

# Lesson 31



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LEADER GUIDE  
EASTER!

## HE IS RISEN

MATTHEW 27:22-56; 28:1-6

### GOAL

- ▶ **To teach children how Jesus conquered the curse of sin and death by the power of His own death and resurrection.** God demonstrated the depth of His love through Jesus' death on the cross: "But God showed His love for us, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Jesus endured ridicule, hatred, punishment, and death—all to keep God's promise that, through His Son, sins would be forgiven, emotional and physical wounds would be healed, and our relationship with God would be restored. Every man, woman, and child who accepts the sacrifice that Jesus made on their behalf will be saved.

### WORDS TO KNOW

- ▶ **Crucifixion:** The brutal punishment and execution method in which a person is nailed to a cross and then left to die slowly. Jesus was crucified for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole, and He suffered so we could be healed. He died for our salvation.

**The Temple Veil:** A physical divider that separated the temple in two: the Holy of Holies, the place where God dwelled, and the rest of the temple where men were allowed. Only the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies, and then only once a year on Yom Kippur. When Jesus died, God Himself ripped the veil in two, from top to bottom. Jesus' death on the cross ended our separation from God, making a relationship with Him possible for the first time since sin entered the world.

**Resurrection:** When a dead person comes back to life. After Jesus died on the cross and was buried, He rose again on the third day; this is known as His resurrection. Jesus has the power over death, so we don't have to be afraid of it.



MEMORY  
VERSE

▶ **Matthew 28:6:** He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.

MEMORY  
VERSE  
MEANING

▶ **Matthew 28:6:** After Jesus died He was placed in a tomb. Three days later the women came to the tomb and saw that He was gone! The angel showed them the empty tomb and exclaimed, "He is Risen!"

OVERVIEW

▶ **Read Matthew 27:22–56; 28: 1–6:** This is the story about how Jesus suffered, died, and rose again from the dead. It is the story of the intense love of God demonstrated in the greatest sacrifice of all time. Jesus was betrayed, beaten, mocked, stripped of His clothing, humiliated, blasphemed, and disrespected. A crown of thorns was pressed onto His head, an angry crowd taunted Him, He was hung on a cross, and worst of all, He was separated from His Father in Heaven. Then He died, and it was finished! At that moment, the veil in the temple tore in half from top to bottom. It was God's announcement that the world, once separated from His holiness, could once again enjoy sweet fellowship with Him.

SUGGESTIONS

▶ **Why would Jesus volunteer to go through suffering and death on the cross?**

- 1. Love:** God demonstrated His intense love for us; no matter how bad we are, He loves us, and He sent His Son to die for us (Romans 5:8).
- 2. Promise:** Even before the world was created, God had a plan to save mankind and bring us back into relationship with Him (1 Peter 1:20). He promised that He would send a Messiah, and He kept that promise.
- 3. Relationship:** When sin entered the world, one of the first effects was the loss of close fellowship with God. When Jesus died, that relationship was mended for all those who put their trust in His sacrifice.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 1



**Q1a:** What kind of crown did the soldiers press onto Jesus' head?

**A1:** The soldiers pressed a crown of thorns onto Jesus' head.

**Q1b:** Why didn't Jesus defend himself?

**TN:** Jesus was innocent. He did not do the things He for which He was being punished. Jesus knew that saying anything or doing anything would work against His plan. This was all part of what needed to happen for Him to accomplish His mission to save humanity.

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### SLIDE 2



**Q2a:** What does Golgotha mean?

**A2:** Golgotha means the "place of the skull."

**Q2b:** Did Jesus have the power to save Himself?

**TN:** Yes. At no point in time did Jesus lack the power to save Himself from the humiliation and suffering He endured. He endured everything out of His incredible love for us. He knew that the only way to save us from our sin was to allow His death on the cross. Jesus chose to save us rather than Himself.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



**Q3a:** What happened after Jesus died?

**A3:** After Jesus died, an earthquake shook the ground and the veil in the temple tore from the top to the bottom.

**Q3b:** Did God really abandon Jesus?

**TN:** This is a tough question, but it's one that just about everyone wonders about when they read this. If God could abandon Jesus, the only perfect person to walk the face of the earth, how could God ever forgive and love me? Sin is what separated people from God, and even though Jesus walked the earth as a man, He was sinless and, therefore, still one with God. While hanging on the cross, Jesus took the responsibility for the sins of every person. When Jesus took our sins, He experienced the separation from God for the first time—something that caused such a deep sadness in Jesus that it caused Him to cry out to God. God still loved Him, but a perfect God cannot tolerate sin, not even for Jesus. Jesus' death on the cross ended the separation from God because of sin. God loved us and wanted the separation caused by sin to end so much that He sent His Son to die a horrible death to bring us together.

SLIDE 4



**Q4a:** What was door of the tomb?

**A4:** The door of the tomb was a huge stone that was rolled in front of the entrance.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 5



**Q5a:** What appeared in front of the tomb.

**A5:** An angel appeared in front of the tomb.

**Q5b:** How would you react to meeting an angel?

**TN:** Angels are commonly described as shining like lightning, which isn't something we see every day. It's no wonder that in nearly every story of angels meeting humans, the angels have to calm the people and tell them not to be afraid. Their presence was so shocking, it caused the Roman soldiers—a group of men known for being very tough—to fall over like dead men! Judging from the accounts of encounters with angels, the experience likely would be a combination of amazing and terrifying!

SLIDE 6



**Q6a:** Who did the women meet on the road?

**A6:** The women met with Jesus on the road.

**Q6b:** The first thing Jesus said to the women was "Do not be afraid." Why would they be afraid?

**TN:** These women saw Jesus crucified. They saw His dead body pulled down from the cross. They saw His lifeless body wrapped in cloths and put into a tomb. He was dead, and now He stood before them on the road wishing them a good morning. That's not a normal thing to encounter, and it's likely that people in such a situation would feel fearful. But this was Jesus, and there was nothing to fear. He had done something wonderful, and He wanted to share it with His disciples.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 7

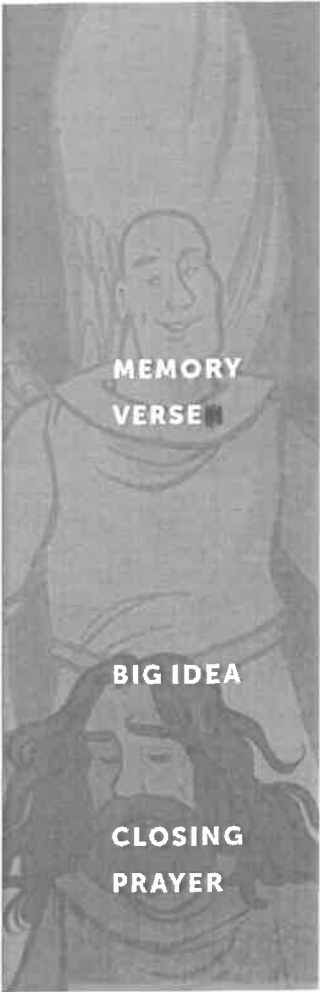


**Q7a:** Where did Jesus tell the disciples to meet Him?

**A7:** Jesus told the disciples to meet Him at the top of a mountain in Galilee.

**Q7b:** Was the mission Jesus gave to the disciples just for them?

**TN:** No, that mission is ours to carry out as well. We have some very important information to share with everyone: Jesus has died for our sins. We are forgiven! If we believe in Him, we can live for all eternity in Heaven with God. That is the best news ever, and we should share it with everyone!



▷ **Matthew 28:6:** He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.

▷ **Jesus** conquered sin and death so that we could have a relationship with God again.

▷ Dear Lord, thank You for suffering and dying for us on the cross. Thank You that You rose again victorious! Help us to place our trust in Your sacrifice and believe in Your resurrection so we can live forever with You. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

# HE IS RISEN

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWER KEY

### Across

1. On the cross, Jesus asked, "My God, my God, why have you (**Forsaken**) me?"
4. The angel at the tomb announced the good news about Jesus, saying: "He has (**Risen**)!"
5. Jesus comforted His disciples, saying: "Behold, I am with you (**Always**), even to the end of the age."
7. Jesus said, "Go make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all that I (**Commanded**) you."

### Down

2. After Jesus died, an (**Earthquake**) shook the ground.
3. Jesus carried His own cross up a hill called (**Golgotha**).
6. When Jesus died, the veil in the temple (**Tore**), from top to bottom.
8. The two women who were first to find an empty grave were both named (**Mary**).

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## Matthew 28:6

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**Family Devotional**



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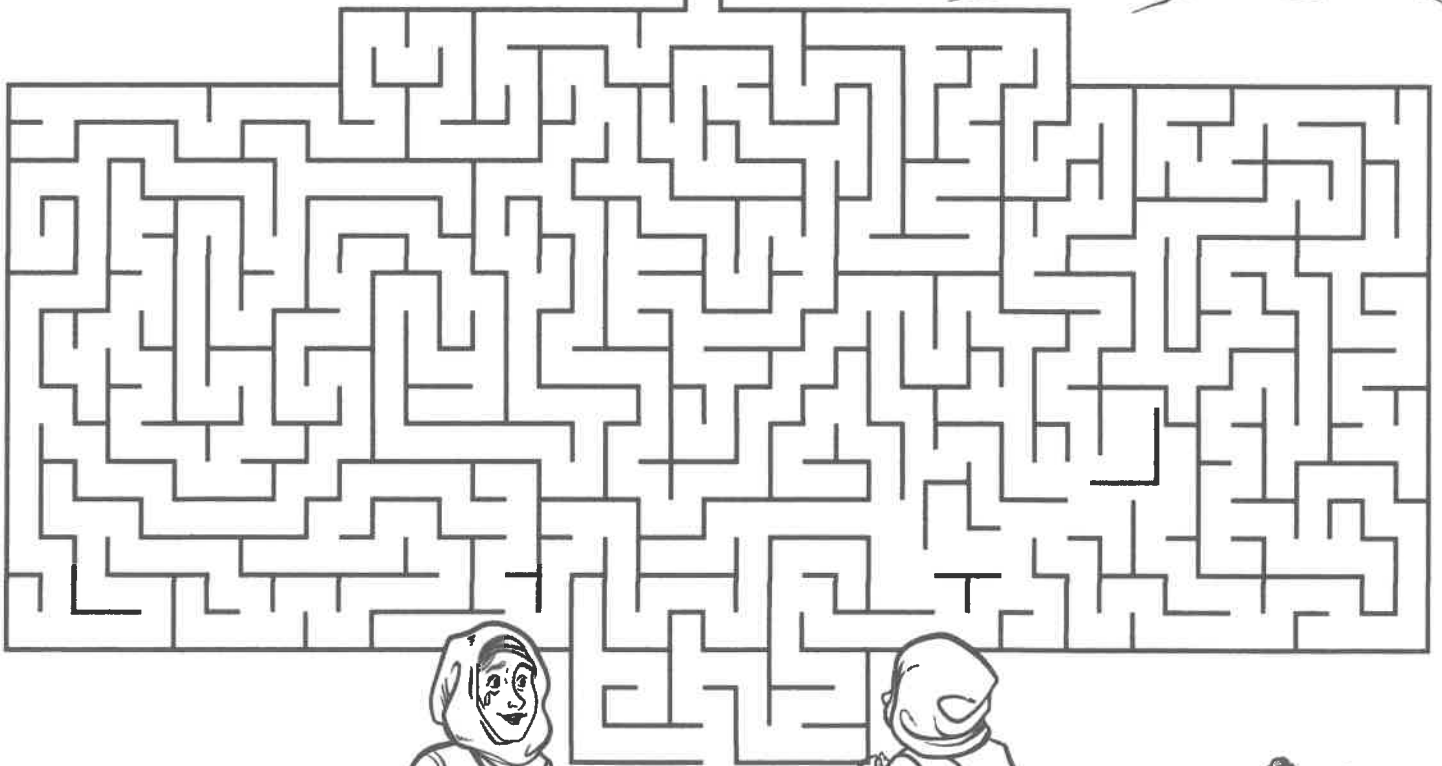
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# HE IS RISEN

Guide the women to the tomb.



START



# HE IS RISEN

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



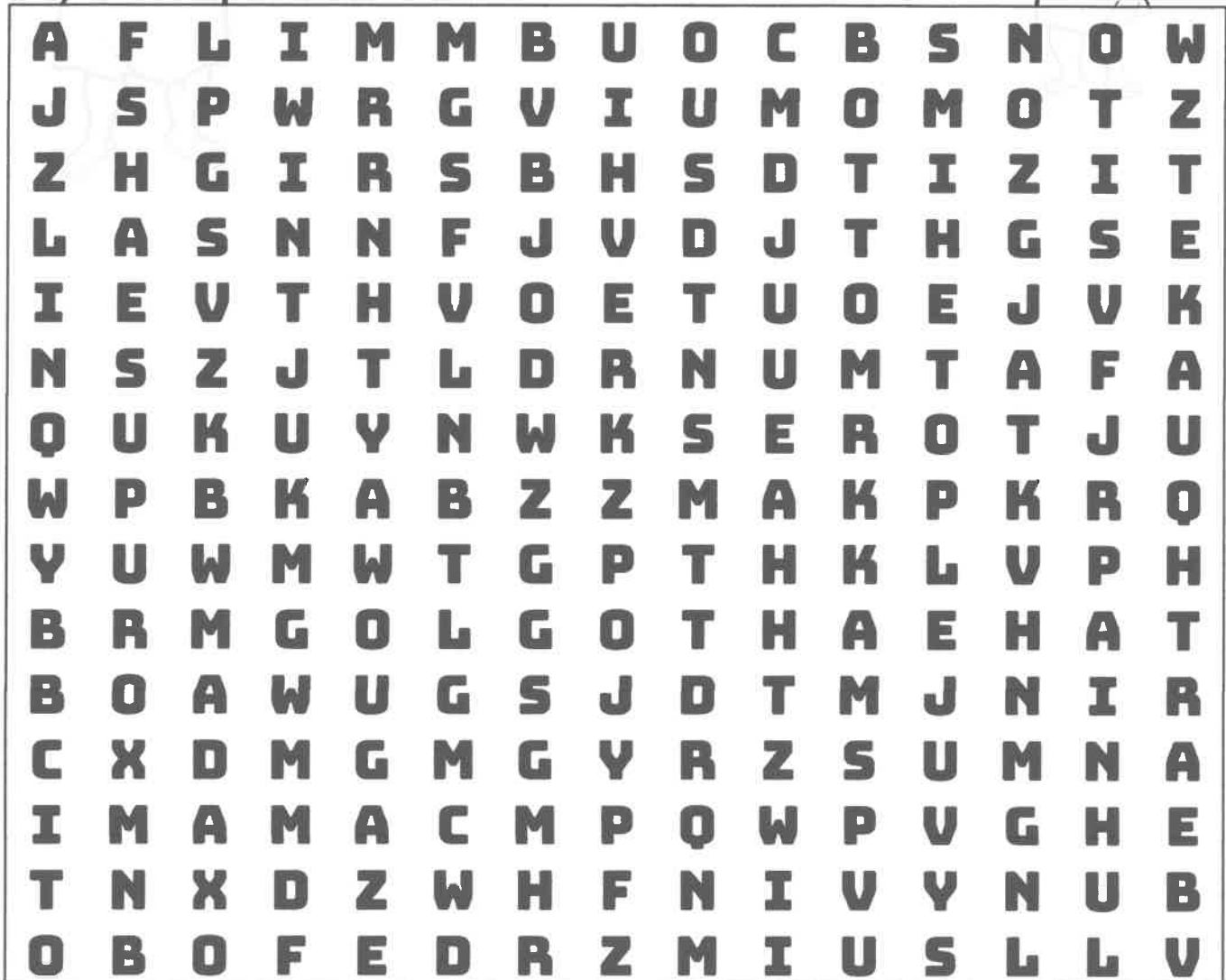


# HE IS RISEN



## Word Search

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.



## Word Bank

BOTTOM  
COMMANDED  
EARTHQUAKE

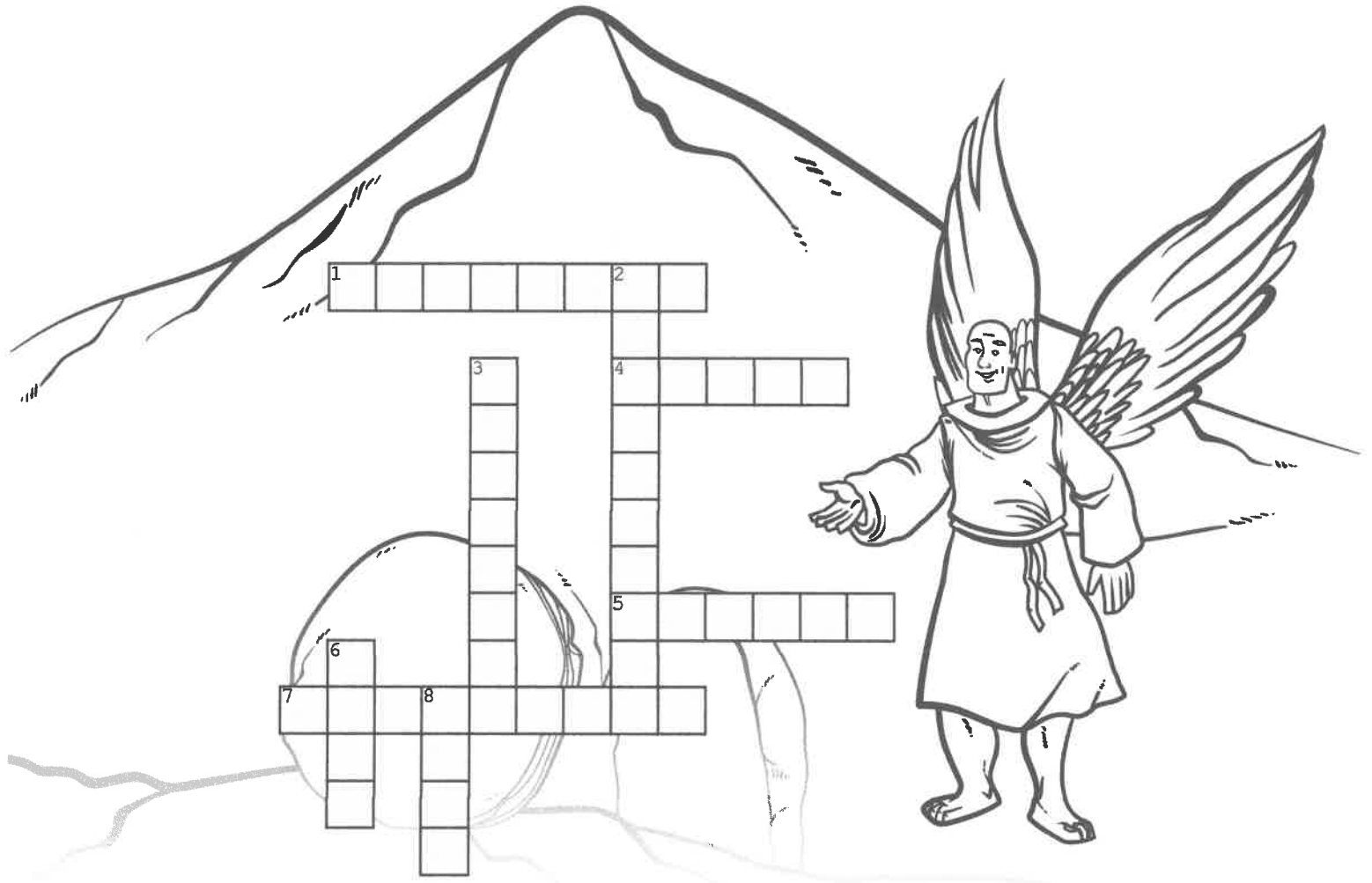
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MARY

RISEN  
TORE  
JESUS



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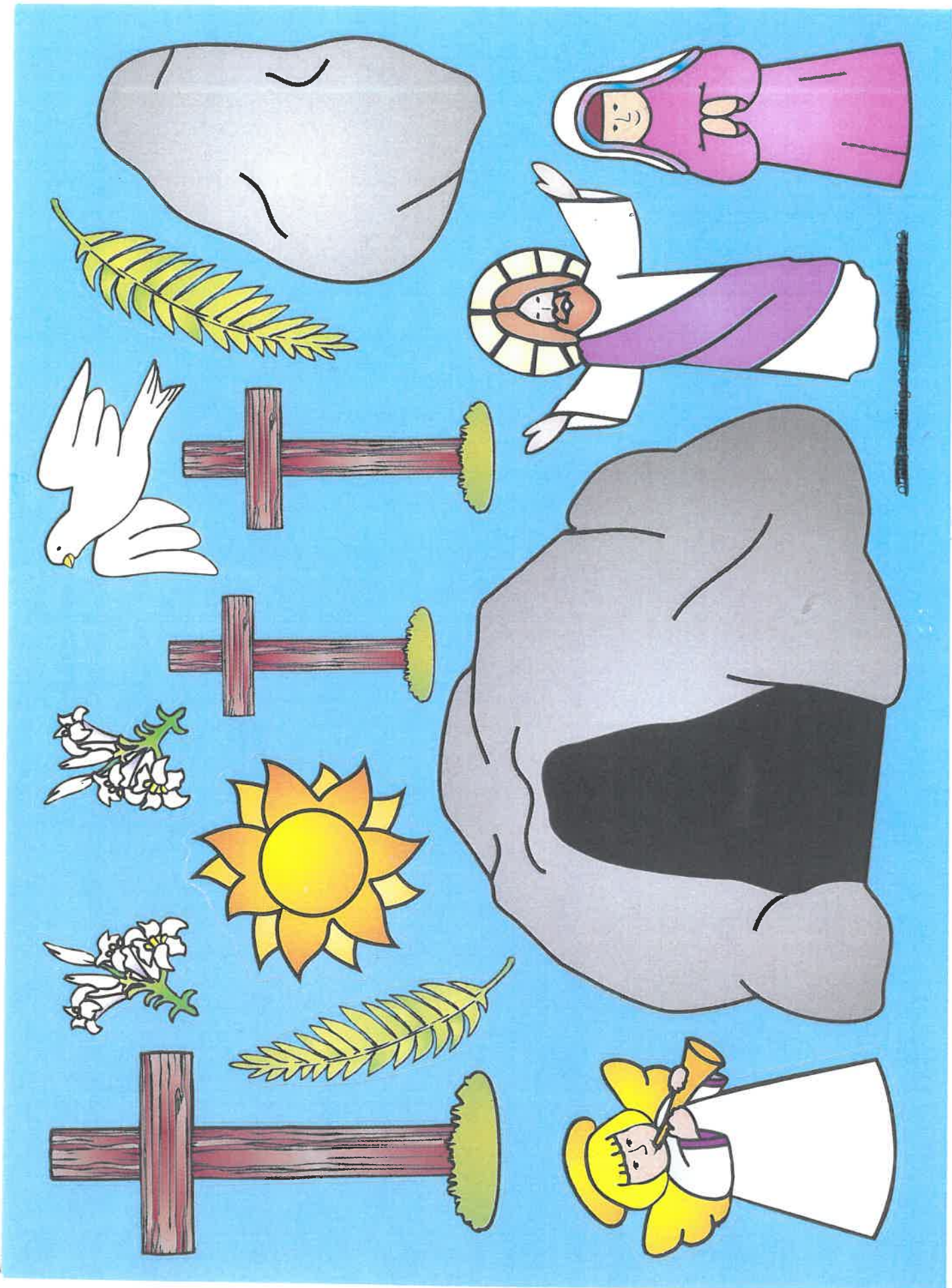
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