

Children's

CHURCH

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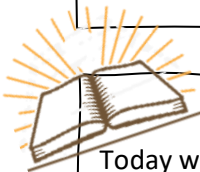
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Before Good Friday....

The aim of the activity sheets we will be sending out is to get all the family involved by learning together, crafting and talking about the reason Easter is so special and more about Jesus who helps us in these difficult times. Start with the 'Bible Passage' box and continue in any order from there.



Bible Passage

Today we will be learning about Jesus washing the disciples feet at their last meal together.

You can find it in your Bible in :

John 13 v 1-7

Read the story together – choose a translation or children's bible which will be easy to read as a group. (If you don't have a bible you can download one for free on your phone or use biblegateway.com)



Discussion

A Question for Children to ask Parents: *What does it mean to 'serve' someone else? When has someone done something kind for you?*

Questions for Parents to ask Children: *Why do you think Jesus washes the disciples feet? Why is it unusual that Jesus does this?*

In bible times it was very dusty and people wore sandals so when they came into a house they would need clean feet – but usually it is a servant who would do this – not the host or one of the guests!

Jesus was serving the disciples. He was showing them he loved them very much, and that it was a picture to show them what he was going to do next. He was trying to show them that when He would die on the cross it would be because he loved them very much, and was the greatest act of service he could ever do for them. He told them that although they do not understand it now – one day they will.

Family Activity

Together play a game of 'Simon Says'. Copy the leader (but only when they say "Simon Says....").

In the verses we read, Jesus is giving an example for us to follow by loving & serving others. By playing 'Simon Says' we are reminded that Jesus is the best example to follow and He is never trying to catch us out like in a fun game!

Action Challenge

Think of a way that you can serve somebody at home today. Try to be as creative as you can...and think of as many as you can!

Some ideas to get you started: help with the washing/drying up or tidy your bedroom.

Prayer

Together say a short prayer to that God that He loves you and that He loves everyone. Thank God that we have the bible to read and all those who do not know Him yet.

Also pray for anyone else you can think of who is unwell, or who has to stay at home alone or is having a tough time for another reason.





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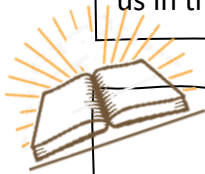
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Today we will be learning about Jesus on the cross. Jesus had been arrested although he hadn't done anything wrong! But we will see why that had to happen and it really was a **good** Friday.

There will be several sections to look up. You can find them in your Bible in :

John 19 v 1-6, v17-19, v28-30, v38-42

Read each section together – choose a translation or children's bible which will be easy to read as a group.

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Discussion



Question for Children to ask Parents: *How would you feel if you were going to be arrested for something that you didn't do?*

Questions for Parents to ask Children: *Last week the people we're shouting "Hosanna" to Jesus. How do they act towards him now? (clue ch19 v 2&6).*

Did Pilate find any reason Jesus deserved to die? Did he ever do anything wrong? Why did Jesus have to die?

Jesus knew exactly what would happen – and that it would be terrible. He would be mocked and suffer pain yet He let the guards arrest Him and the people cry for Him to be crucified – even when Pilate tried to say to them "Are you sure? He has done nothing wrong!" It was the only way that our sin (the bad things we do) could be paid for and we could be made right with God forever. **This shows us again how much we are loved!**

Prayer

Thank God that He can forgive all our mistakes. Say sorry for when you have hurt Him and pushed Him away like the people did to Jesus. We pray that people would know how much Jesus loves them!

If you have never asked Jesus to come and make your heart clean then you can do that today.

Family Activity

You will need – a shallow dish/plate, water, pepper, liquid soap.

Pour the water into the dish until there is a layer covering the bottom. Sprinkle pepper over all the water. Squirt a small blob of soap onto your finger (make sure not to spill it over the dish) and then carefully touch the edge of the water. Watch what happens next!

This reminds us that our hearts are dirty like the water and no part of us is clean on our own. But Jesus is like the soap, when he died on the cross he was perfect and so he can come and make our dirty lives clean if we ask Him to.

God loves us so much, but when our hearts are spoilt and dirty He cannot accept us because only perfect things can be in heaven. The only way to be made perfect and clean is through asking Jesus into your heart!

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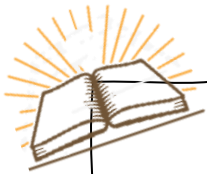
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Today we will be learning about the resurrection and the empty tomb.

You can find it in your Bible in :

John 20 v 1-18

Read the verses together – choose a translation or children's bible which will be easy to read as a group. *(If you don't have a bible you can download one for free on your phone)*

Discussion

A Question for Children to ask Parents: *Who is your best friend? What is your favourite thing about being their friend?*

Questions for Parents to ask Children: *How did Mary know that the person she met was Jesus?*

Mary did not realise at first who Jesus was, v 15 tells us that she thought he was the gardener. It was only when Jesus called her by name that she recognised him. Mary and Jesus had been friends and this is the sort of relationship that God wants with each one of us – God knows each of us by name and loves us like a shepherd loves his sheep. Just like the sheep know their shepherd, God wants us to respond to him and follow Him. When he died and rose again Jesus removed all the barriers that stood between us and God, (remember we learnt on Friday about being made clean) all our mistakes were wiped away, the price was paid. Because of Jesus we can choose to follow God and to enjoy a perfect relationship with Him.

Prayer

Thank God for Jesus and the empty tomb. Thank God that His plan did not end with death on the cross but with resurrection and new life. Thank Him that we can be forgiven for all our mistakes and be friends with Him forever. Pray for all those in the world who do not know God and that they would come to Him this Easter.



Don't forget to also pray for those who are unwell or need God's help this week.

Family Activity

You will need a blindfold.

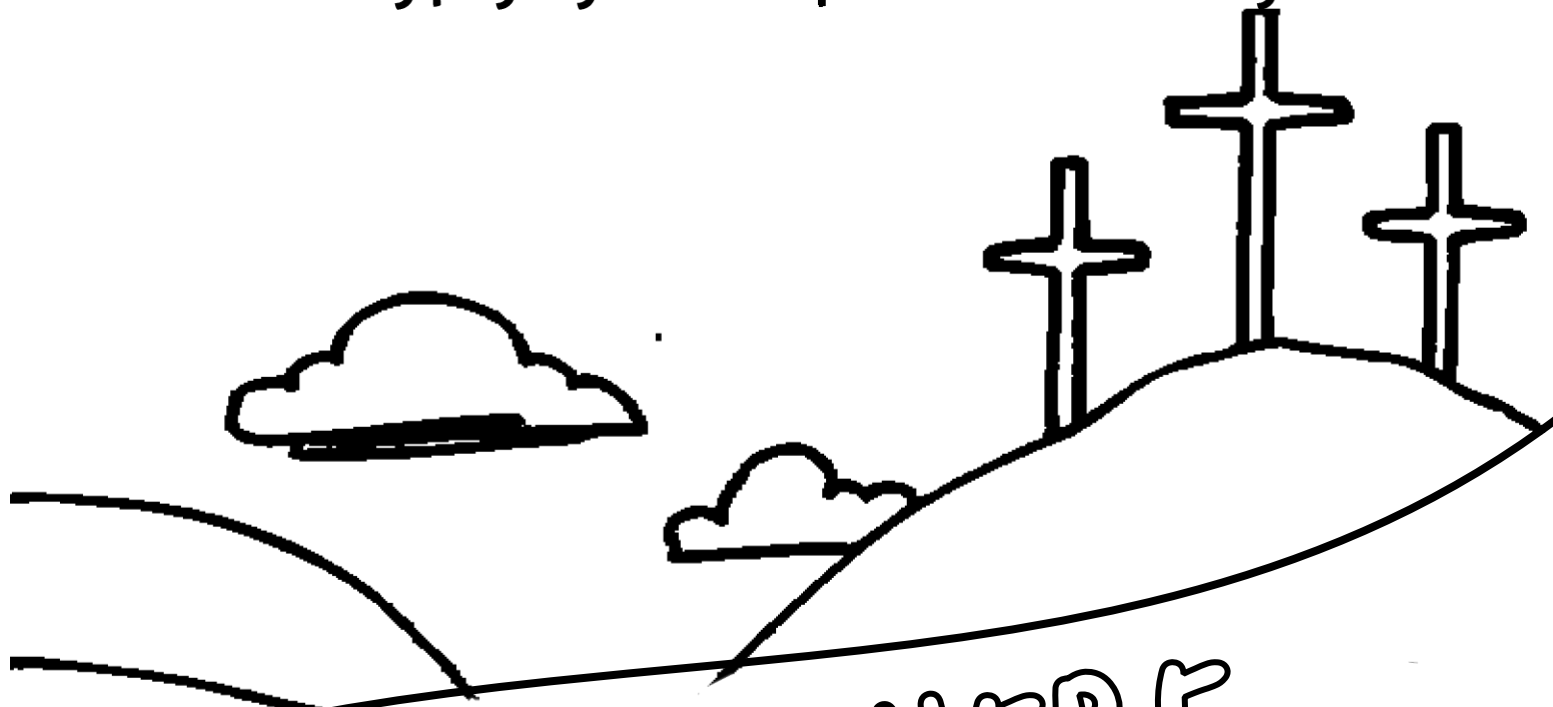
Take it in turns to be blindfolded. Now spin around 5 times whilst people in the room change places. Try to recognise who everyone is by feeling the shape of their faces. If you get stuck they can help you by speaking and their voice will give you a big clue!

Mary only recognised Jesus when He spoke her name. We can tell who our family members are without seeing them because we know them so well. Jesus wants us to get to know him really well too.

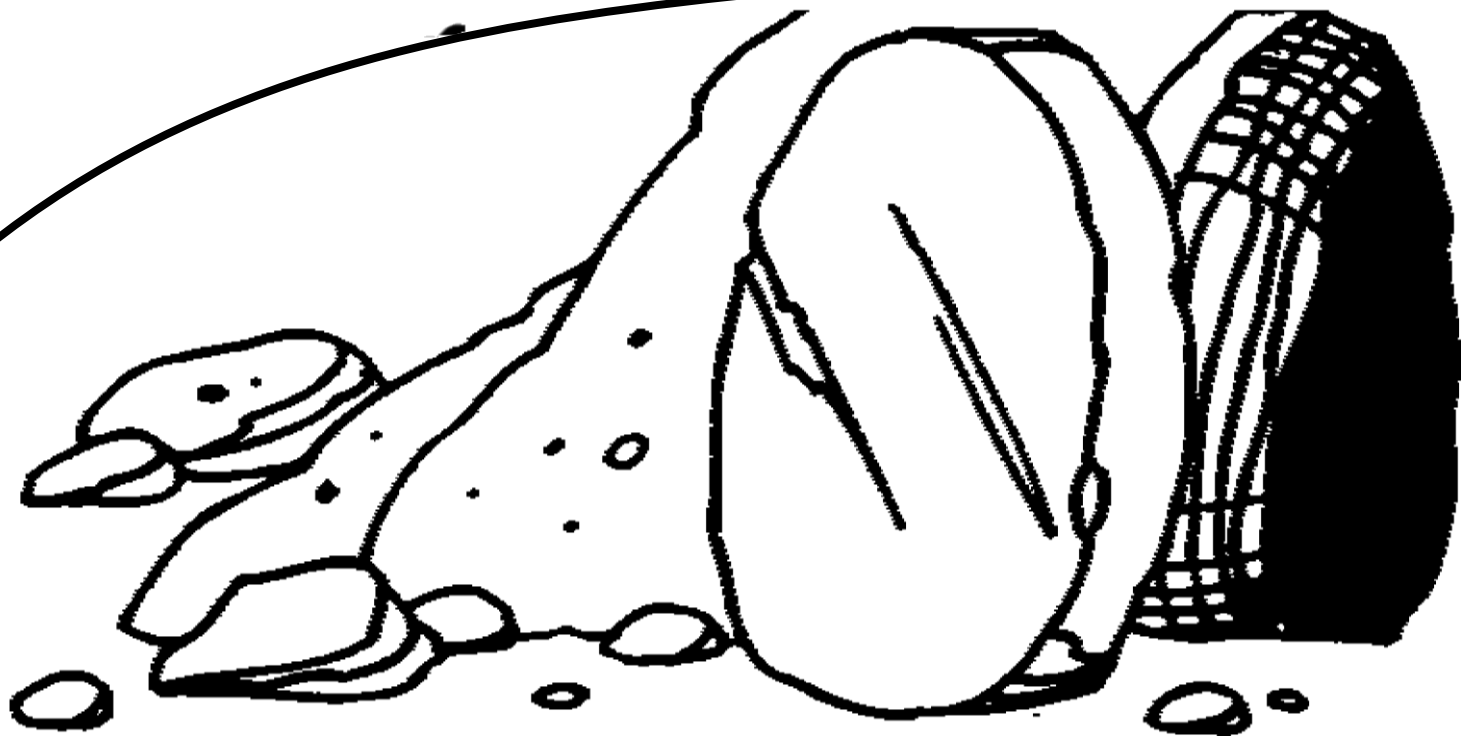
We can ask Jesus to be our friend and Saviour. If you haven't done that already – you could pray to ask Him into your heart today.

Jesus isn't dead he is **ALIVE** forever – that is the best news in the whole world!!

A colouring page you could print and colour together



HE IS NOT HERE
HE HAS RISEN!



Puzzle Sheet

All the letters of the name Jesus are hidden on the page can you find them and colour them in?

Can you find all of the Easter words in the word search?

Jesus
Mary
Easter
Tomb
Empty
Risen
Cross
Death
Saviour
Garden
Life

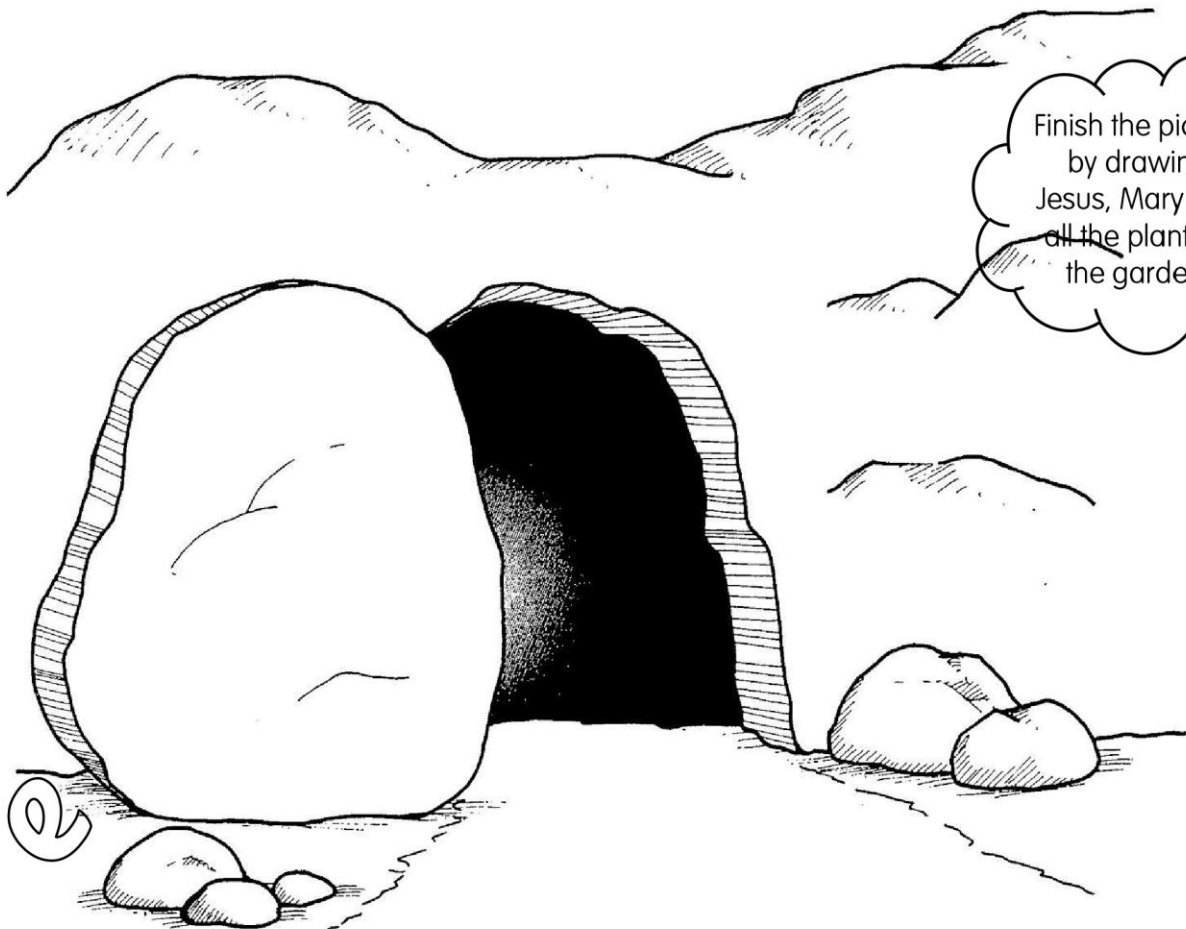
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EXTRA TOUGH PUZZLE!

Can you unscramble these letters to spell a big word which means coming back to life?

Then try to find it in the wordsearch.

r	e	r	o
s	r	i	e
t	n	u	c



Finish the picture by drawing Jesus, Mary and all the plants in the garden.