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CHILDREN'S PACK

SPECIAL PARAGRAPH

On the third day after Jesus died, something wonderful happened. Jesus rose from the dead, which means He came back to life! That day was the very first **Easter Sunday**. We call this great miracle the **Resurrection**.

THE STORY OF THE RESURRECTION FROM THE HOLY BIBLE

The Guard at the Tomb

Next day, the next after the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered in Pilate's presence, and said, "Sir, we have recalled it to memory that this deceiver, while he was alive, said, 'I am to rise again after three days.' Give orders, then, that His tomb shall be securely guarded until the third day; in case His disciples come and steal Him away. If they should then say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' this last deceit will be more dangerous than the first."

Pilate said to them, "You have guards, stop wasting my time and make it secure yourself, as best you know how."

And so they went and made the tomb secure, putting a seal on the stone and setting a guard over it.

The Women at the Tomb

When the Sabbath was over, early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalen, and Joanna, and Mary the Mother of James, and Salome had brought spices, to come and anoint Jesus. And suddenly there was a great trembling of the earth, because an angel of the Lord came to the place, descending from heaven, and rolled away the stone and sat over it; his face shone like lightning, and his garments were white as snow; so that the guards trembled for fear of him, and were like dead men.

So they came to the tomb very early on the day after the Sabbath, at sunrise. And they began to question among themselves, 'Who will roll the stone away for us from the door of the tomb?' Then they looked up and saw that the stone, great as it was, had been rolled away already. They went into it and could not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

So Mary Magdalen came running to Simon Peter, and that other disciple, whom Jesus loved; "They have carried the Lord away from the tomb," she said to them, "and we cannot tell where they have taken Him."

The women were still puzzling over this, when two men came and stood by them in shining garments. As they bowed their faces to the earth in fear, the young man seated on the right, in the

tomb, said openly to them, “You need not be afraid; I know well that you have come to look for Jesus of Nazareth, the man who was crucified. Why are you seeking one who is alive, here among the dead? He has risen again, he is not here. Here is the place where they laid Him. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, “The Son of Man is to be given up into the hands of sinners, and to be crucified, and to rise again on the third day.” You must go in haste, and tell Peter and the rest of the disciples that He has risen from the dead; and now He is going on before you into Galilee, where you shall have sight of Him, as He promised you. That is my message to you.”

And they came out and ran away from the tomb, trembling and awe-struck, and said nothing to anyone out of fear. Then they remembered what the angel had said, and, in company with the other women, brought news of all this to the eleven apostles and all the rest; but to their minds the story seemed madness, and they could not believe it.

Peter, John and Mary Magdalen

And while they were on their way, Peter and the other disciple both set out, and made their way to the tomb; they began running side by side, but the other disciple outran Peter, and reached the tomb first. He looked in and saw the linen sheet lying there, but he did not go in. Simon Peter, coming up after him, went into the tomb and saw the linen sheet lying there, and also the chinband that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen sheet, but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and saw this, and learned to believe. They had not yet mastered what was written of Him, that He was to rise from the dead.

The disciples went back home, full of surmise over what had befallen; but Mary stayed outside by the tomb, weeping. And she bent down, still weeping, and looked into the tomb; and saw two angels clothed in white sitting there, one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

“Because they have carried away my Lord,” she said, “and I cannot tell where they have taken Him.”

Saying this, she turned around, and saw Jesus standing there, without knowing that it was Jesus. “Woman,” Jesus said to her, “why are you weeping? For whom are you searching?”

She assumed that it must be the gardener, and said to Him, “If it is you, Sir, who has carried Him off, tell me where you have put Him, and I will take Him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

And she turned and said to Him, “Rabboni” (which is Hebrew for Master).

The Jesus said, “Do not cling to me so; I have not yet gone up to my Father's side. Return to my brethren, and tell them this; I am going up to Him who is my Father and your Father, who is my God and your God.”

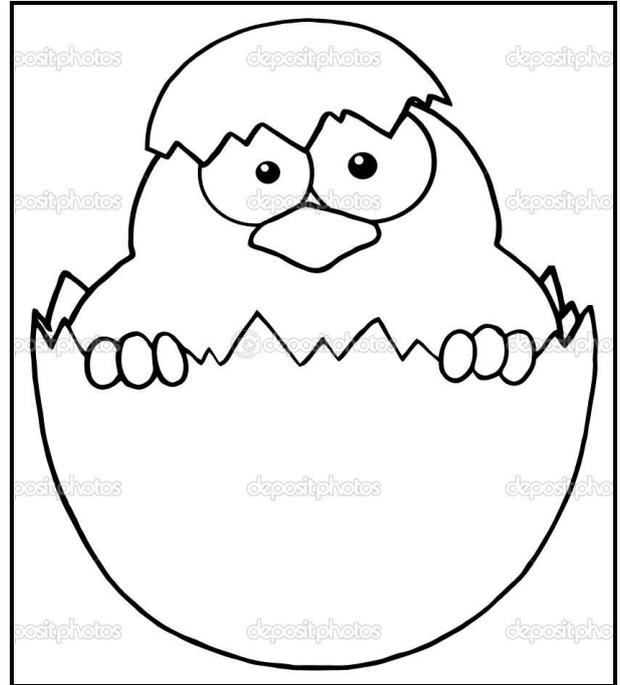
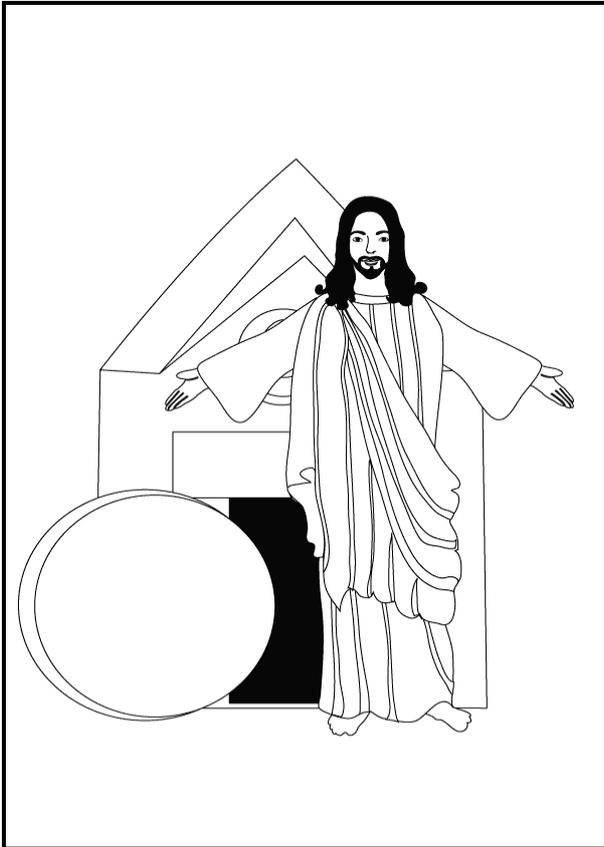
So Mary Magdalene, the woman out of whom Christ had cast seven devils, went and gave the news to those who had been His companions in the place where they were mourning and weeping. She told them how she had seen the Lord and how he had spoken to her. And they, when they were told that He was alive and that she had seen Him, could not believe it.

The Soldiers' Testimony

THE EASTER SEASON BRINGS NEW LIFE

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Colour the Pictures



Easter eggs are a symbol of new life and remind us of the Resurrection

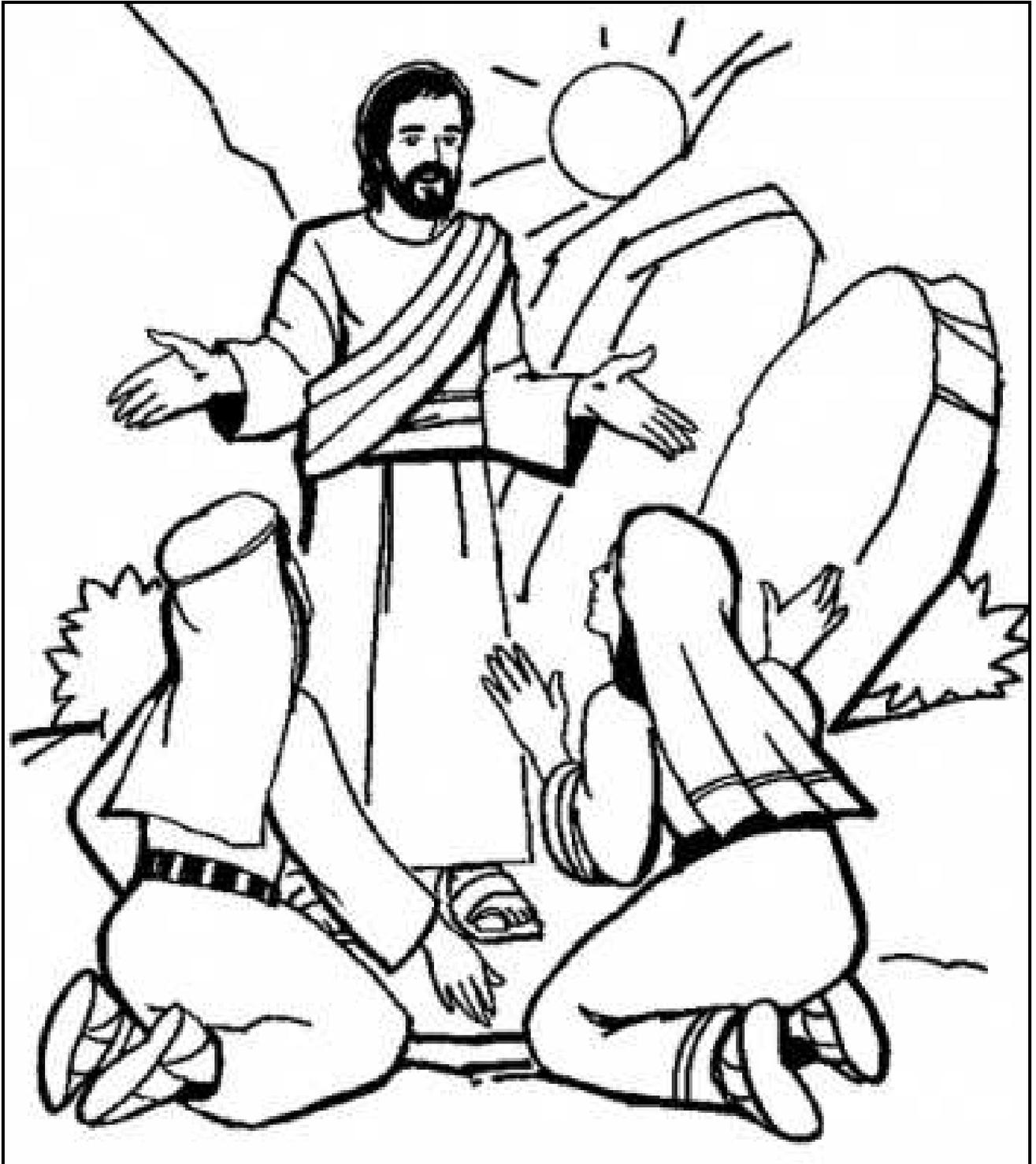
We thank Jesus for rising from the dead and giving us the promise of new life in Him



We must welcome our new brothers and sisters into the Church.

THE FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY OF THE ROSARY

The Resurrection



HYMN - CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

1) Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2) Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3) Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4) Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5) Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6) King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!