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Victory Over Death

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16**

What You Need

- Easter Greeting (p. 65)
- Crayons or markers

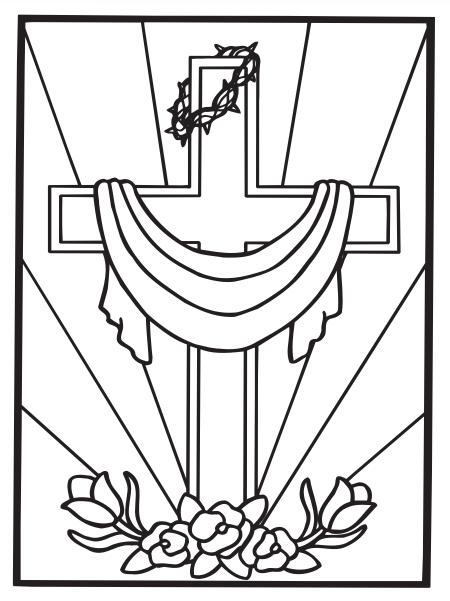
Preparation

Photocopy this page and Easter Greeting, making one of each page for each child.

What It's All About

On several occasions,
Jesus told his disciples and
friends that he would rise
from the dead, but they
forgot. The angel at the
empty tomb reminded the
women that Jesus rose from
the dead just as he said he
would. Sometimes as we
celebrate Easter, we also
may need to be reminded
of Jesus' triumphant
victory over death.

Color the cross. Keep it as a reminder of Jesus' great love and sacrifice. On Easter Greeting, draw flowers at the foot of the cross and a heart in the center of the cross. Color the rest of the picture. Give the page to someone as a reminder of Jesus' resurrection.



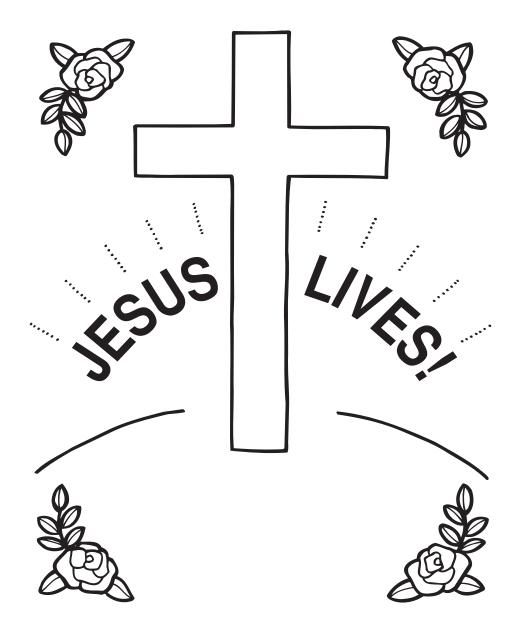
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Easter Greeting

To: _____

From: _____

Wishing you Easter blessings as you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.



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Easter A-Cross-Tic

The Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, [so] that he would rise again on the third day. Luke 24:7

What You Need

• Crayons or markers

Preparation

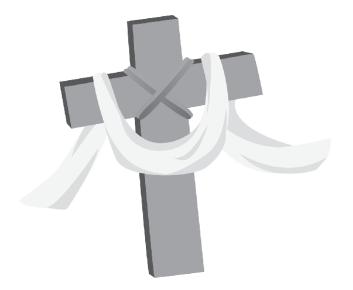
Photocopy this page, making one for each child. Optional: Write the activity on a white board and make it a group activity.

What It's All About

Easter is the time of year that we remember Jesus's sacrifice on the cross. He died to free us of our sins, but he didn't stay dead. Three days later he rose from the dead. That's worth celebrating!

What To Do

Based on the Easter story, for each sentence, write the correct word to fill in the blanks.



t for the	fomb on that morning. (Rhymes with tempt me.)
A for the	who greeted the women.
S for the	that rolled away.
T for the	that could not contain our Lord.
E for	, the Sunday we celebrate.
R for the	who saves us from sin.

Easter A-Cross-Tic: (E) empty (A) angel (S) stone (T) tomb (E) Easter (R) Redeemer.

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Easter Story Object Lesson

Go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead. Matthew 28:7

What You Need

• Easter Story Objects (p. 53) • Scissors • 12 plastic, fillable Easter eggs

Preparation

Photocopy Easter Story Objects. Cut the pictures along the lines. Hide one picture inside of each egg. Hide the eggs around the room for children to find. If you have a large class, print multiple copies and hide multiple sets of eggs.

What It's All About

Easter Sunday celebrates the most important event in history—Jesus' death and resurrection. Today, we're going to play a game to tell the story of Easter.

What You Do

After children have found all the eggs, gather together. Children open their eggs. Go down the list asking children to hold up each picture one at a time. Children tell what the item represents and how it's related to the Easter story.

- Donkey: reminds us of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- **2. Bag of coins:** Judas was paid with coins to betray Jesus.
- **3. Rooster:** Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed.
- 4. Rope: Soldiers bound Jesus' hands and led him away.
- Crown of thorns: Placed on Jesus' head to mock him.
- 6. Cross: Jesus carried his own cross to Calvary.
- **7. Sponge:** Soldiers offered Jesus vinegar to drink.
- 8. Stones: the rocks split and the earth quaked when Jesus died.
- 9. Soldier's helmet: the centurion said, "Truly this is the Son of God."
- 10. Piece of white linen: Nicodemus and Joseph took Jesus' body down from the cross and placed it in the tomb.
- 11. Angel wings: the angel said, "He is not here, he is risen.
- 12. Cloud: Jesus went to live with his Father in Heaven.

Alternate Idea

Before class, collect objects to represent each of the twelve items in the "What You Do" list. Hide the items around the room. When class starts, have children search for the items. When all items are found, gather the children and discuss how each item relates to the Easter story.

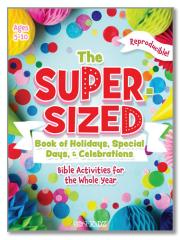




Easter Story Objects



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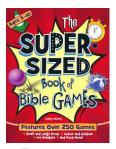




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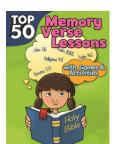
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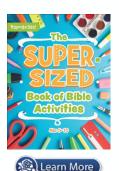




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