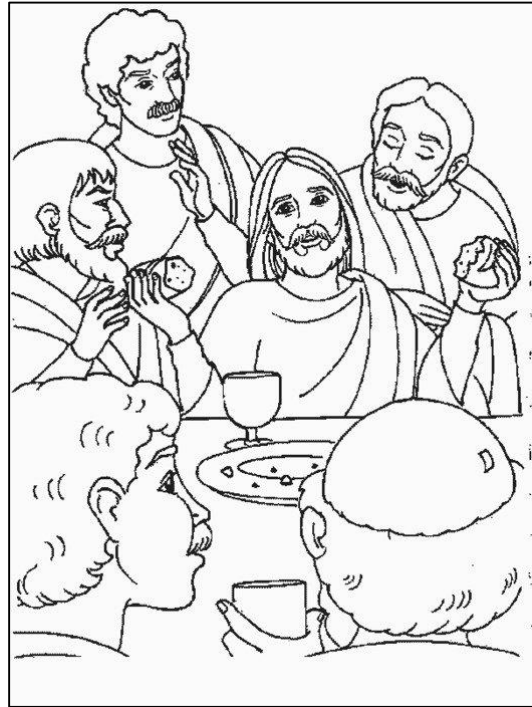
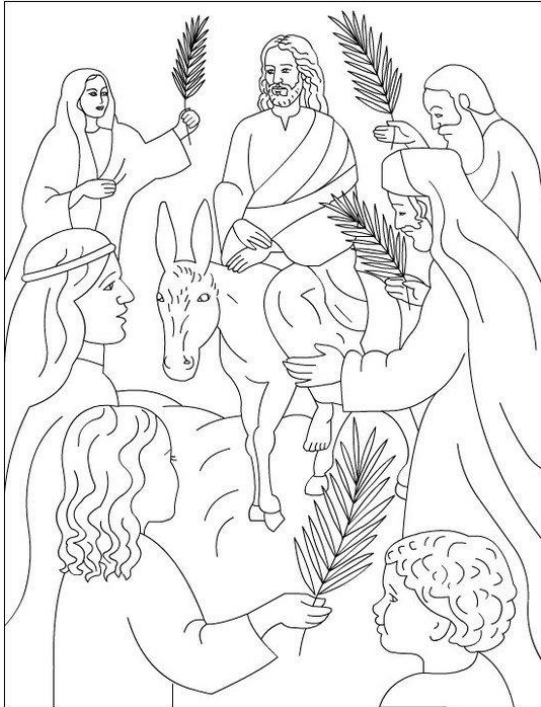




# Easter



You can colour these pictures if you would like to.



## From the Bible

Printed here is part of the Easter story. You can read the whole story in the Bible or ask the person who is looking after you today to let you listen to it being read here: <https://youtu.be/Ugl6egMgv5U> or for a different way of telling the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1Ncs0-dVcE&t=68s>

### The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

### Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘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 that he had said these things to her.

John chapter, 20, verses 1 to 18, New International Reader's Version

## ? To think about

*I wonder what Jesus’ friend Mary felt during that first Easter?*

*I wonder if you have ever had some good news that’s really changed the way you feel?*

*I wonder if you have ever felt Jesus close to you?*



## Craft Activity

### Stained glass cross

*You will need:*

- Black paper or card
- Scissors
- Coloured tissue paper
- Glue

Cut a large cross out of the black paper. This reminds us of the sadness of Good Friday when Jesus died on the cross. Carefully cut out the middle of the cross so that you are left with a cross shaped frame. Glue tissue paper over the hole in the cross. When the cross is covered in tissue paper hold it up to the light or stick it on a window to see the light shining through. This reminds us of the joy on Easter Sunday when Jesus rose again.



## Craft Activity

### Easter egg decorating

*You will need:*

- Hard boiled eggs
- Pens, paints
- Ribbons, sequins etc
- Glue

*Eggs are a symbol of new life reminding us of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.*

Can you decorate your egg? You could do patterns or you could do a miniature version of the Easter story on your egg.



## Outdoor Activity Suggestions

### Egg and spoon race

Hard boil some eggs and write your names on them (or use the ones you have already decorated). Decide on a course and see who can get round the fastest carrying their egg on a spoon.

### Egg rolling

Use the eggs from the race and find a grassy bank in your garden or the park and roll your eggs down the hill. See whose egg goes furthest, whose egg is fastest.



## Building Challenge

Use some bricks or recycle some packages to make a model of the tomb. Can you make the stone roll away to show the empty tomb?



## Cooking

### Edible Easter Scene

*You will need:*

- A plain flat biscuit (e.g. a digestive)
- A mini chocolate ring donut
- A small round chocolate biscuit (e.g. an Oreo)
- Green icing
- Optional – coloured icing and cake decoration flowers
- Spoon or spatula
- Knife

Spread the green icing over the top of your flat biscuit using the back of your spoon or a spatula. Cut a slice off the ring donut and stick the flat edge into the green icing. This represents the tomb. Use the small round biscuit to represent the stone rolled away from the tomb. You can decorate your Easter garden with coloured icing or cake decoration flowers.



## Song

*Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you sing along to these songs on the computer.*

### I'm gunna jump up and down

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88sMclwWqdl&list=PL8Q8PGsETCz6udhOISjMI9SQ33Jyg-x1-&index=17> (with Makaton)

or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1srGiXEypEM>

### It's a new new day

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

or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI9mOJmYmzo> (with Makaton)

## Prayer

Amazing God,

Thank you for Jesus.

We're sorry that sometimes we do the wrong thing.

Thank you that when Jesus died on the cross he took all these wrong things away.

Thank you for Jesus' new life on Easter Sunday.

Help us to share in this new life.

Amen.

(Amen just means 'I agree' in the language that Jesus spoke.)

## ? Puzzles

**This is a special day. The women said 'WOW!'**

**Peter said 'WOW!'. We can say 'WOW!' too.**

**Alleluia is like a great big 'WOW!'. How many times is the word ALLELUIA in this box?**

A	L	L	E	L	U	I	A	A	A
L	L	A	L	E	L	I	L	L	I
L	E	L	L	L	U	I	L	L	U
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U	L	L	E	A	U	A	U	U	L
I	L	L	E	L	A	I	I	I	L
A	I	U	L	E	L	L	A	A	A
A	L	L	E	L	U	I	A	L	L

Using only the vowels: a, e, i, o, u, fill in the blanks to find out the angels' amazing Easter message.

Why d\_ y\_\_ l\_\_k f\_r th\_ l\_v\_ng \_m\_ng  
th\_ d\_\_d? H\_ \_s n\_t h\_r\_, b\_t h\_s r\_s\_n!

Using the clues, change one letter on each rung of the ladder to create a new word, so that in five steps, the word changes from HATE to LOVE.



Through dying for us, Jesus opened a \_\_\_\_ to God.

By sacrificing his life, Jesus \_\_\_\_ us freedom.

In return, Jesus asks that we \_\_\_\_ to others.

Every day, we have the chance to \_\_\_\_ life to the full.

Help Mary find the tomb and then reach Jesus.

