

**Materials I Need:**

**Memory Verse:**

**Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Luke 19:38**

**Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:**

1. Did the angels at the tomb tell the women that Jesus was alive? (Yes)
2. Did the angels at the tomb tell the disciples that Jesus was alive? (Yes)
3. Did the disciples see Jesus after He came to life? (Yes. Jesus let the disciples touch His hands and He ate fish with them.)
4. Did the disciples know that Jesus was the Holy One from God? (Yes. He came back to life.)
5. Did the disciples love to listen to Jesus when He taught from the Bible? (Yes)
6. Do you love to listen to Jesus' words in the Bible? (Yes)

**Aim Questions for 4's, 5's & K:**

1. What did the angels at the tomb tell the women and the disciples about Jesus? (The angels said, "Jesus is alive!")
2. What did Jesus teach the two men on the road to Emmaus? (He taught from the Old Testament about the holy Son of God.)
3. What did Jesus do when He came to the disciples in Jerusalem? (He ate with them and taught from the Old Testament about how He was the promised Savior.)
4. What did the disciples think about Jesus when He kept teaching them for forty days? (They knew He was the holy Son of God who was alive.)
5. What did the disciples do when Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit? (They listened to His words and obeyed Him.)
6. Do you believe that Jesus is the holy Son of God, do you listen to His words in the Bible, and do you obey them?

**Key for symbols:**

- This box symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow down the pace for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that are best used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

**Hook:**

**Review with Picture Books:** Read from a simple children's book that has good pictures about Jesus' last night and His death on the cross. A good choice would be The Beginner's Bible (Questar Publishers). Many of the children's Bibles have good pictures of the tomb with the big stone. Because we didn't talk much about the tomb and stone last week, you may want to do some of the following activities that relate to Jesus' burial as a prelude to this week's empty tomb.

**Memory Verse Review:** "Last week the Pharisees and Judas Iscariot did a mean thing to Jesus. They wanted Him to die on the cross because He said that they loved money more than they loved

God. Did the disciples say mean things about Jesus? No! They loved Jesus. Let's sing 'Luke 19:38,' our memory verse song, to remind us what the disciples said about Jesus."

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- Why Jesus Died Review:** "Do you remember why Jesus had to die on the cross as we learned in our lesson last week? That's right, He had to die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin, for the bad things that we do. Let's sing the 'Jesus Is the Holy One' song from last week to remind ourselves who Jesus is, and why He died for us."
- Pin Jesus on the Tomb: (BLUK21ECGF10)** Hang your cross scene from last week on the wall and make a new scene of a tomb with a stone partially covering the entrance. Have cut-outs of Jesus that the children can pin or tape on the tomb. As they are doing this, talk about how we learned last week that Jesus died on the cross for our sins (point to your cross scene) and was buried in the tomb. Sing "Jesus Died for You and Me" as you do the activity. (See last week's Song section.) Then tell the children that this week we will find out what happens to Jesus.
- Luke Angel Review: (Review picture BLUK01ECGF3)** As the children are coming in the room, have cut-outs of the big angel, one for each child. Let the children decorate their angels with colors and sequins (teacher needs to help). As they are making their angels, talk about the times we have heard about angels in the book of Luke so far (the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah in lesson one, to Mary and Joseph in lesson two, and to Jesus in the garden in lesson 20). Talk about how in today's story, angels will have good news to tell the women and disciples. Ask the children, "Do you know what the Good News was? We will find out during the story."
- "Get the Wiggles Out" Transition Activity:** Run in place to music, faster and faster. When the children are almost out of breath, stop the music and say together, "Jesus is not dead. Jesus is alive!" Repeat.
- Follow the Leader:** As the children follow you in skipping, scratching their neighbors' backs, etc., include motions like waving palm branches in the air because Jesus is the King, running in place with excitement on your face, cupping ears to listen to someone, eating the Passover meal together, walking to the Mount of Olives with sad faces, praying on your knees, marching like the soldiers coming to take Jesus, arms spread out to represent Jesus dying on a cross, hurrying to the tomb to put spices on Jesus' body, clapping and acting happy because the angels have good news, and pretending to hold and read your Bible. "In today's Bible Adventure, we will hear some very good news from the book of Luke."
- ② **"Empty" Game:** Before you tell the Bible Adventure, give the children a concept of "empty" to illustrate the empty tomb. Play a game with an egg carton and twelve plastic colored eggs that open. Place one item such as a tiny doll (or more than one for younger children) in a plastic egg. The rest of the eggs are empty. The object of the game is to try to find "Jesus" in the tomb. One child chooses and opens a plastic egg. If there is nothing in the egg, you say, "Empty! No one is here!" The next child chooses another egg, repeating the process, until the Jesus doll is found. When someone finds the doll, you can say something like, "You found him! Yay!" The teacher then turns her back to the children as she puts the Jesus doll in another egg of a different color and places it in the egg carton. The game continues for a few minutes, as interest and time allow.
- ④ **Happy-Sad Situations:** Make or provide happy-sad face paper plate puppets for each child by stapling two paper plates onto a craft stick and putting a smiling face on one side and a frowning face on the other. As you talk about different situations in their lives, the children can show the appropriate faces. Include situations like the following: Jesus loves you. \_\_\_\_\_ came to Bible School today. Your friend is sick in bed. You miss your grandma and grandpa who had to move away. Your dad reads a Bible story to you. You get to help your friend celebrate his birthday. You tell your friend about Jesus. You go to your friend's house and he is gone. "In the Bible Adventure today, you will hear of some people who were sad and then they were very happy! I wonder what happens!"



**Book:**  
**Presentation Ideas -**

- Show the **BLUK21ECGF1, BLUK21ECGF2, BLUK21ECGF3, and BLUK21ECGF4** pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. The twos and threes will not use the GF3 picture because they are not learning that section of the story.
- Make a paper mache tomb with a large stone in front of the opening. Remember how sad the disciple Joseph was as he lovingly wrapped Jesus' body and placed Him in the tomb.
- Cross Scene and Tomb Scene:** When you get to the part in the Bible Adventure where Jesus is gone, go over to the tomb scene and take down all the "Pinned Jesus" pictures as you tell the children that Jesus was not in the tomb and that He was alive. As you continue with the story, tape up two angels to your tomb.
- Christ Arose Shadow Box: (BLUK21ECGF7)** Make one or more shadow boxes so that the children can look in the end and see the crosses that remind us of how Jesus died for us. Look in the hole and tell the children what you see. "I see three crosses. What happened on the three crosses that we learned about last week? I see a tomb with a stone. What happened in the tomb that we learned last week? Something wonderful has happened at the tomb. I want to tell you all about it." After the Bible Adventure, let the children look in the box(es) and see the crosses and the empty tomb. Put the angel on the tomb.
- At the end of the Bible Adventure, take a helium-filled balloon and a regular balloon out of a sack. Hold them both by their knots and say, "Jesus has risen from the dead, so I have brought some balloons to celebrate! What do you think will happen if I let these balloons go?" Let the children respond, then let go of both balloons. Point to the helium balloon and say, "This balloon rose to the ceiling because it is special. It's filled with helium, and that makes it float. Jesus is special, too. Because He is God's Son, He's powerful enough to rise from the dead. Just as our helium balloon rose to the ceiling, Jesus rose from the dead and then went up to heaven to live with God. If we believe in Jesus, we can live with Him in heaven someday, too."

### **Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's -**

*(Show a review picture of the crosses.)* Jesus had to die on the cross because the Bible said that He had to take your punishment and my punishment for the wrong and selfish things we do.

One of the disciples wrapped Jesus' body in a cloth and lovingly placed it in a quiet tomb. The disciples went home and sat with sad faces. "How could Jesus be gone? We thought He was the holy Son of God!" they said. "What shall we do now?" They didn't know what to do.

*(Show the GF1 picture of the women at the tomb with the angels.)* On Sunday morning, several of the women went out to the tomb. They missed Jesus.

When the women arrived at the tomb, they saw that the big stone had been rolled away from the door of the tomb. What was happening? Suddenly, two bright, shining angels stood before them. The women were so afraid that they fell to the ground. The angels said, "Don't be afraid. The tomb is empty! Jesus is alive, just as He promised!"

*(Show the GF2 picture of the empty tomb.)* The women looked inside the door. They looked around the tomb but they could not see Jesus' body! It was gone!

The women ran back as fast as they could to tell the disciples. Out of breath, they shouted, "Jesus is not dead! Jesus is alive! The tomb is empty!"

The disciples ran to the tomb to see for themselves. They looked inside but they could not find Jesus' body. "Where could He be?" they wondered. The disciples went back home, wondering what happened to Jesus.

*(Show the GF4 picture of Jesus with His disciples.)* While the disciples were talking together, Jesus suddenly appeared in the room. The disciples were afraid because they thought they were seeing a ghost.

Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. It is me, Jesus. See, I am alive! Here, touch My hands and see. I am alive, just as I promised."

The disciples were so excited! They wanted to shout for joy! Jesus was alive, just as He promised! *(Clap your hands for joy.)*

Jesus said to the disciples, "You will be My preachers. You will tell everyone about Me and what I did. First, though, you have to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit from God. Don't leave Jerusalem. Stay right here. Trust My words. God will keep His promise to help you spread the Good News."

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be the true King. He is alive in heaven! Now I can live with You in Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

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*(Show the GF1 picture of the women at the tomb with the angels.)* On Sunday morning, several of the women went out to the tomb. They wanted to put more spices on Jesus' body. They missed Him.

When the women arrived at the tomb, they saw that the big stone had been rolled away from the door of the tomb. What was happening? The women looked inside the door. They looked around the tomb but they could not see Jesus' body! It was gone!

Suddenly, two bright, shining angels stood before them. The women were so afraid that they fell to the ground. The angels said, "Don't be afraid. The tomb is empty! Jesus is alive, just as He said! Do you remember when Jesus told you that He would come back to life?" The women remembered Jesus' words and were beginning to get excited.

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The disciples ran to the tomb to see for themselves. They looked inside but they could not find Jesus' body. "Where could He be?" they wondered. The disciples went back home, wondering what was happening.

*(Show the GF3 picture of two men on the road to Emmaus.)* That same day, two of Jesus' followers were walking on the road to the town of Emmaus. They were talking about all the things that had been happening in Jerusalem.

While they were walking, Jesus Himself came alongside them. The men didn't know it was Jesus so they told Him all about what had happened to Jesus. Then they told Jesus about the empty tomb and what the angels had said about Jesus being alive.

Jesus didn't tell the disciples who He was. He just began explaining to the two men what the Old Testament words said about the holy Son of God. He told them the verses that said the promised Savior would have to suffer and die and then be raised from the dead. The two men loved hearing God's words from the Bible. They knew God's words were true.

Suddenly, the two men saw that it was Jesus who was talking with them. Just as they realized who Jesus was, He disappeared from them. Jesus' body was a new body that could appear and disappear whenever He wanted.

The disciples ran back to Jerusalem to tell the rest of the disciples that they had seen Jesus. They said, "We talked with Jesus! He is alive, just as He promised!"

*(Show a picture of Jesus with His hands extended to the disciples.)* While the disciples were talking together, Jesus suddenly appeared in the room. The door was locked so the disciples didn't know how anyone could get into the room. They were afraid because they thought they were seeing a ghost.

Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. It is me, Jesus. I am not a ghost. Here, touch my hands and see. Give me some food and I will eat it. I am alive, just as I promised."

Jesus helped the disciples understand Isaiah's promise about the holy Son of God. The disciples finally understood that Jesus had to die on a cross. They understood all of Jesus' words that He had been trying to tell them. The disciples were so excited! They wanted to shout for joy! Jesus was alive, just as He promised!

Jesus said to the disciples, "You will be My preachers. You will tell everyone about Me and what I did. First, though, you have to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit from God. Don't leave Jerusalem. Stay right here. God promised to send a Savior, and I came. Now I have to go away to heaven, but I'm promising to send you the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit comes, He will give you the right words to preach. Trust My words. God will keep His promise to help you."

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be the true King. He is alive in heaven! Now I can live with You in Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.



**Look:**

- Easter Large Muscle Activity: (BLUK21ECGF6)** After the Bible Adventure, give the children some creative action with this fingerplay. Repeat it several times and then again later in the class.
- Jesus Rising from Tomb: (BLUK21ECGF9 & BLUK21ECGF10)** As the children tear bits of construction paper and glue them beside the GF9 tomb to look like grass, talk about what happened when Jesus died on the cross. “Jesus had to die on the cross to take away our sins. The disciples lovingly placed Jesus’ body in the tomb. The disciples went home and locked their doors.” Have the children tear brown construction paper pieces and glue them on the tomb. Glue cotton balls on the clouds. Cut out one GF10 Jesus per child and let the children tape theirs to the center of a 16-inch piece of yarn. Stick the yarn ends through the paper (slit 1 and slit 2) and tie the ends of yarn in the back so that the yarn can’t pull through. Slide Jesus out of the tomb and up towards the clouds by pulling on the yarn behind the picture. Sing happy songs about Jesus being alive.
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- Luke Story Circles Review Game: (BLUK21ECGF12)** Review the Aim Questions with the GF12 story circles. Have copies of the story circles at each table (two of each circle). Have the teacher at the table put the circles in the middle upside down (so the pictures aren’t showing). Have the children pull a circle out of the pile and tell the people at the table what is happening in the picture. Remember that two-year-olds will need a lot of prompting with this. When all the circles have been drawn, sing “Jesus Rose for You and Me” while the children color their circles.
- Jesus Is Alive Puzzles: (BLUK21ECGF1, BLUK21ECGF2, BLUK21ECGF3, & BLUK21ECGF4-- See BLUK21ECGF6 for sample cutting pattern)** Choose one or more of the pictures to make puzzles for the children. Give each child a picture to color, making sure that there are several different pictures at each table for older children. Let the children color their pictures. Cut the pictures in sections to make puzzles (see GF6 sample). Cut the pictures in different shapes. As the children put their pictures back together, talk about the Aim Questions.
- Roll the Stone Game:** Give each child one or two sheets of newspaper. Show the children how to crumple their papers to form a large ball. Help them wrap masking tape around their paper balls to keep them from coming apart. “We’re going to pretend that these paper balls are stones like the one that was in front of Jesus’ tomb.” Have everyone stand on one side of the room. “Put your stone on the floor in front of you. When I say, ‘Jesus is alive!’ use your feet to roll your stone to the other side of the room. Then come back to this side.” When the children have moved their stones across the room and returned, ask, “Who would like to tell a new way to move the stone?” Children might suggest pushing the stones with their noses, rolling the stones with their hands, or carrying the stones and hopping. Talk about how God didn’t push the stone with His foot, hands, or nose. He spoke a word and the heavy stone rolled away. After several rounds of the game, say, “All this stone rolling is making me thirsty. Let’s put our stones away and have a refreshing treat.” (See Snack Center)
- Snack Center:** Make sure there is a teacher at each table who demonstrates this snack activity. Give each child a cup of chocolate milk and a plastic spoon. Set out a bowl of marshmallows. Ask the children, “What will happen if I put a marshmallow in my cup of milk?” Let the children respond. Then put a marshmallow in your cup and say, “See? The marshmallow rises to the top. Even if I take a spoon and push the marshmallow down, it still comes back up. It makes me remember that Jesus didn’t stay down in the tomb. Jesus came back to life.” Let the children drop marshmallows in their chocolate milk. Encourage them to push the marshmallows down with their spoons and watch them float back up to the top. Then enjoy the treat together. After the milk has been drunk, each child can say, “My cup is empty like the tomb. It helps me remember that Jesus is alive! Jesus is alive in heaven!”
- ④ **Roll the Stone Activity: (See BLUK21ECGF6)** Cover a table with old newspapers. Set out cups of tempera paint and a cup of water, plastic spoons, a 9” x 13” cake pan, a marker, and construction paper. Help the children put on paint shirts that you have requested from the Children’s Department. “When the women went to Jesus’ tomb, they discovered that the stone had been rolled away and Jesus was alive. We’re going to make special rolling-stone paintings to help us remember that Jesus is alive.” Hold up a golf ball. “This golf ball will be our ‘stone.’ We’ll take turns dipping the golf ball in the paint and rolling it around to make pretty designs on paper. You’ll each get to dip and roll the golf ball stone five times. While you’re waiting for a turn, you can say a fun cheer. It goes like this: ‘One roll, two rolls, three, four, five. We know Jesus is alive!’ Let’s practice once together.” Lead the children in saying the cheer, then place a sheet of paper inside the cake pan. Show the children how to dip the golf ball into a cup of paint, then place the golf ball in the cake pan and gently tip the



Jesus rose for you and me, you and me, you and me.  
Jesus rose for you and me.  
He's alive today!

**Jesus Is Alive** (tune: "Happy Birthday")

Jesus i-is alive.  
Jesus i-is alive.  
Hooray, hooray!  
He is risen today.

**Rejoice in the Lord** (From BLUK20EC song section)

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**Jesus Is Alive** (tune: "This Little Light of Mine")

G  
"Rejoice!" the angel said, "Jesus is alive,"  
C G  
"Rejoice!" the angel said, "Jesus is alive,"  
G D7 G C G  
He's alive, He's alive, He's alive.

G  
1. Did He rise from the dead? YES! He is alive!

C G  
Did He rise from the dead? YES! He is alive!

D7 G  
He's alive, He's alive, He's alive.

2. Is Jesus here with us? YES! He is alive!

Is Jesus here with us? YES! He is alive!

He's alive, He's alive, He's alive.

**"Jesus Has Risen from the Dead" Song:** "Let's play a popping up game to remind us that Jesus has risen from the dead. Scatter around the room, and squat down. I'll walk around and sing a song. When I touch you on the head, jump up, hold my hand, and join me in singing the song. Then we'll touch someone else, and that person will join us. When you hear the words 'He is alive!' jump high in the air and say, 'Yea, Jesus!'" Walk or skip around the room and tap children on the head as you sing "Jesus Has Risen" to the tune of "Mulberry Bush."

Jesus has risen from the dead (tap a child's head),  
From the dead (tap another child's head),  
From the dead (tap another child's head).

Jesus has risen from the dead (tap another child's head),  
He is alive! (Jump up and say, "Yea, Jesus!")

Repeat the verse until everyone has joined hands and is singing with you. Then form a circle and walk around as you sing the last verse together.

Will you love Jesus? Yes, we will!

Yes, we will! Yes, we will!

Will you love Jesus? Yes, we will!

He is alive! (Jump up and say, "Yea, Jesus!")



**Took:**

**Balloon Reminder:** Bring a helium-filled balloon for each child to have. On each balloon, write the words, "Jesus is alive!" Hold up the balloons and say, "I have a balloon for each of you to take home. But first, let's say our memory verse and then, 'Jesus is alive!'" When each child has a balloon, say, "You did that so well. Let's say it one more time, all together, nice and loud. Then we'll let our balloons float up to the ceiling to remind us that Jesus is alive in heaven. After we let go of the balloons, we'll say a prayer. Then I'll pull the balloons back down and help you tie them to your

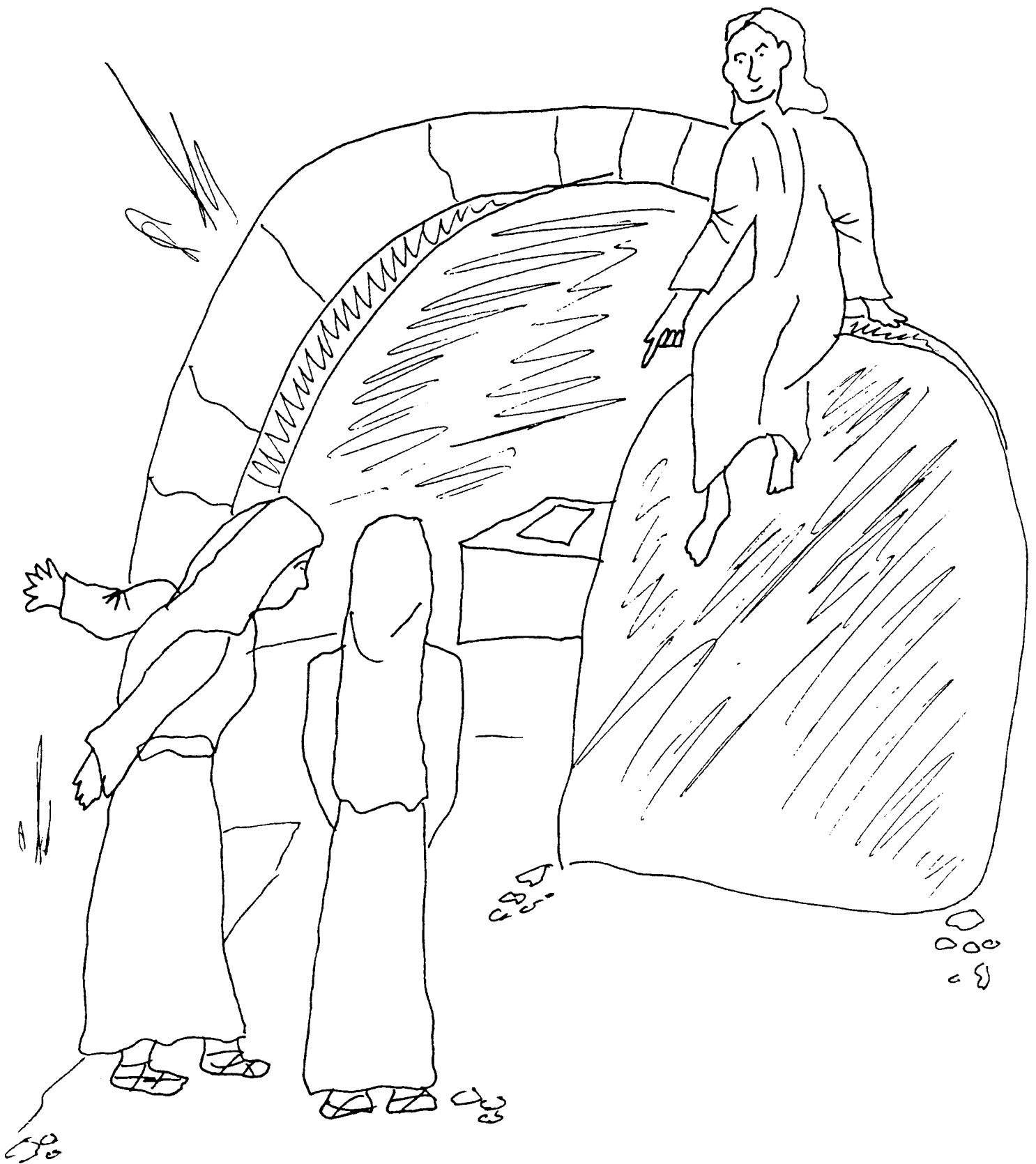
wrists." Have the children look up at the balloons as you pray, "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for us. The balloons remind us of how happy we are that Jesus is alive today. Help us obey His words this week. Amen." Tie the balloons to the children's wrists as they leave.

**He's Alive Armbands: (BLUK21ECGF5)** Help the students to remember that we rejoice because Jesus has risen from the dead and He's alive. Make "He's alive!" armbands by copying the GF5 armband strips onto cardstock paper. Cut the strips and let the children color the pictures of the empty tomb and the smiley faces. Another attractive alternative for older children is to glue the armband strip to a wider strip of construction paper so that it makes a "two-toned" armband. Tape the armbands around the children's upper arms, and march around the room singing "He's Alive" (see Song section) or "Rejoice in the Lord" (see Song section from BLUK20EC).

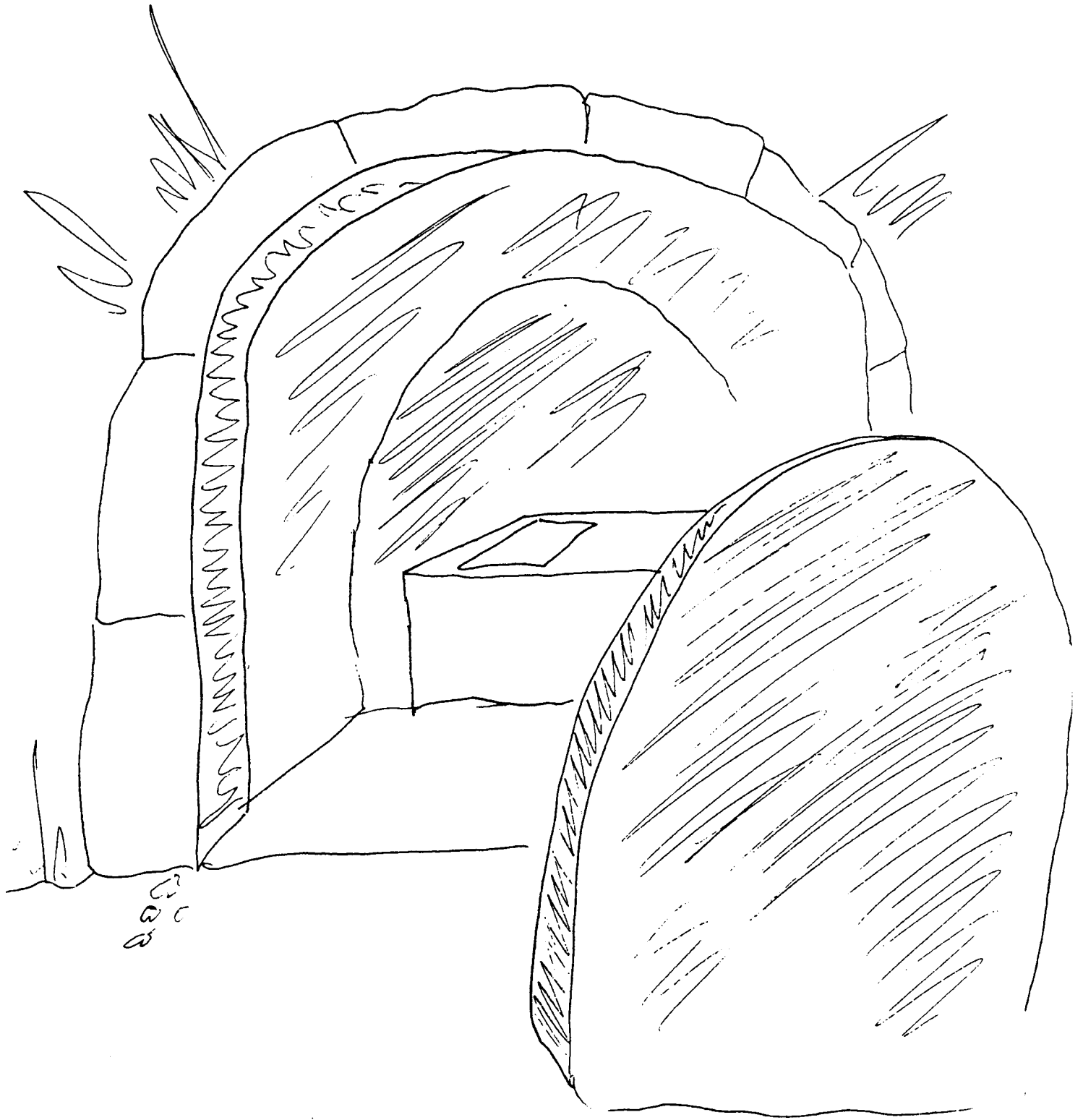
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**Review Questions Game:** Seat the children in a circle on the floor. Use one newspaper stone (newspaper wadded into a ball) to roll to a child seated in the circle. The one who receives the ball gets to answer an Aim Question or say the memory verse. (Friends on either side may help in case of embarrassment.) Continue the game as interest allows.

**Jesus Rising Out of Tomb: (BLUK21ECGF11)** Make tombs out of styrofoam bowls. Give each child a styrofoam bowl. Cut out a round opening on one side of the bowl and set it rim side down. Use this round cut-out section for the stone that rolls away. Let the children tear brown construction paper pieces and glue them on the bowl. Tape the GF11 angel with the words "He is risen!" on a popsicle stick and insert it in the top of the tomb.



When the women arrived at the tomb, the angel said,  
"Jesus is not here! He is alive!"



The tomb was empty!  
Jesus kept His promise to come back to life!

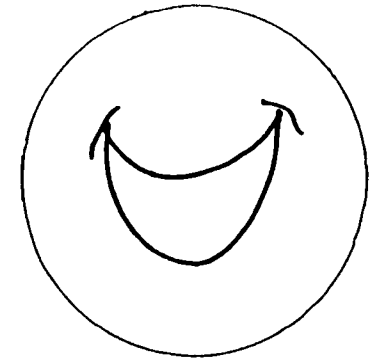
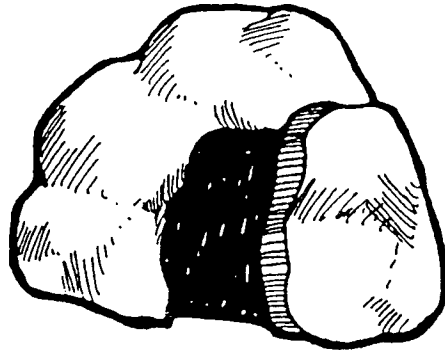
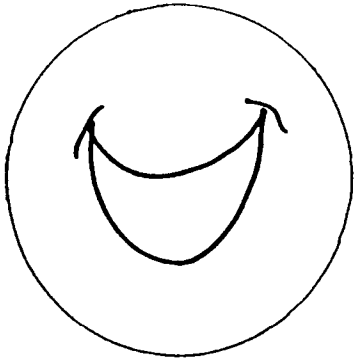
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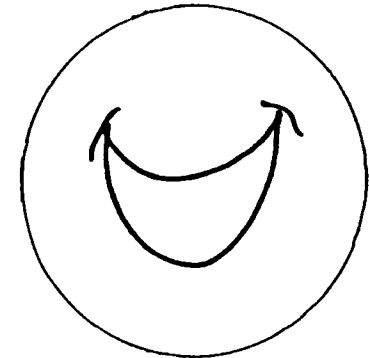
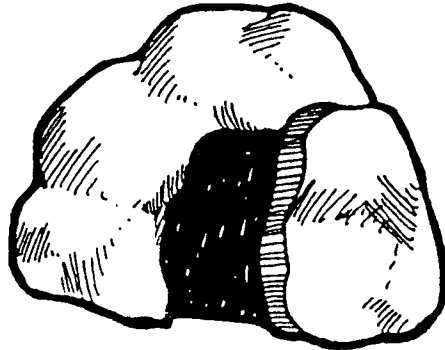
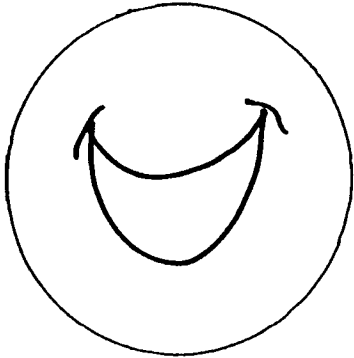
Jesus showed His disciples that He was alive.



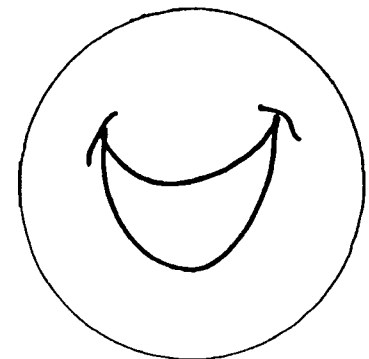
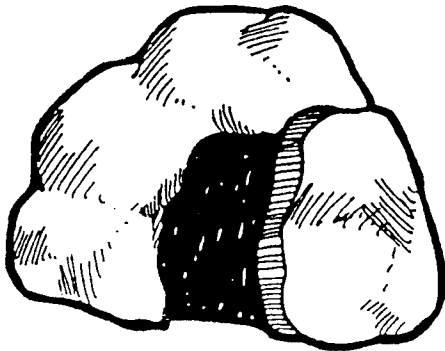
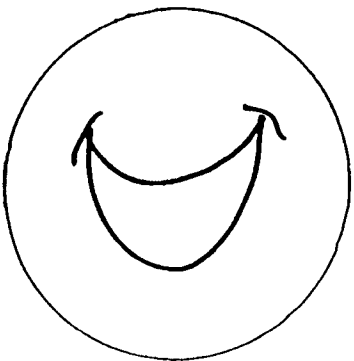
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# Easter Large Muscle Activity

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We tiptoe quietly to the tomb.

We are so very sad.

But look! There is an angel

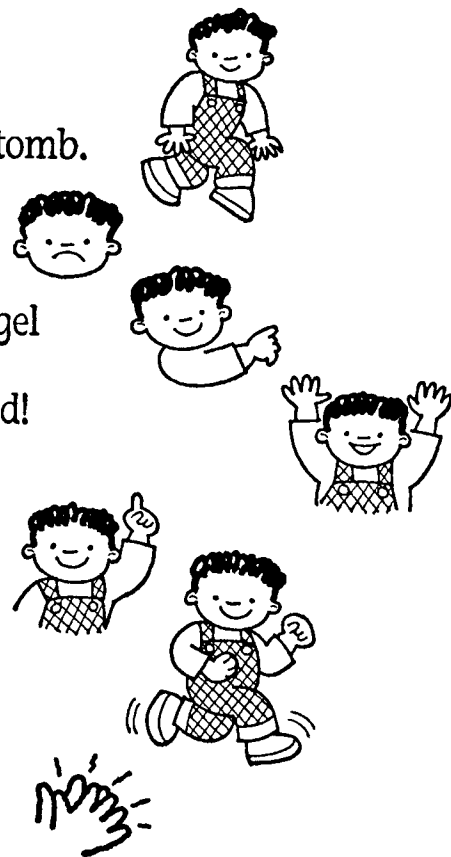
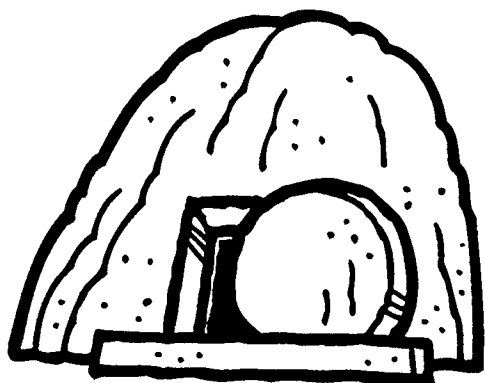
Who's telling us, "Be glad!

Jesus isn't here now.

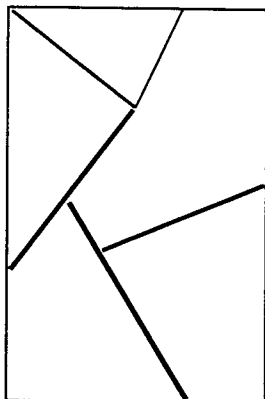
He is alive, not dead!"

We run to tell the others!

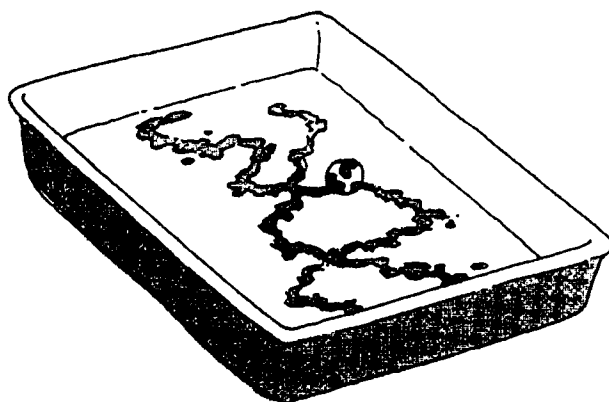
"He's risen, as He said!"



### Sample Puzzle

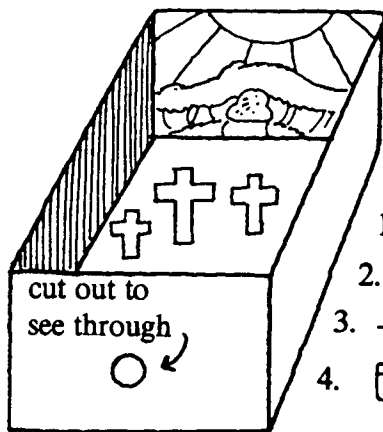


### Roll the Stone Activity

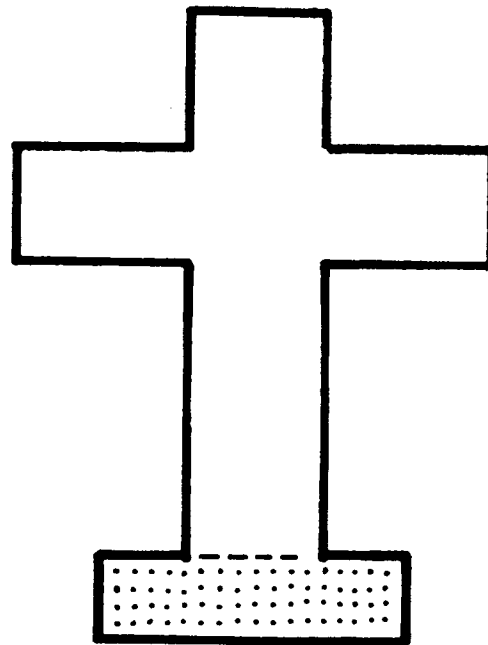
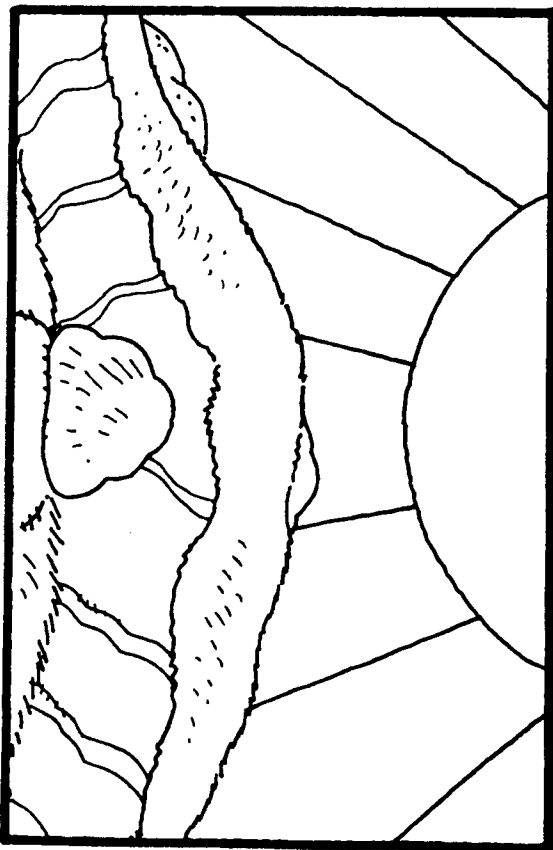
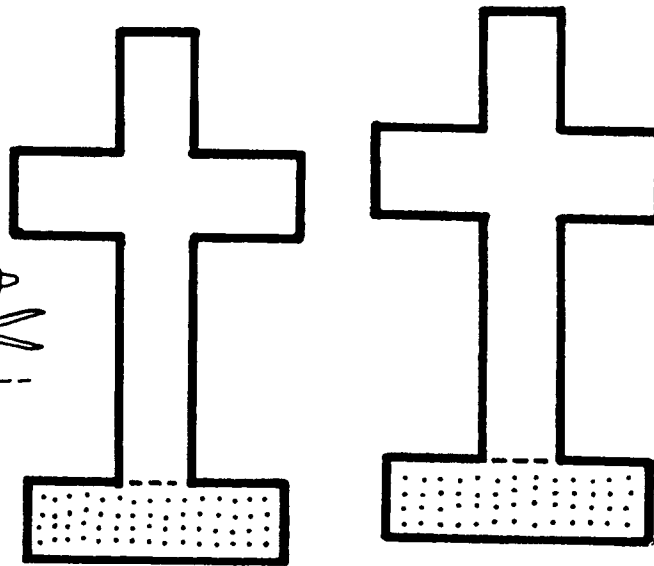


# Christ Arose Shadow Box

To make a shadow box, color and glue the picture to the inside back of the box. Cut the hole in the front end of the box as shown below. Cut and tape the crosses in front of the picture. Glue an angel to the tomb.

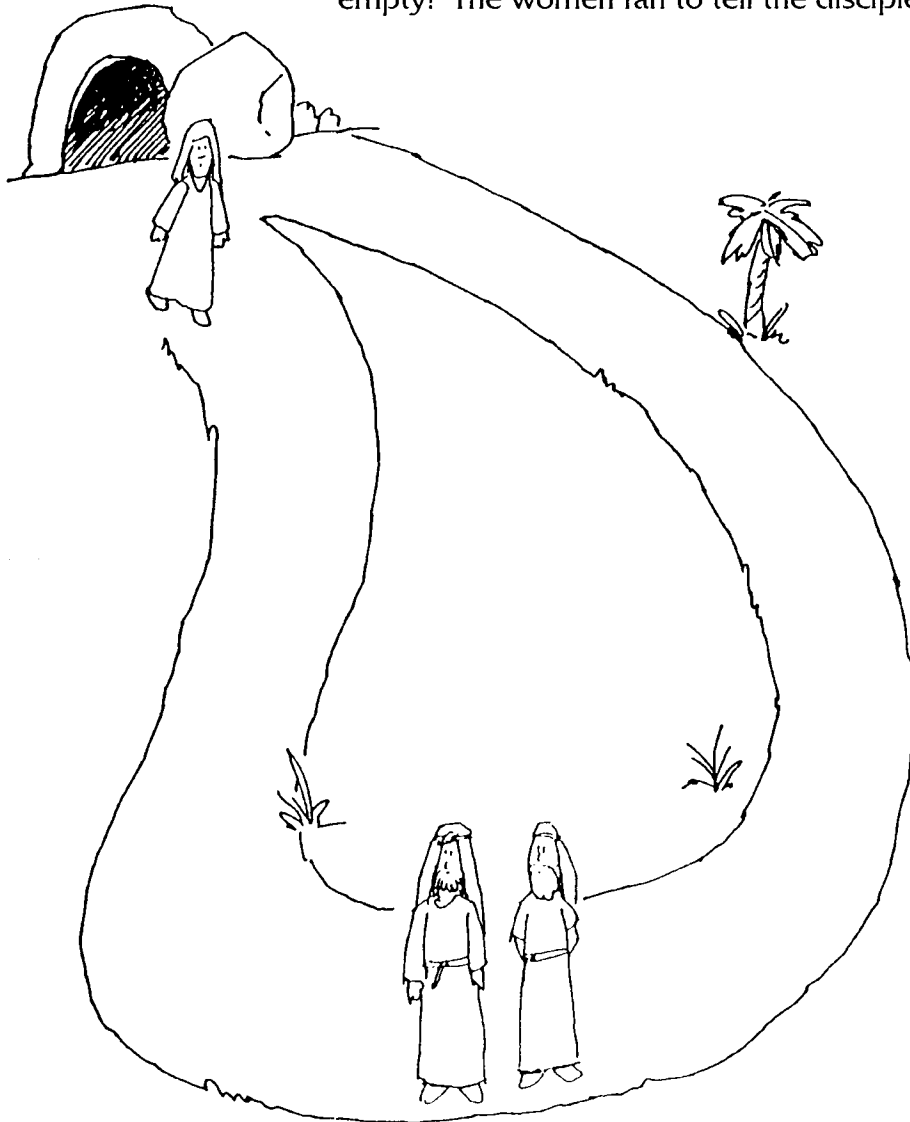


1. Color
2. Scissors
3. Dashed line
4. Glue



# Jesus is alive!

The women went to the tomb to see Jesus.  
The stone was rolled back and the tomb was empty! The women ran to tell the disciples.

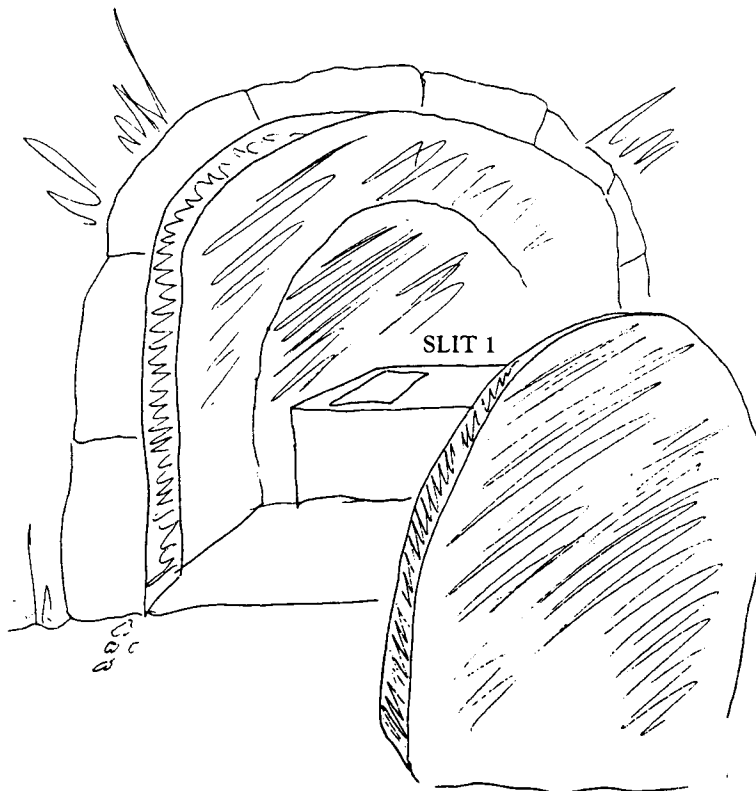


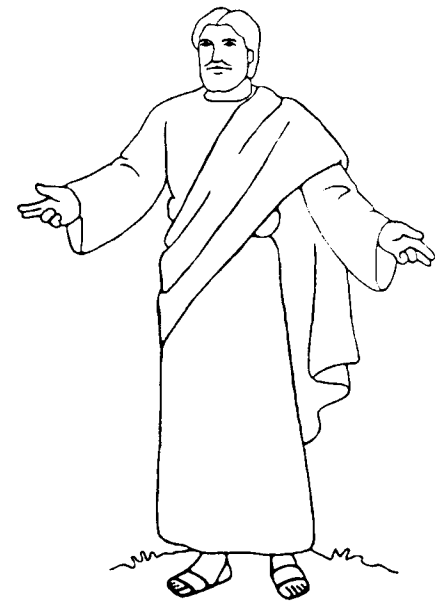
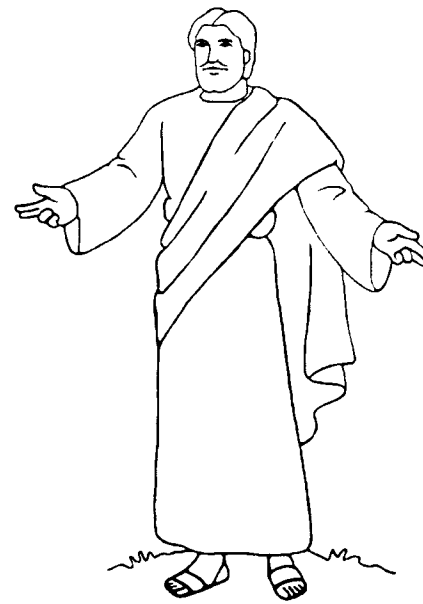
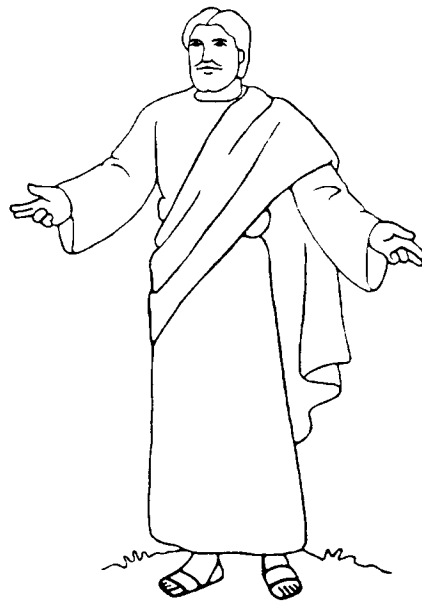
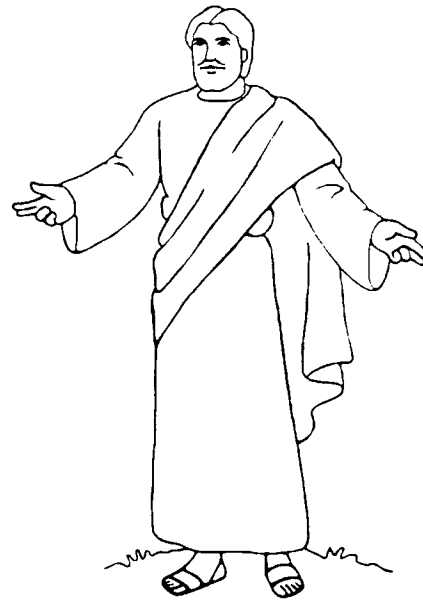
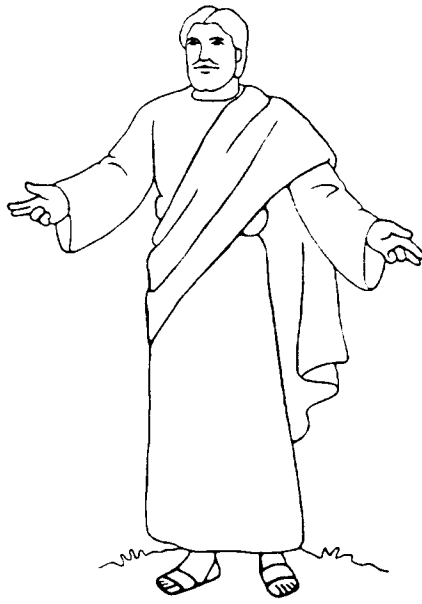
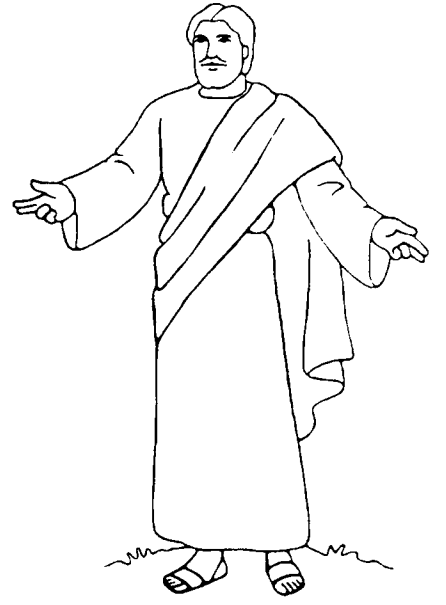
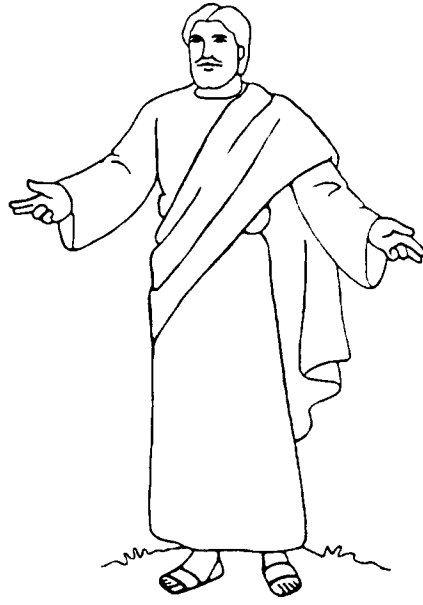
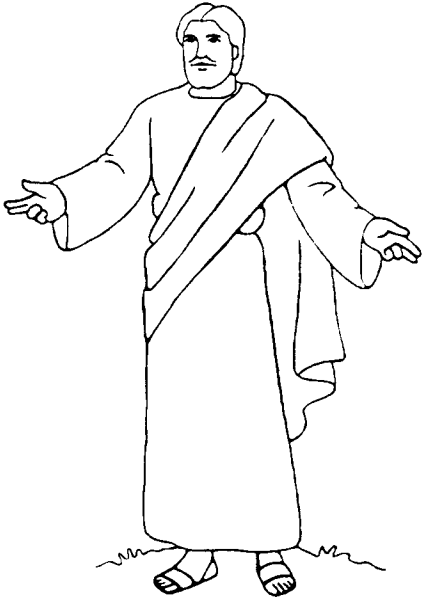
Two men were walking on  
the road to Emmaus. Jesus  
walked with them and  
taught them from the  
Old Testament prophets.



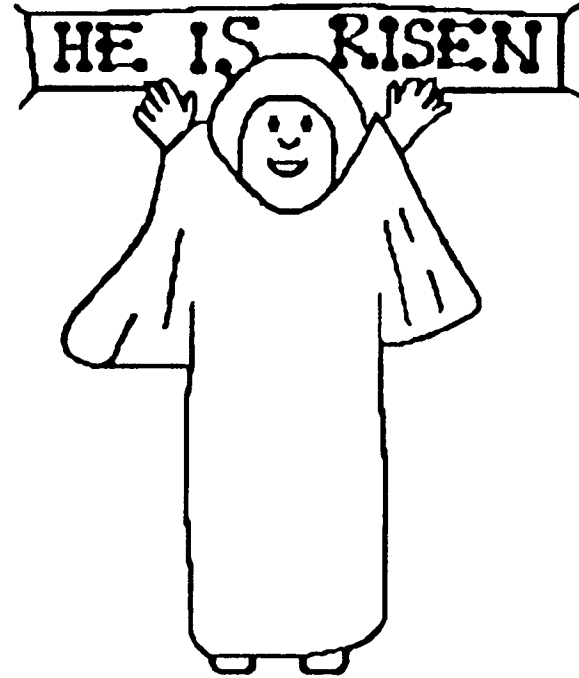
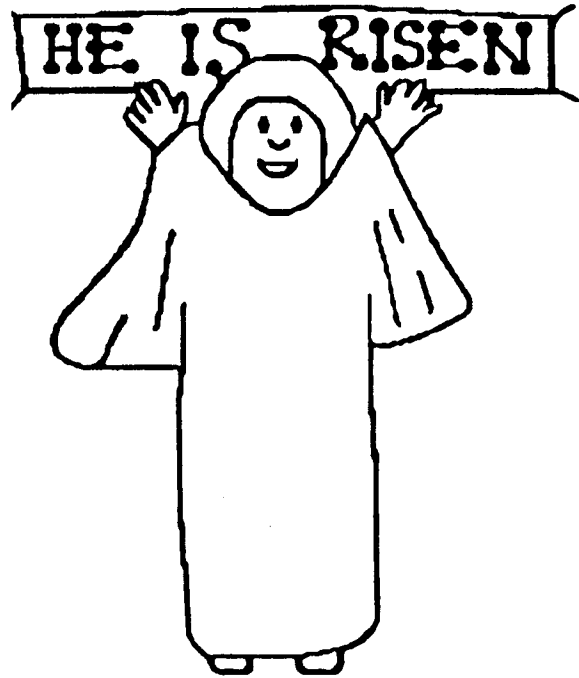
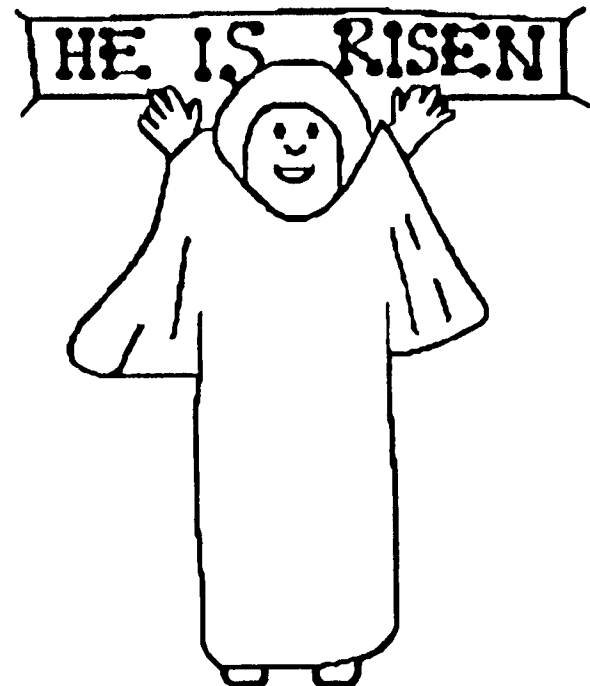
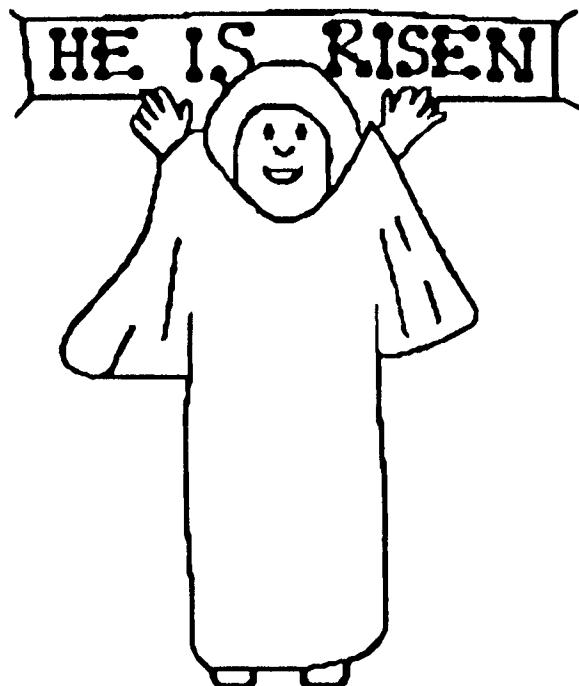
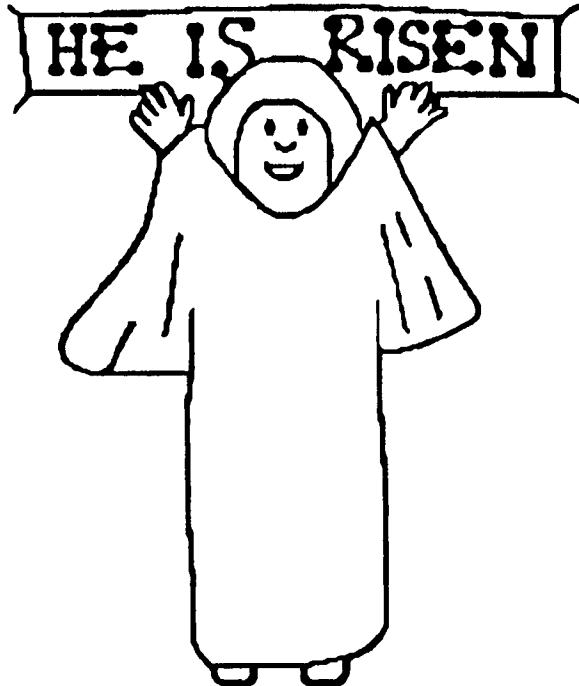
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