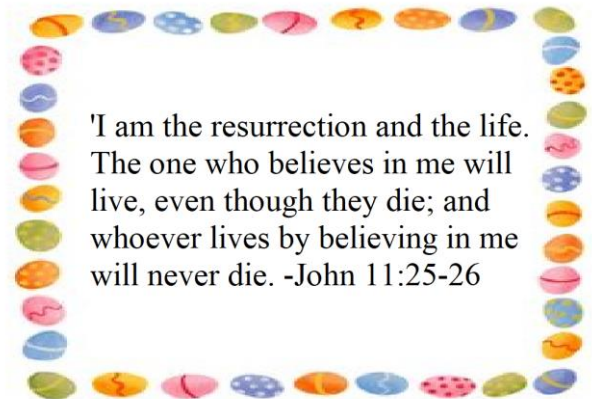


“He must rise from the dead!”

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Children’s liturgy activity April 9th , 2023

VERSE OF THE WEEK



Gospel: John 20:1-9

In the Gospel today, we see that when Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb, the stone had been moved away. She ran to Peter and the other disciple that Jesus loved and told ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don’t know where they have put him.’ Peter and the other disciple ran together to the tomb. The other disciple ran faster and reached the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following entered the tomb straight away and saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. The other disciple also entered. He saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

What is our reaction to the empty tomb? Do we, like Mary, imagine things ourselves and run to tell others our own thinking? Or Are we like John, the other disciple, who ran faster but dared to enter and see? or Are we like Peter who straight away entered the tomb and saw the reality, helping the other disciple who was hesitant to enter inside to see and believe? How do we accept the news of Jesus’ resurrection? Do we find it hard to believe or understand the scriptures?

The disciples also failed to understand Jesus’ words or scriptures. But now, at Jesus’ resurrection the disciples saw that all the scriptures regarding Jesus are getting fulfilled. Jesus Christ opened up the scriptures through his passion death and resurrection. So, let us fix our eyes on Resurrected Jesus, persevering in faith and wait patiently to see every word of God being accomplished in our life. Let our faith in word help us to understand the sign of the empty tomb- the good news that ‘JESUS IS RISEN AND IS ALIVE’.

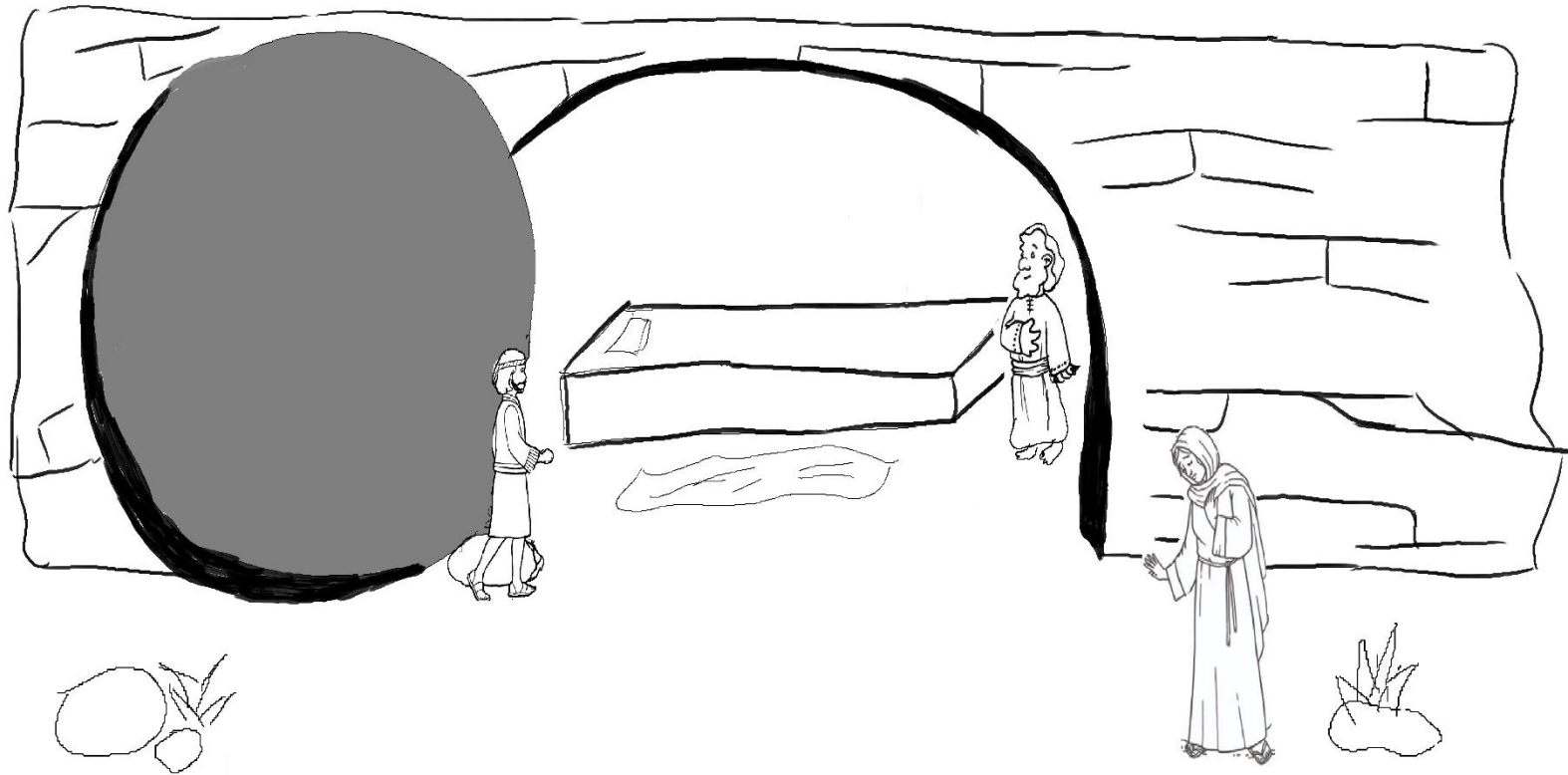
Empty tomb is not an end, but a beginning of new life in resurrected Jesus. EMPTY TOMBS ARE SIGNS OF NEW LIFE. It is a call to turn around and see ‘Jesus is Alive’ and is with us forever. It is a call to bury our old self in Jesus’ tomb, to resurrect out in new life of Jesus and to live the resurrected life in Jesus.

Is an egg lifeless? No, not at all. It contains new life. So is a seed and so the tomb of Jesus.

Let our faith encourage others to experience the power of resurrected Jesus, amidst all hopelessness and emptiness.

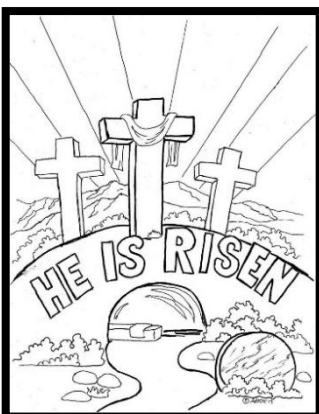
Know more about what happened to Mary Magdalene and disciples by reading John 20:11-29

Identify the people in the picture by reading the Gospel and name them. Colour the picture too.



Choose the correct order of the people who reached the empty tomb.

1. Mary Magdalene, Peter, the other disciple (John)
2. Peter, Mary Magdalene, the other disciple (John)
3. The other disciple (John), Peter, Mary Magdalene
4. Peter, the other disciple (John), Mary Magdalene



Can you complete the following verses?

Therefore, we have been ----- with him
by ----- into death, so that, just as -----
----- was raised from the dead by the glory of
the Father, so we too might walk in -----
of life. -Romans 6:4

“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” (John 20:2)

Wordsearch

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Resurrection

Jesus

Crucifixion

Passion

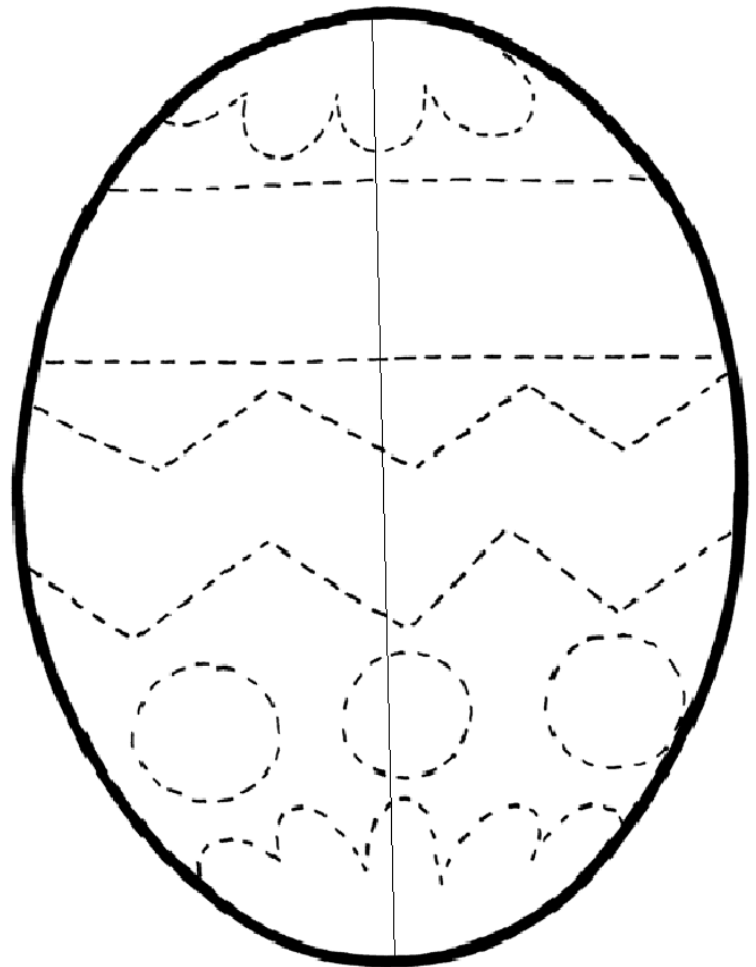
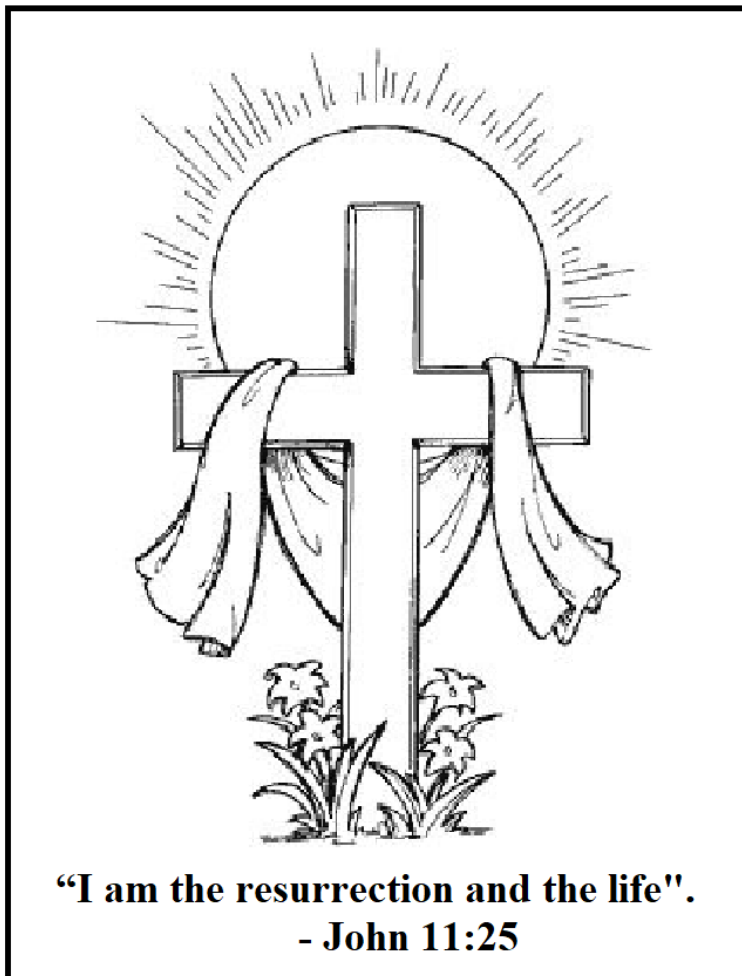
Death

Tomb

RESURRECTION EGG CRAFT

Materials required: 2 paper plates, 2 cut out templates, colours, 2 pins, glue.

- Method:**
1. Colour, decorate and cut out the templates.
 2. Stick the templates on each paper plates, respectively.
 3. Place the paper plates in the order, with the resurrection cross plate on bottom and the egg paper plate on top.
 4. Cut the paper plate placed on top, through the middle line given.
 5. Pin it on the bottom as shown. Attach with pins to the first plate so that it slides open.



Let us Pray,

Lord Jesus open our eyes to see your resurrected presence with us as we stand in front of the empty tombs of our life. Give us grace to see and believe the fulfillment of sacred scriptures as we approach you in faith. Let us realize that the empty tombs are the call to us to turn around and see that You are with us resurrected and living forever, calling us out of the empty tombs of old self, to live the new life of resurrection with you, by following you to eternity. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.