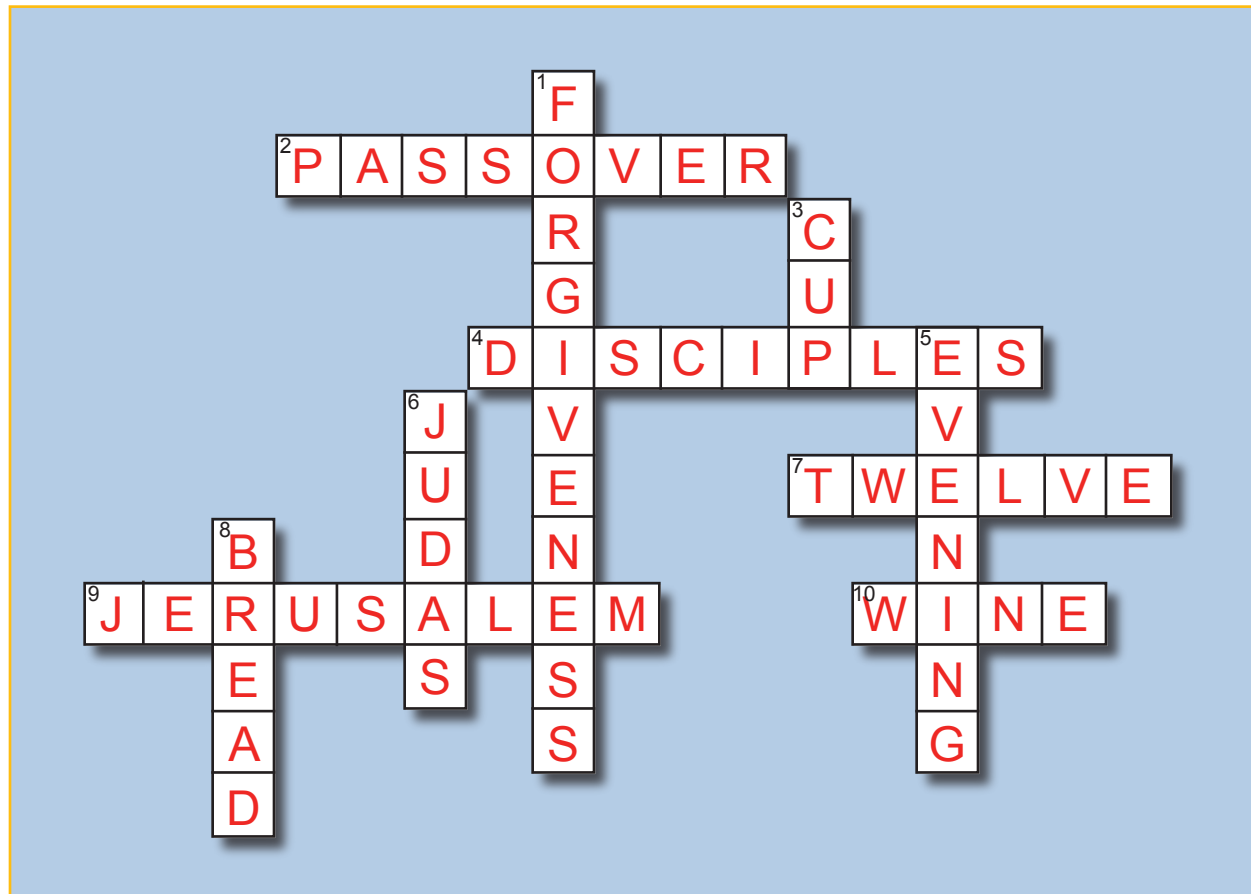
ACROSS

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Bible Story Handprint Crafts

Handprint crafts are generally easy to do and are great fun for kids. So we have created a number of them to give you some simple ideas. All of these are related to a Bible story or an important concept found in the Bible.

We believe these particular crafts are all self-explanatory, so we're going to provide a general supplies list here along with a picture of the finished craft (on the next page) and let you take it from there.

The following supplies may or may not be needed for a typical handprint craft:

- Washable paint
- Ribbon
- Craft eyes
- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Markers
- Pencils
- Glue
- Scissors
- Wipes for clean up
- Staples/Stapler
- Hole punch
- Yarn

*Easter
Handprint
Craft*

Jesus paid



It all

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Fold the paper in half first, then cut on the dotted lines to form a card. Color or paint the front of the card, then sign and/or decorate the inside.

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Good Friday



*I am the way, the truth, and
the life... John 14:6a*



“Christ died for our sins.” 1 Corinthians 15:3b

Jesus Is Alive! Jigsaw Puzzle

Cut the puzzle apart on the dotted lines, mix the pieces up and put the picture back together.



Jesus Is Alive!



Jesus Is Alive! Hidden Pictures

Find each of these items hidden in the picture: snake, magnet, horseshoe, lemon, shovel, ice cream cone, hat, star, eye, butterfly, and a bugle. When you find all the items, you may color the picture.



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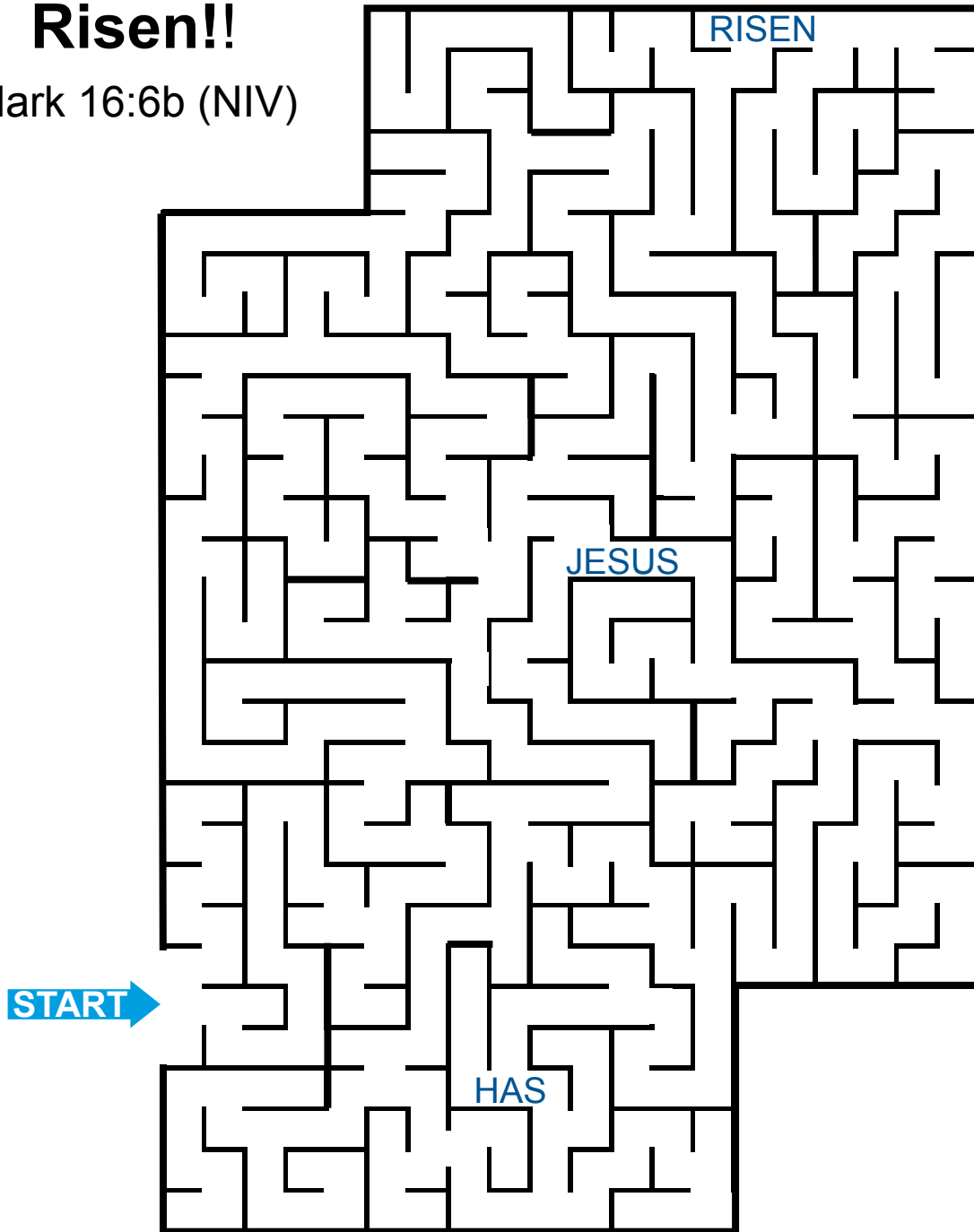
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Jesus Has Risen!!

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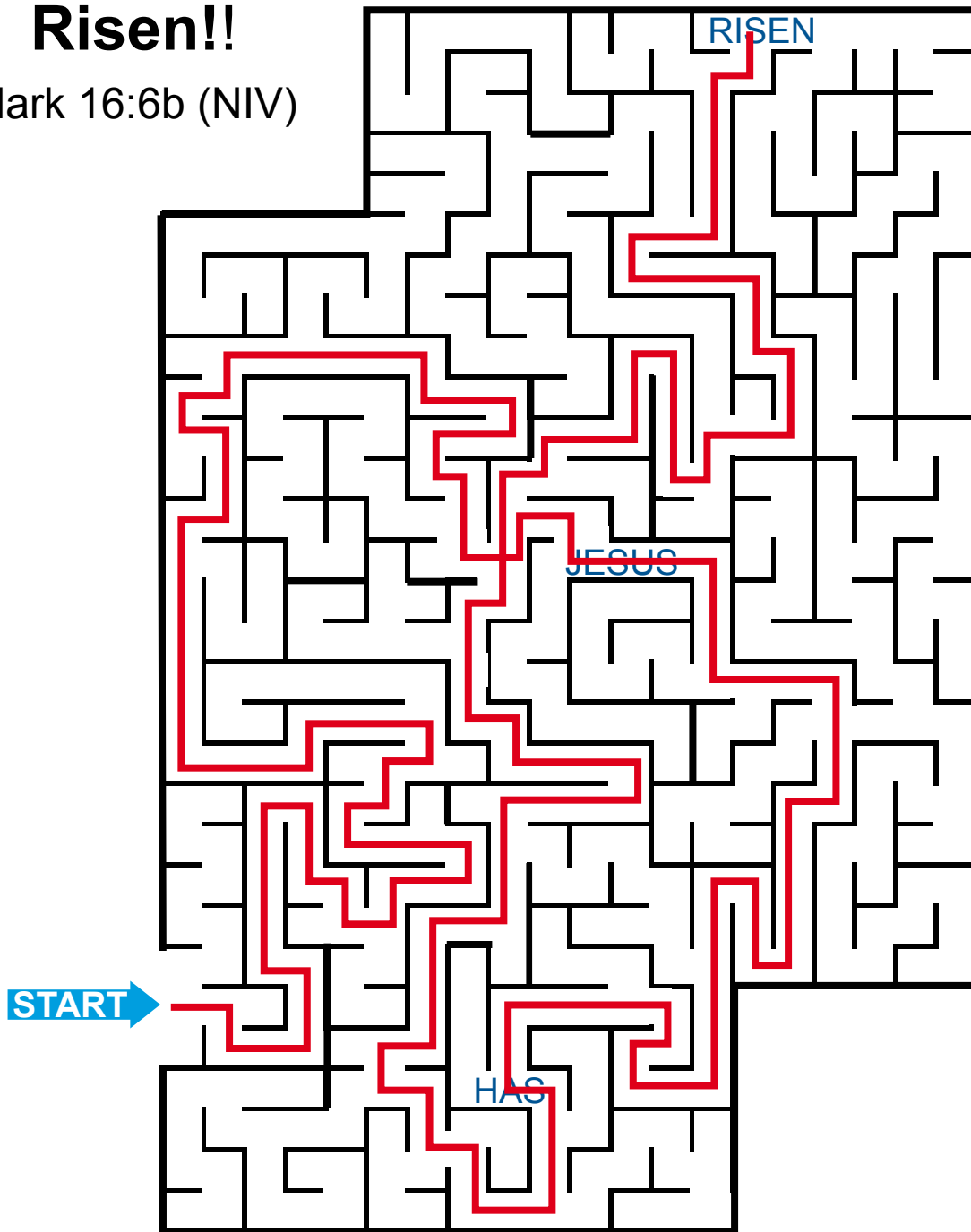


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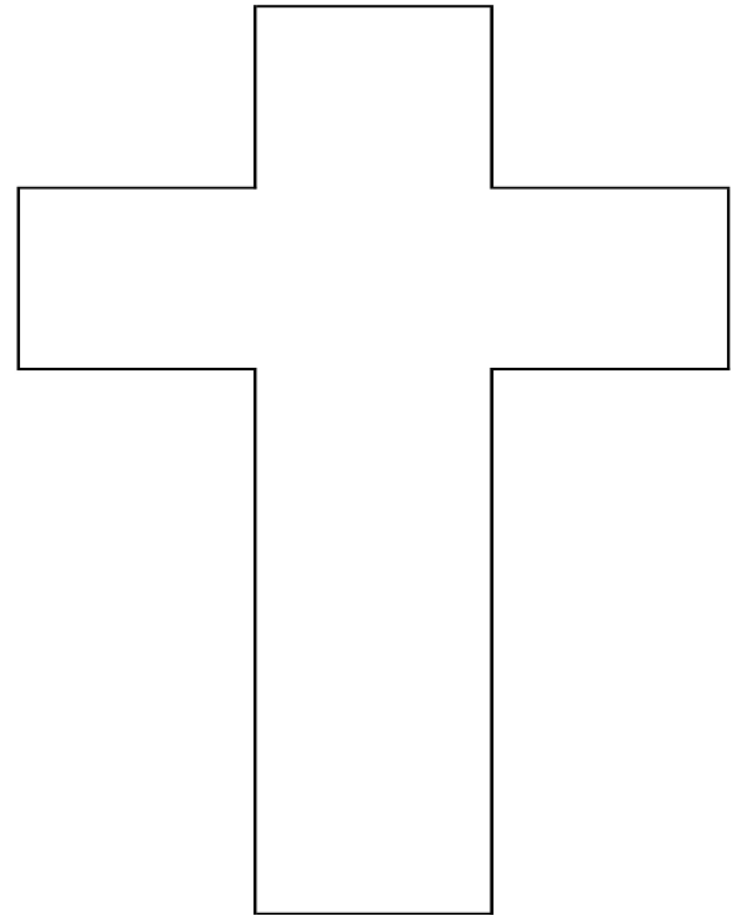
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He is risen!



God raised Him from the dead...
Acts 13:30a

Jesus Jesus Jesus



**has
risen!**

Mark 16:6b NIV



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Jesus Is Alive Bible Craft

Bible Story: Jesus is Alive

Bible Text: John 20:1-18

Suggested Learning Outcome: This fun resurrection craft will help remind children that Jesus is not in the tomb. He is alive!

Supplies List:

- Blue, black, and brown construction paper
- Craft brackets
- Crayons
- Glue

Instructions:

Step 1. Using the brown construction paper, guide kids in drawing a large half circle and a smaller full circle. On the black construction paper, have children draw a half circle that is smaller than the brown half circle. Allow kids to cut out their shapes.



Step 2. Have children glue the brown half circle to the blue construction paper and the black half on top of the brown half circle.



Step 3. Have kids use their craft bracket to attach the brown full circle right above the black half circle. This will create the stone which rolled away from the tomb.

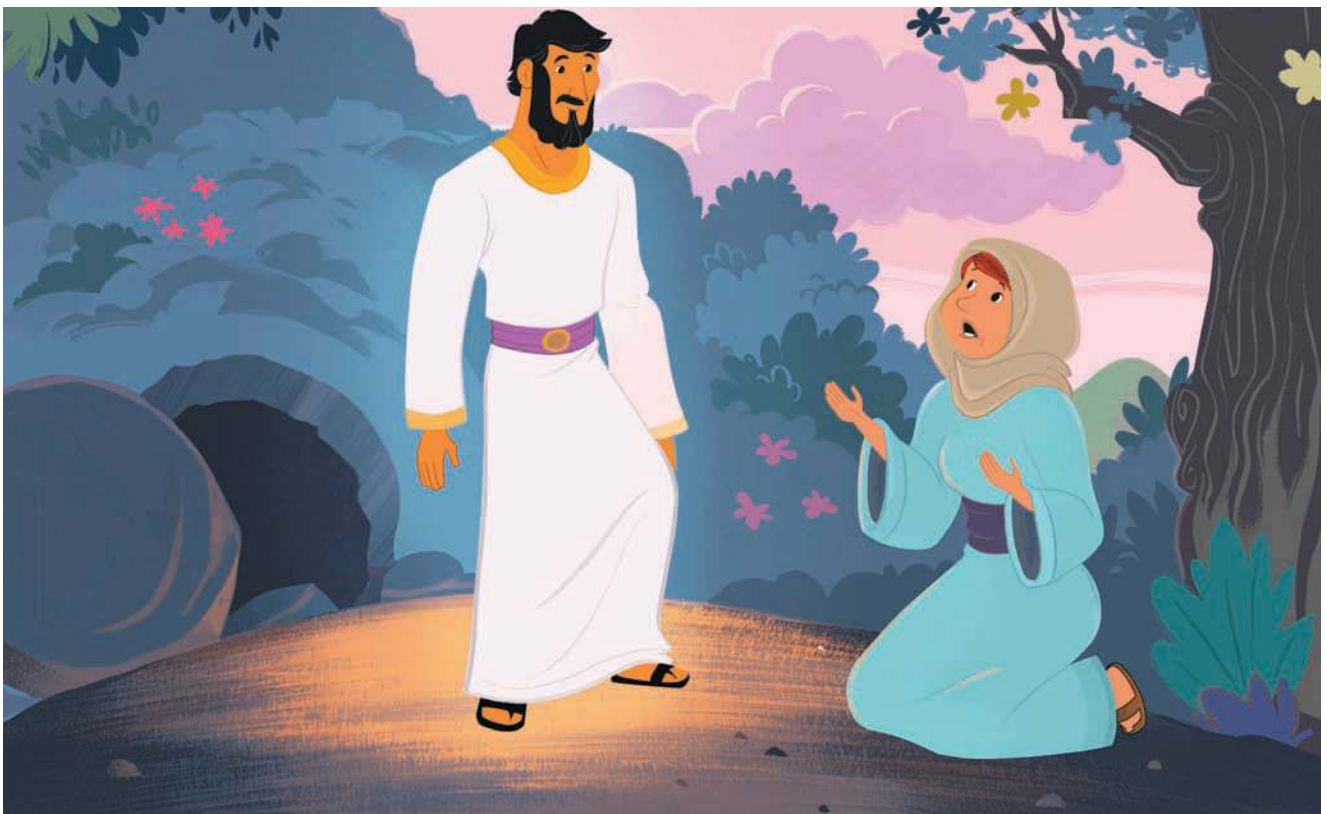


Step 4. Guide children to write the words “He Is Alive” at the top of their paper.



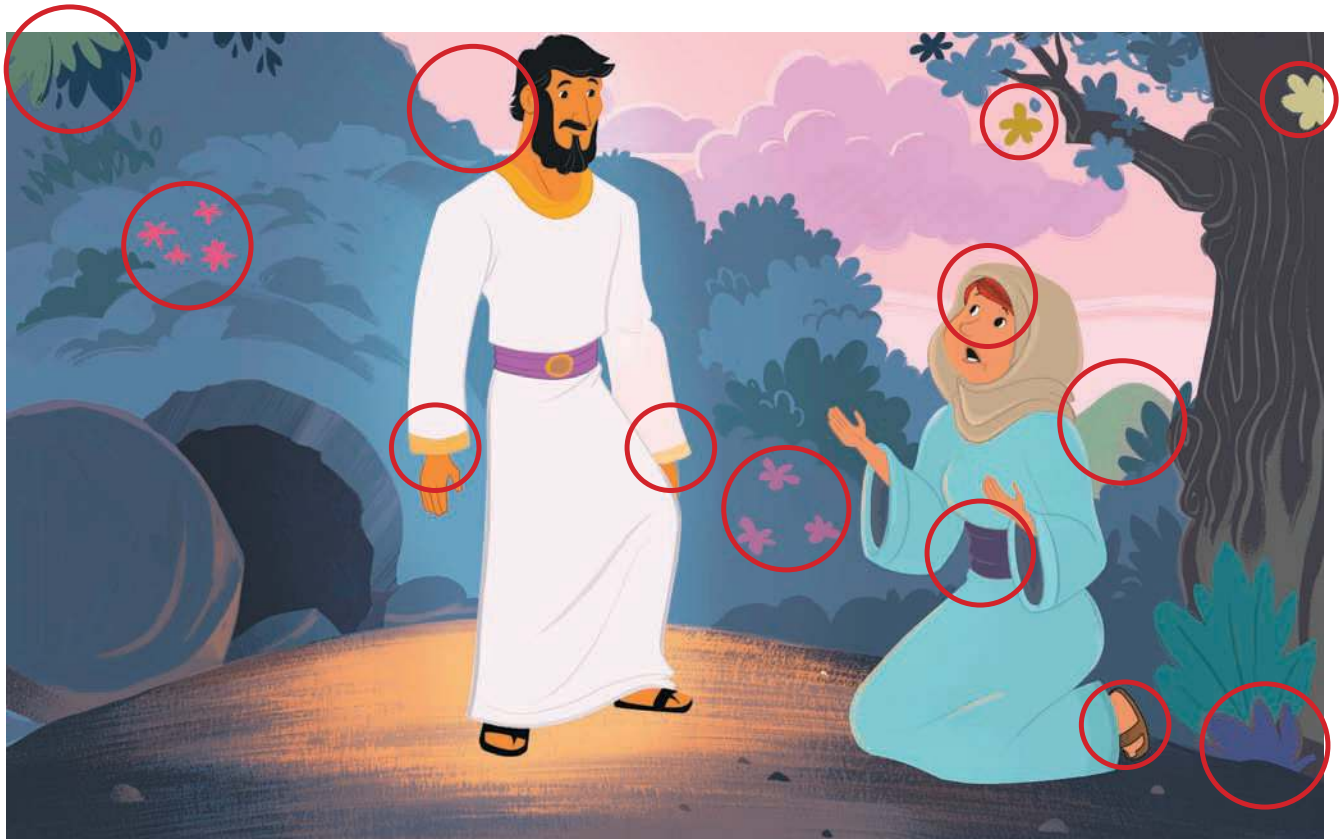
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He's Alive!



We have seen the Lord!
John 20:25b

Jesus Has Risen!

Word Tiles

Cut the tiles along the dotted lines, shuffle the tiles, and have the student reassemble them to make the phrase.

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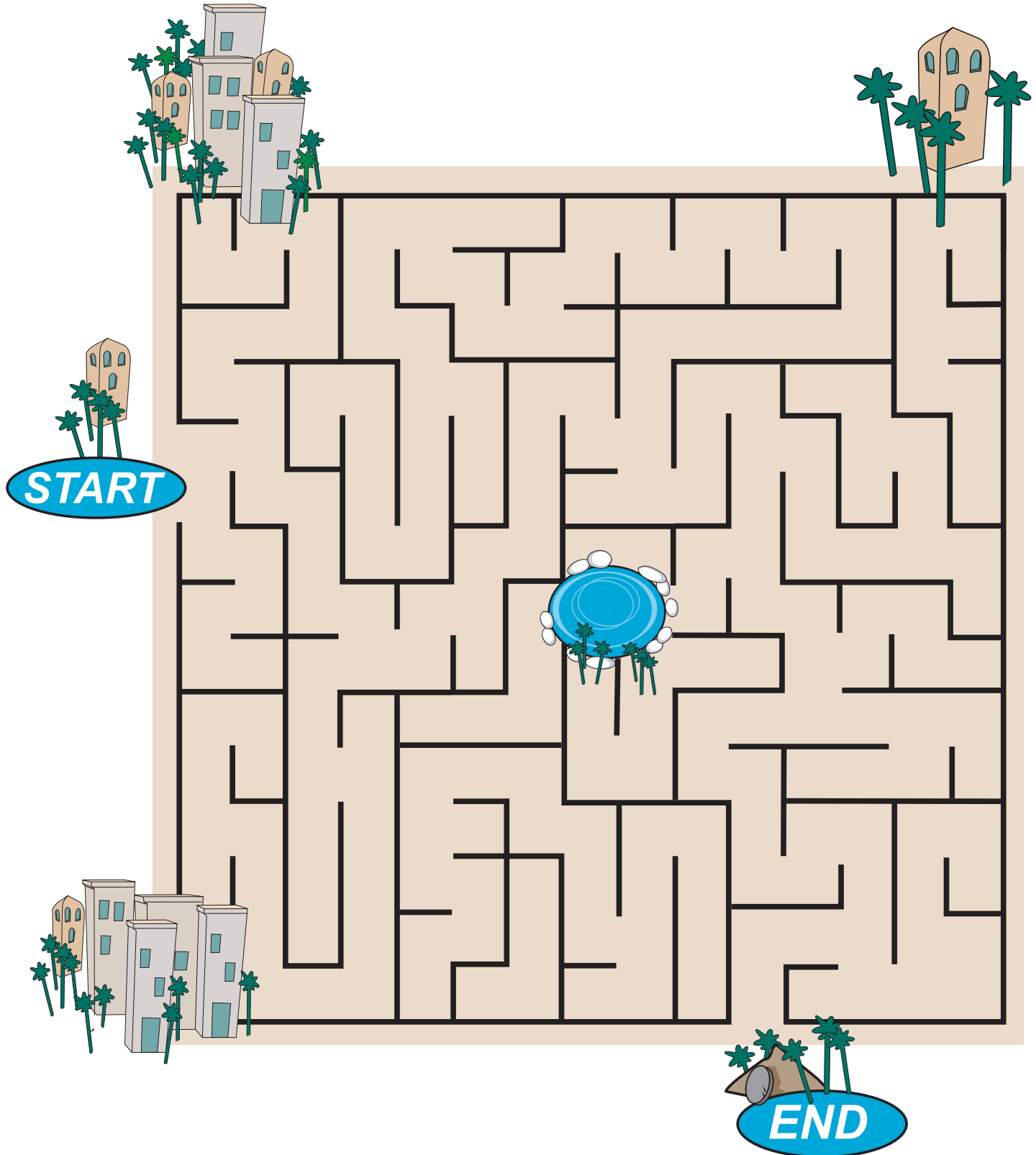
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Mark 16:6b (NIV)

Answer: Jesus has risen! Mark 16:6b (NIV)

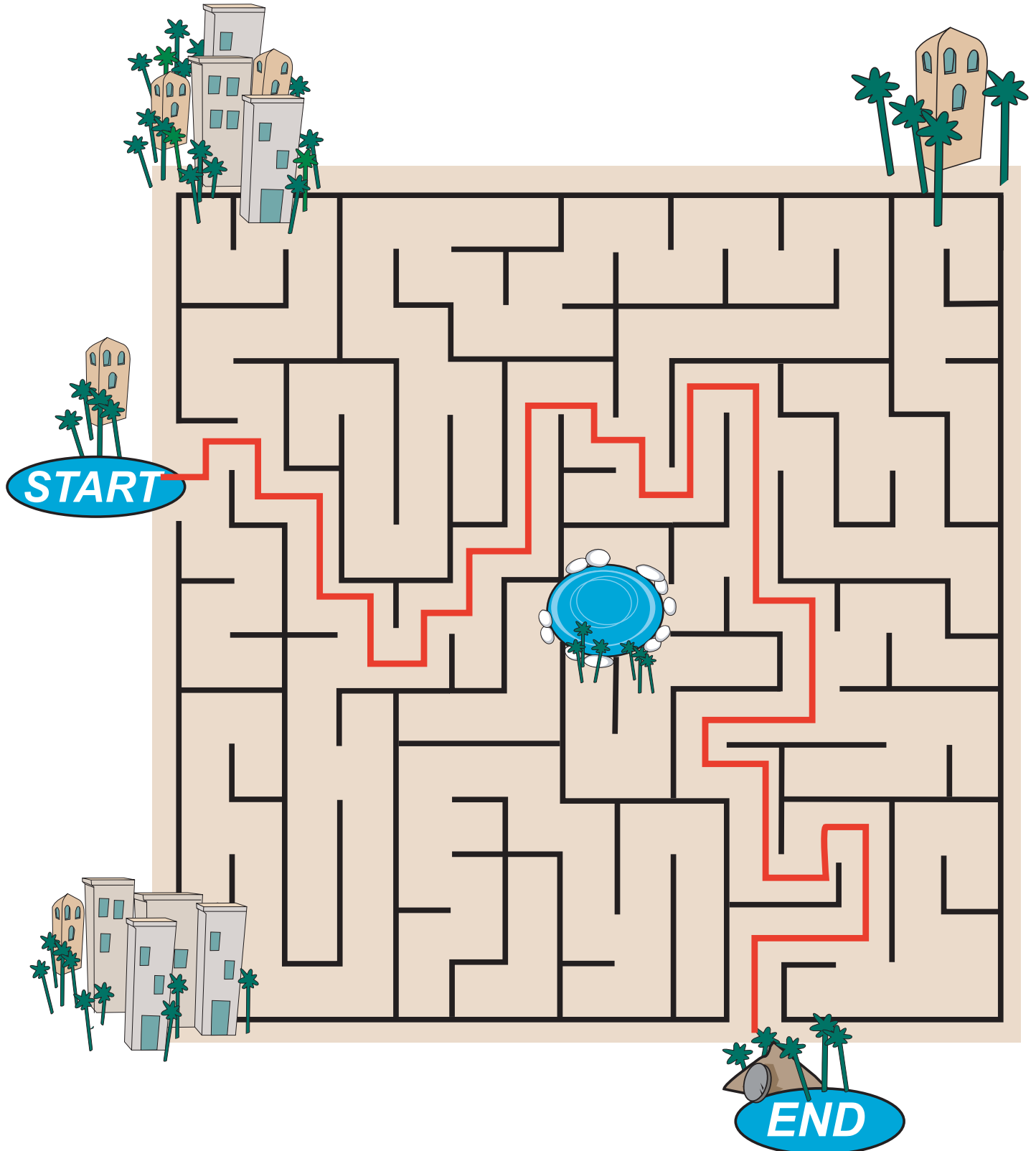
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Go with Mary Magdalene through Jerusalem to find Jesus' tomb. Do not cross any lines.



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∞ Write the Bible Phrase ∞

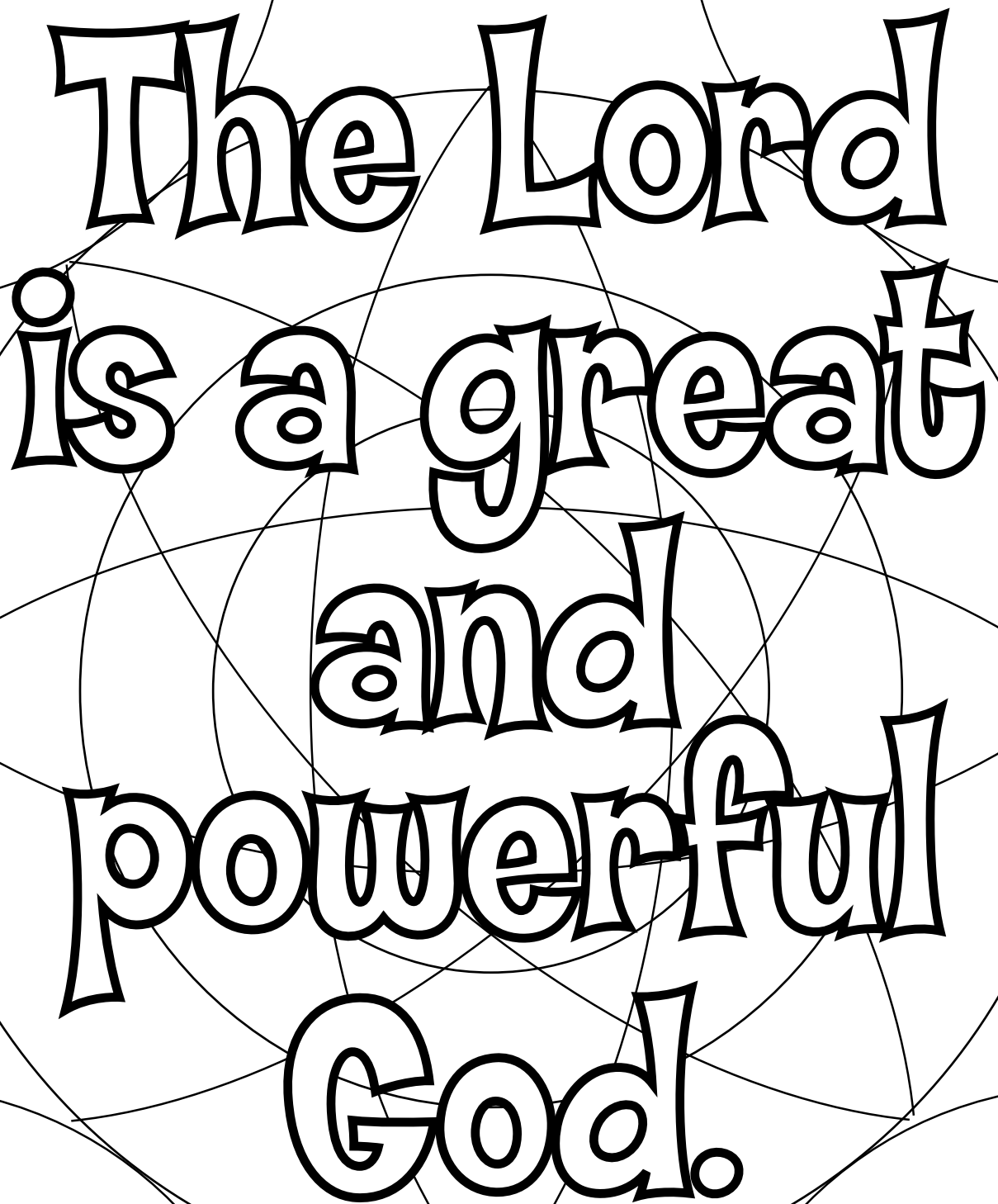
Write the Bible phrase below.

Jesus is alive!

Jesus is

alive!

Adapted from Mark 16:6



The Lord
is a great
and
powerful
God.



Jesus Is Alive! Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.
The words can be right to left, up and down or diagonally.

I T N I A T B H E N I S M J D
T I O N L E D E U G I A M E E
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EASTER
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JOHN
MAGDALENE

MARY
PETER

STONE
TOMB



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