

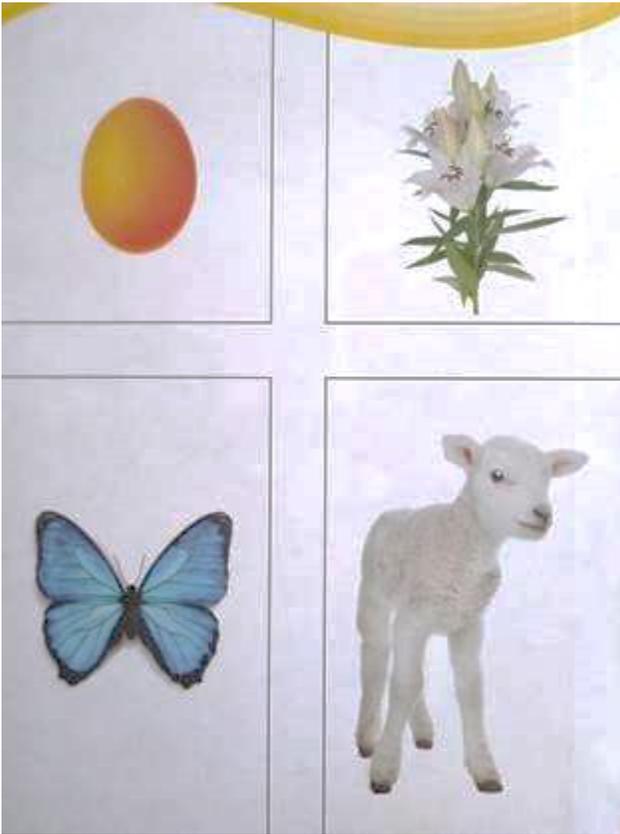
**Welcome to St. Peter's Virtual Sunday School! This Sunday is Easter Sunday!**

While we cannot meet together on Sunday morning, we can still meet virtually to learn about Jesus by reading the Bible, talking about what we've read and doing some activities. Get together with your family and do these lessons when it works for you or phone your friend or Grandma who you can't get together with right now to talk about these lessons. I hope you had fun this week being a food interviewer with a member of your family or with a friend on the phone! Remember that last week was not the end of the story; this week we learn about the good news of Easter!

**Easter Sunday** (This lesson comes from Whirl Lectionary Sunday School, Year C Spring.)

Today is the most important day of the Lectionary Year! Today we celebrate!

Our leaflet is full of Easter symbols. Each of the symbols reminds us of Jesus. Can you guess how each picture reminds us of Jesus?



If you cracked open this egg you'd find 2 colours inside, gold and white – the colours we use for Easter. The flower is a lily. Lilies remind us of new life in the springtime. The butterfly bursts out of its cocoon to live, like Jesus from the tomb. And the lamb reminds us that Jesus is called the "Lamb of God." There is one more symbol on this page. Can you see the cross? If you have been able to print this page colour and decorate the cross.

**The Story: Easter Morning Good News** (Attachments: Easter Sunday 1 and Easter Sunday 2)

Before you read the story, look at the pictures. Look at all the emotions in the faces of the women.

**Questions to think about, answer and talk about after reading the story:**

Why were the women at Jesus' tomb?

What did the women find at Jesus' tomb?

What did the women learn from the angel?

Jesus appeared at the tomb with a message. What was it?

When do you jump up and down?

When do you clap your hands?

**Activity:** (attachment Easter Sunday 3 activity)

If you cannot print this attachment, look at it to answer the first "talk about" questions. Next, fold a blank piece of paper into three spaces and number each space 1, 2, 3. Draw or write your answers for the following three numbered questions in the numbered spaces which match the questions.

Talk about: Think about the story you read today. Who was the first to tell that Jesus had risen? You're right! It was the angel! Now follow the arrows. The angel told the women. The women told the disciples. Who do you think the disciples told?

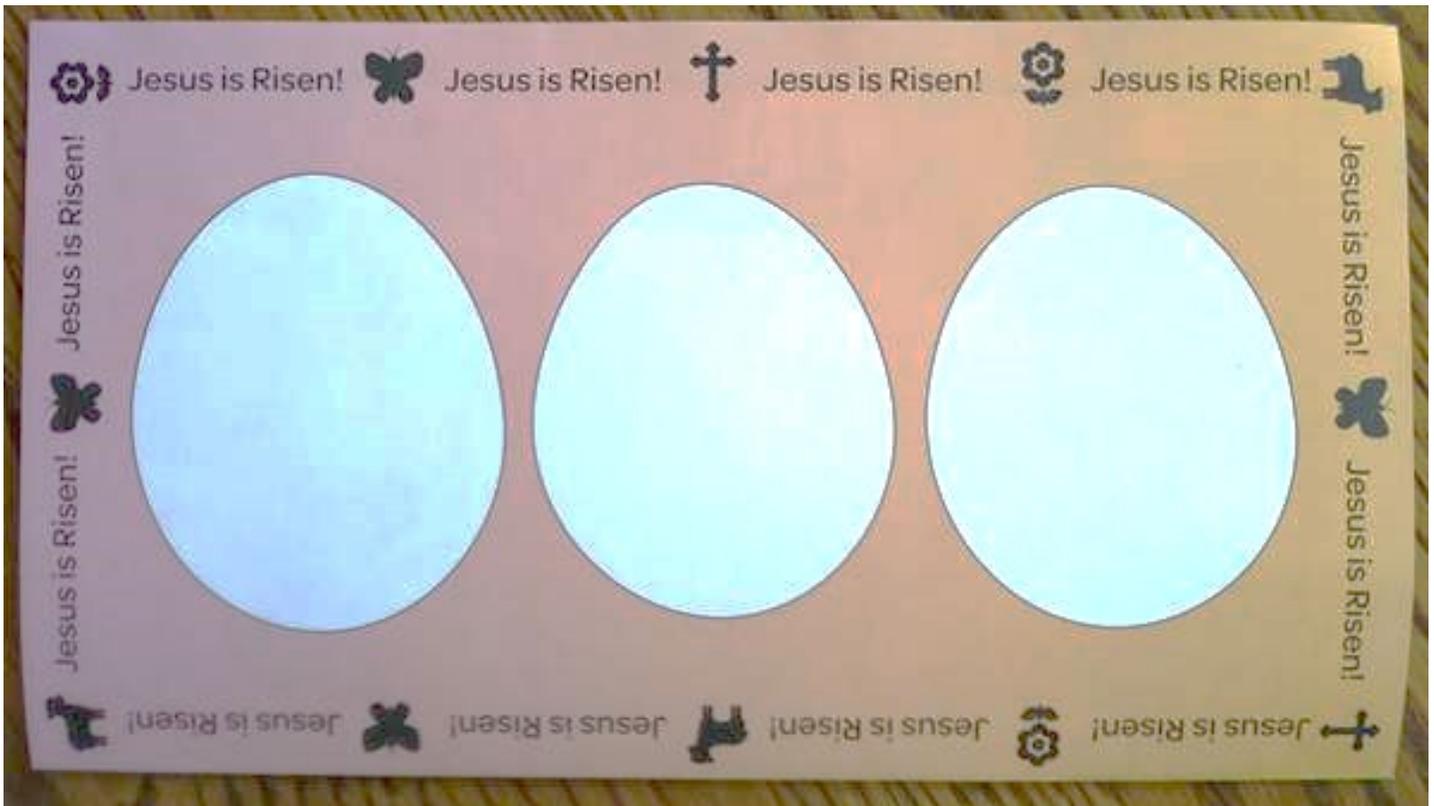
1. Who has shared the good news of Jesus with you? Write their name or draw a picture in the first space after the disciples.
2. Someone told you the good news. Draw yourself in the next space.
3. With whom can you share the good news of Jesus? (by phone, text, email, messenger...😊) Draw or write about whom you could tell.

On Easter, the women went to the tomb and found Jesus alive. First they were scared, then they were excited. Jesus told the women to share the good news with his disciples. Today, it is up to us to tell people that Jesus lives!

**Prayer:**

Jesus, fill us with Easter energy as we rise up to tell the world about you. Amen.

Now, would you like to decorate some eggs?



Otto was worried that last week's story, when Jesus died, was the end of the story. Ada made sure Otto knew there was more.

Isn't it great that there is no ending to this story; Jesus lives!

Happy Easter! (Stay healthy, keep your distance and wash your hands.)

Blessings,

Jane

# Easter Sunday- 1



YEARS A, B, C EASTER DAY

## Easter Morning Good News

MATTHEW 28:1-10  
LUKE 24:1-12

MARK 16:1-8  
JOHN 20:1-18

Sunday morning. The sun peeked over the trees. The sky was filled with pink and orange light.

As soon as Mary Magdalene and her friends woke up, they remembered what had happened two days before. Jesus died on a cross. They wiped tears from their eyes. They missed Jesus very much. But now it was time to anoint Jesus' body.

The women walked quietly to the tomb that held Jesus' body. When they arrived, the ground began to shake beneath their feet. An earthquake! Mary and the other women were afraid. They held tightly to each other.

Everything became still. The women slowly stepped closer to the tomb. The huge stone was GONE! Someone had rolled it away!

The women looked into the tomb and gasped! Jesus' body was GONE!



*I wonder what anointing means.*

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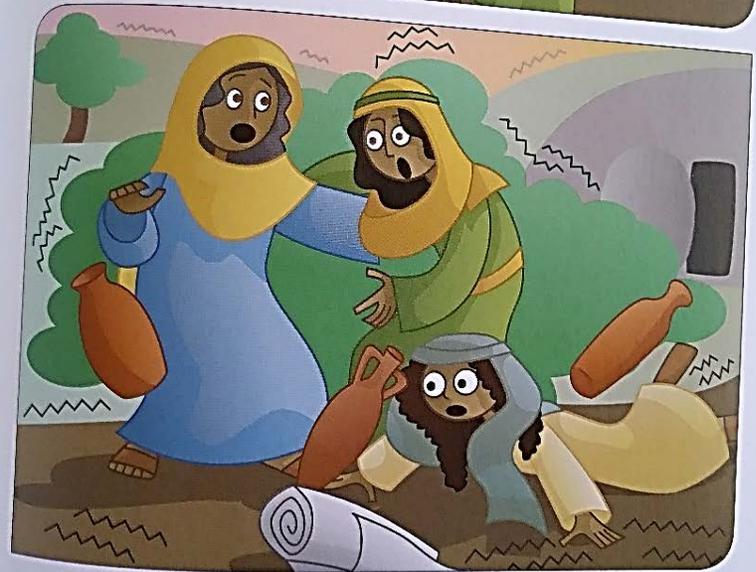
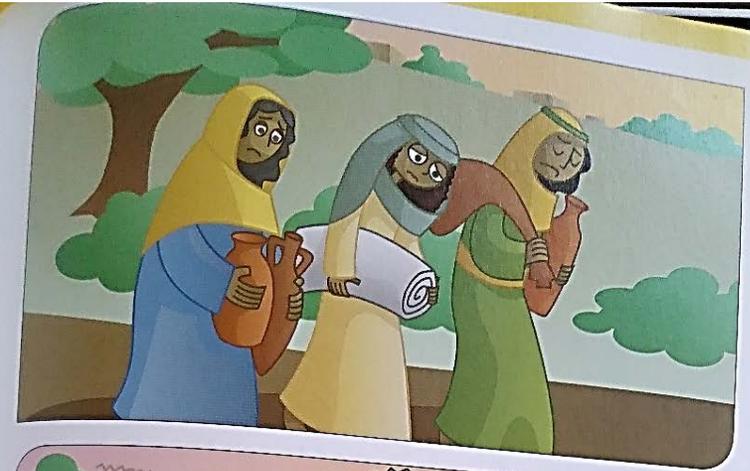
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*That's when they put spices on the bodies of people who died.*



## Easter Sunday- 2

The women blinked their eyes. "Who's that?" they wondered. An angel! Dressed in dazzling white!

"Don't be afraid," the angel said. "You are looking for Jesus, but he isn't here. Jesus is alive! GO and TELL his disciples. Jesus is RISEN!"

"Could it be true?" the women wondered.

Mary and her friends rushed to tell the other disciples. Suddenly, Jesus appeared.

"Greetings," he said. The women reached out to touch him.

"Jesus! It's you!" Mary exclaimed.

Her friends jumped and clapped their hands.

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### When do you jump and clap your hands?

Jesus smiled at them. "GO and TELL my disciples. I'm alive!"

The women raced down the road to share the good news. Jesus is RISEN!

Wow! Jesus is risen!  
How did that HAPPEN?

No one is quite sure  
of the logistics, Ada.



