

**Materials I Need:**

**Key for symbols:**

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

**Memory Verse:**

**Matthew 24:44: So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come back.**

**Hook:**

- Teacher's Tip:** The Bible Adventure time should be the main focus of the Bible class. The Bible Adventure can be enhanced by coloring the story pictures and mounting them on brightly colored paper. Bring any available and appropriate props from home to show before the story begins. Set them aside during the story so they don't become a distraction. Use voice inflections, dramatic pauses, and hand movements to keep the attention of the class. Know your story and use limited memory prompts. Vary the way the Aim Questions are presented after the story.
- "Be Ready" Dress Up Center:** Provide dresses, shoes, sports jackets, ties, vests, gloves, jewelry, and hats for the children to wear. "Jesus told His disciples they were to be ready when He came back for them. They would be ready if they did what Jesus had asked them to do. They were to tell people that Jesus was alive and living in heaven. We can learn to be ready, too. We can get ready for Bible School by eating our breakfast, getting dressed, making our beds, combing our hair, and brushing our teeth. Use the clothes provided, and dress up to get ready to go to Bible class." A camera can be used to take a picture of each child when he is done getting ready for Bible class or provide a mirror to look into.
- Missionary Center:** Display pictures showing the missionary families associated with the church. Provide writing paper and pencils or crayons for the children to write or draw a picture for a missionary family to thank them for telling others about Jesus. If possible, show a globe or map, and point out different areas of the world where the missionaries are living. "Jesus told His disciples to go and tell other people that Jesus was alive and living as the King of heaven. This was an important job to do. Today, we have many families living all over the world telling other people about Jesus. We'll send our pictures and letters to a missionary family to thank them for telling people about Jesus."
- MAT14ECGF2 Picture:** Have the children color the picture using a bright yellow color on the angel and other colors on the rest of the items. Provide a couple of perfume spray bottles for the children to smell and choose one favorite scent. After the picture is colored, they may lightly spray one of the perfumes on the picture to show that the women brought good smelling spices to put on the body of Jesus in the tomb. Ask, "Do you think they found Jesus in the tomb?"
- Rocks and Play Dough Center:** Materials needed: a tarp under the table, play dough, and small rocks. In today's Bible Adventure, the children will learn how the rock was removed from Jesus' tomb. Jesus rose out of the grave to His fulfill what He had said; this is the resurrection of Jesus. Let the children make a tomb (cave) out of play dough and roll the rocks away from the entrance.

- Moving Large Rocks:** If you find a large rock in the landscape around the church or a heavy object in the church, ask the children to try to move it. Pretend that it is a rock and push as hard as you can to move it. A large stone shut the tomb where Jesus was laid after He died. No one could move that stone.
- Blanket Cave:** Place a dark, colored blanket over one of the classroom tables, leaving an opening in the front. A very large cardboard circle cut from a big cardboard box could stand next to it as a stone. Invite the children to look inside the empty tomb. You could place a couple of folded white sheets inside to look like the grave clothes that were left behind when Jesus came to life.
- Box Cave:** If a large appliance box is available, let the children color the sides with crayons to look like rocks and plants. Call this box a tomb to remind the children that Jesus had died and that His body was placed in a tomb. Before the Bible Adventure, put a large object in front of the box opening as a stone. Jesus' body was still in the tomb. After the Bible Adventure, ask each child to look inside the box to see if Jesus was inside. No; Jesus came back to life, just as He promised.
- Picture Books:** Bring several children's books on the resurrection story. Look at these with the children talking about what happens to Jesus.
- Sad Disciples Become Happy Disciples: (MAT14ECGF4 and MAT14ECGF5)** Give each child a GF4 picture and a set of eleven GF5 disciples (no Judas). Let the children glue the faces on the picture as you review the names. The disciples were sad in last week's story. This week they will become very happy. This activity could be used as a Took.



### Book:

#### *Presentation Ideas -*

- Color and show the **MAT14ECGF1**, **MAT14ECGF2**, **MAT14ECGF3**, and **MAT14ECGF4** pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure.
- Matthew Review Board:** Using the board, "Seeking God's Kingdom," review the first thirteen pictures and add the fourteenth picture (**MAT13ECGF6**). Ask the children to watch and listen carefully to the story for the time when that picture is shown.
- Matthew Review Board:** Using the board, "Seeking God's Kingdom," describe one of the events pictured on the board. Choose a student to walk up and point out which picture you had described. Continue as long as attention allows.

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

*(Show the review MAT13ECGF5 picture of Jesus on the cross.)* Jesus' friends took His body down from the cross and lovingly wrapped Him up in clean cloths. They were sad Jesus had died.

*(Show the MAT14ECGF1 picture.)* Jesus' friends put Jesus' body in a tomb, which was a cave in the hillside. They rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb. Guards stood outside to make sure no one could go in.

*(Show the MAT14ECGF2 picture.)* Early Sunday morning, just as the sun was coming up, several women walked sadly toward the tomb. They were carrying spices to put on Jesus' body in the tomb.

When the women got to the tomb, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, and there was an angel sitting on it. The angel's robe was as white as the snow.

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. Jesus is not here. He is risen, just as He promised. Come, look at the place where His body was laid. See; He is gone. Go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus is alive."

*(Show the MAT14ECGF3 picture.)* The women ran with great joy to tell the disciples. "Jesus is alive! Jesus is alive!"

When the disciples heard the good news, they rejoiced. They said to each other, "Jesus is alive just like He promised! We can go see Him in Galilee. Let's obey quickly."

*(Show the MAT14ECGF4 picture.)* When Jesus came to the disciples in Galilee, they worshiped Him. They were so glad to see Jesus again. Jesus had some things He wanted them to do for Him. He spoke to His disciples about the job He had for them.

"I want you to tell everyone about Me, what you have seen Me do and what you have heard Me say. Tell everyone that I am the Christ, the King of heaven. Teach these people to obey everything I have said."

The people who loved Jesus rejoiced that He had come back to life. They were glad to be chosen to do a job for Him. They were eager to get started telling people that Jesus was alive.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank You for keeping Your promise to come back to life. I want to be ready when You come back. I love You, Jesus. Amen.

### **Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-**

*(Show the review MAT13ECGF5 picture of Jesus on the cross.)* Jesus' friends took His body down from the cross and lovingly wrapped Him up in clean cloths. They were sad Jesus had died, even though He had told them what would happen.

*(Show the MAT14ECGF1 picture.)* Joseph of Ariamatha put Jesus' body in his own, new tomb, which was a cave that had been cut from a huge rock in the hillside. Joseph rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb so that no one could go in. Jesus' friends went to their homes; Roman guards stood watch outside the tomb.

*(Show the MAT14ECGF2 picture.)* Early Sunday morning, just as the sun was coming up, several women walked sadly toward the tomb. They were carrying spices to put on Jesus' body in the tomb.

When the women got to the tomb, they felt a great earthquake shaking the ground. They were afraid when they saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb and there was an angel sitting on it. The angel's face looked like lightning, and his robe was as white as the snow. When the Roman guards who were standing around the tomb saw the angel, they were so afraid that they fell to the ground like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know you have come to see Jesus who was crucified, but He is not here. He is risen, just as He promised. Come, look at the place where His body was laid. He is gone, just like He said."

The women began feeling a little excited. Jesus was alive? Could it be true? The angel said to them, "Go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus is risen from the dead. Tell them that He will meet them in Galilee."

*(Show the MAT14ECGF3 picture.)* The women obeyed with great joy and ran to tell the disciples. "Jesus is alive," they said to each other. "Just like He promised! Let's hurry as fast as we can." While the women were running to tell the disciples, Jesus met them on the road and said, "Rejoice!" When the women saw Jesus, they fell at His feet and worshiped Him. They were so glad to see Him. They had missed Him very much.

Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell the disciples to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." The women hurried to the place where the disciples were staying.

When the disciples heard the good news, they rejoiced. They said to each other, "Jesus is alive just like He promised! We can go see Him in Galilee. It's really true! He came back to life." The eleven disciples left for Galilee; they went to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

*(Show the MAT14ECGF4 picture.)* When Jesus appeared to the disciples in Galilee, they worshiped Him. They were so glad to see Jesus again. Jesus had some things He wanted them to do for Him. He spoke to His disciples about the job He had for them.

"Now you know that I am the Christ, the Son of the living God because I have come back to life. I have a job for you to do. I want you to go to the people of every nation and tell them about Me, what you have seen Me do and what you have heard Me say. Tell everyone you see that I am the Christ, the King of heaven. Teach these people to obey everything I have said."

The disciples had an important job to do. They would go and tell people about Jesus so that they could become His disciples, too. Jesus said, "Even though you will not see Me for awhile, I will be with you. You also must be ready because I will come back for you."

The people who loved Jesus rejoiced that He had come back to life as He had promised. They were glad to be chosen to do a job for Him. They were eager to get started telling people that Jesus was alive. They wanted to be ready when He came back for them.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank You for keeping Your promise to come back to life. You are alive in heaven even though I can't see You with my eyes. I want to be ready when You come back. I love You, Jesus. Amen.

## Aim Questions

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

1. **Who was sitting on the stone when the women came to Jesus' tomb?** (*An angel.*)
2. **Did the angel tell the women to tell the disciples, "Jesus is alive?"** (*Yes.*)
3. **Who had a job for the disciples to do?** (*Jesus.*)

### Aim Questions for 4's & 5's:

1. **What did the women see when they went to Jesus' tomb?** (*They saw an angel sitting on the large stone that had been rolled away from the door of the tomb.*)
2. **What did the angel tell the women?** (*"Don't be afraid. Jesus is alive. Go tell the disciples."*)
3. **What did Jesus tell the disciples on the mountain in Galilee?** (*Jesus told the disciples to go and tell people of every nation to believe and obey Him.*)



### Look:

- Aim Questions:** Set a very large rock next to the Bible Adventure teller today. When a child answers an Aim Question correctly, allow that child to come up and try to move the rock. The rock in front of Jesus' tomb was many, many times larger than this one. No person could move that stone by himself.
- Rolling Stones Game:** (tune of "Ring Around the Rosie")  
Stones around the circle. Stones around the circle. (*Children walk around in a circle.*)  
Shaking and quaking, they all roll away. (*Shake arms, wiggle legs, curl into a ball and roll.*)
- Activity Page Comes to Life:** (**MAT14ECGF6** and **MAT14ECGF7**) Materials needed: GF6 activity page (stone cut out is optional), crayons, a brass fastener, a GF7 boulder cut out, (mounted on black paper is optional). Give each child a picture to color and a cut-out boulder to color. When finished, give each a brass fastener. Help the children put a hole in the boulder and the picture to connect the boulder to the tomb. When finished, they should be able to freely move the boulder from the tomb with a twist. When Jesus rose from the grave as He had promised, the boulder was easily moved away so that the women could see that Jesus' body was not there.
- Stick Puppets and Tomb Picture:** (**MAT14ECGF2** and **MAT14ECGF8**) Cut around the GF2 picture, and cut out the dark cave entrance. Glue (around the outside edges) the picture to a piece of black construction paper. Color the GF8 picture of the women and glue or tape it onto the end of a popsicle stick. Use the puppet to look into the tomb and then go tell others that Jesus is alive! Sing "Jesus Rose up from the Tomb" as the stick puppet women run to tell the disciples (see Song section).
- Earthquakes and Falling Guards:** (**MAT14ECGF1** and **MAT14ECGF2**) Children stand along one side of a rope on the floor, standing stiff like guards. (Show the children the GF1 picture of the guards standing straight and tall outside Jesus' tomb.) Wiggle the rope a little, and then more and more. When you wiggle the rope with big motions, that is an earthquake, and the children are to fall to the floor and pretend to be dead. (Show the children the GF2 picture.) When you give a signal, they return to their position along the rope. Repeat.
- Aim Question Review:** Use the large appliance box described in the Hook section or a table, at least four blankets to cover the table or box, a large piece of cardboard cut into a circle about 4 feet tall and 3 feet wide. Team up the children in groups of four, and ask each group one of the Aim Questions. Allow the group to work together to answer the question. When the children get it correct, allow all of the children to climb through the tomb together.
- Rolling Boulders Game:** Line the children up in teams of four or five. Begin the game with an Aim Question asked to all the teams. After the correct answer is given, start the first child in each line at the count of three. This child must roll like a little boulder, and summersault his way down to the finish line (a piece of tape on the floor). Once all the children in the first line have reached the finish line, the next Aim Question will be asked. When the answer is given, begin the next group of three children to summersault their way down. Continue the game until everyone has had at least one turn. The team that is first to finish is the winner.

- Sharing the Good News Relay:** Divide the class into two teams, standing in a line on opposite sides of the room with a window. The object is to walk to the window and yell, "Jesus is alive" and return to the end of your line. The first line to share the good news to pretend people who might be outside is the winner. What did the women tell the disciples? What did Jesus tell the disciples to do after they saw Him risen from the dead?
- Stand Up Exercise:** All the children who fit into the category that you mention are to stand up, turn around, and shout "Jesus is alive!" Possible categories would be: brown hair, missing tooth, sister, green eyes, pet dog at home, wearing red, white on shoes, had cereal for breakfast, like the color red, like to listen to Bible stories.
- Memory Verse Review:** Children are seated in a circle on the floor with their legs out in front of them and with their feet touching their partner's feet. Roll a ball to a child and he gets to say the verse along with the children on either side of him. Continue until everyone has had a turn.
- Snack on Empty Tombs:** Using refrigerated biscuits in a tube, roll each into a bigger circle. Shape each around a large marshmallow and roll them into balls. Brush with butter and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Place them into greased muffin cups and bake at 350 degrees for eight minutes. Check frequently so they don't get overdone. It would be best to bake these the morning you use them. When cool, open up and just like the tomb, they are empty!
- Action Review:**

We walk very quietly to the tomb.	<i>(Tiptoe quietly toward the cave or corner of the room.)</i>
We don't see Jesus. We are sad.	<i>(Shake head and look sad.)</i>
Look! Look! There is an angel.	<i>(Point up.)</i>
The angel says, "Be glad!	<i>(Cup ears and raise arms.)</i>
Don't be afraid.	<i>(Shake head and finger.)</i>
He is alive, not dead!	<i>(Point up.)</i>
Run and tell the others,	<i>(Run in place.)</i>
'He is risen, as He said!'"	<i>(Clap hands.)</i>
- Role Play Review:** Act out the tomb scene with the angel appearing suddenly to the women and the tough Roman guards fainting. The women are afraid, but the angel tells them not to be afraid. The women run and tell the disciples that Jesus is alive.

**Songs:**

- Jesus Rose up from the Tomb** *(tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb")*  
 Jesus rose up from the tomb, from the tomb, from the tomb.  
 Jesus rose up from the tomb. He is alive today!
- Jesus Is Alive:** *(tune: "Frere Jaques")*  
 Jesus died; Jesus died  
 On the cross! On the cross! *(Form cross with fingers.)*  
 Here is the tomb, empty tomb. *(Form rock shape with hands and open.)*  
 Jesus is alive! Jesus is alive! *(Clap hands and point up.)*



**Took:**

- Angel Neckace: (MAT14ECGF9)** Give each child a picture of the "He is risen" angel (copied on cardstock) and a length of yarn. Color and glue on white cloth if desired. Punch two holes in the top to lace the yarn through and tie around the neck. Share the good news with others when you wear this necklace.
- Good News Megaphone: (MAT14ECGF10)** Jesus told the disciples to tell everyone about Himself and what He had done. He was the Christ, the King of heaven. Wear this megaphone home to remember to tell others about Jesus and who He is. To make a megaphone, use a toilet paper or paper towel tube. Decorate with the GF10 memory verse, stickers, and markers. Punch holes in one end, and lace yarn through them to tie around the neck.

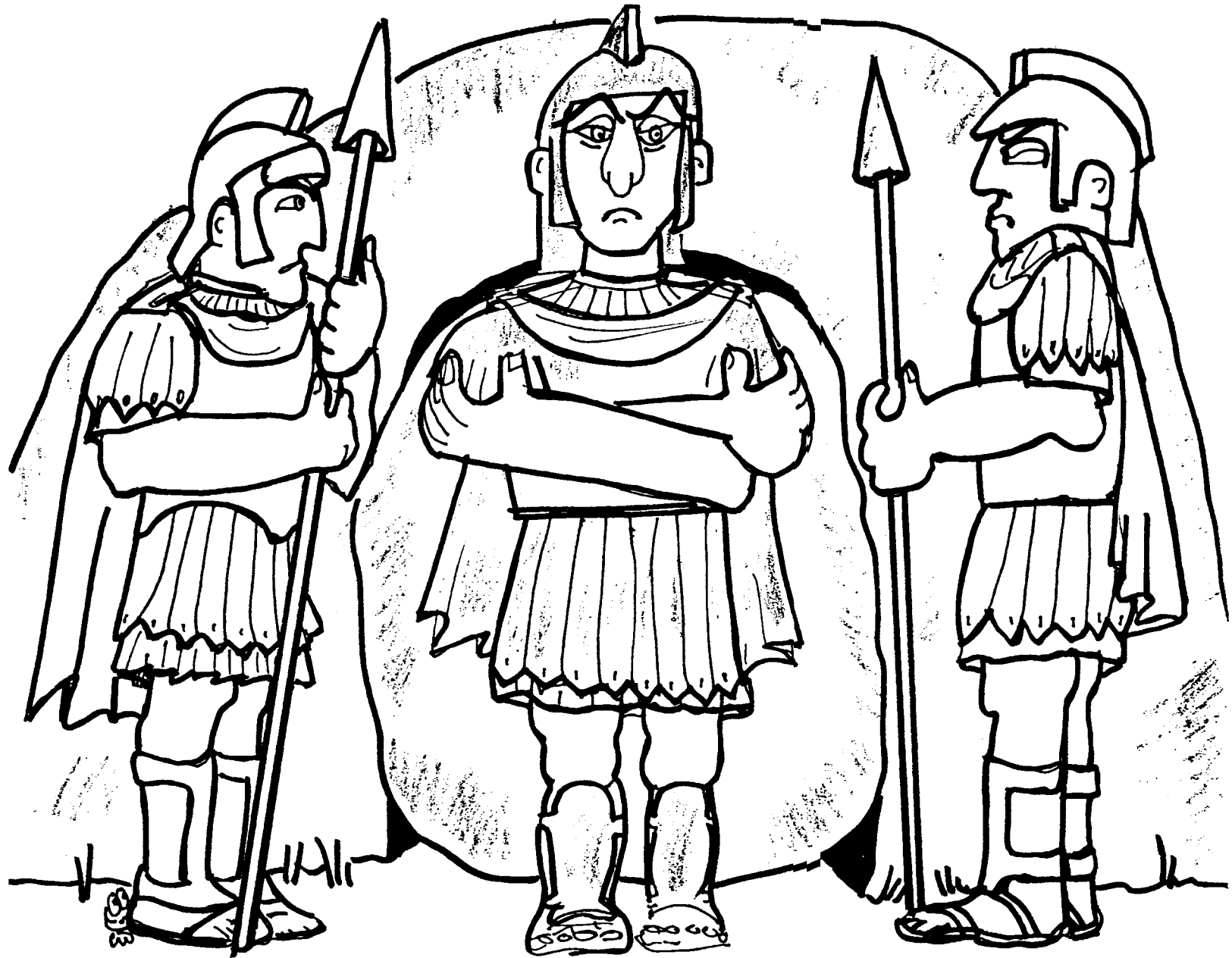
**Go Tell the World:** Materials needed: map of the world, or a globe, play telephone, letter, newspaper, play television, play computer. In today's Bible Adventure, Jesus told the disciples He had a job for them to do. That job was to go out among the nations and tell all that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Let this activity prepare the children for a time of discussion on how they could use any of these communication items to tell the world about Jesus. Ask the children if it is the desire of their hearts to tell their friends and family about Jesus.

**Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush:** "Just as we get ready for Jesus to come back by telling others about Him, we also can get ready each Sunday morning for Bible class. Let's sing this song, and you show me how you get ready on Sunday mornings." Join hands and walk in a circle during each chorus. Stop and do appropriate motions to the individual verses.

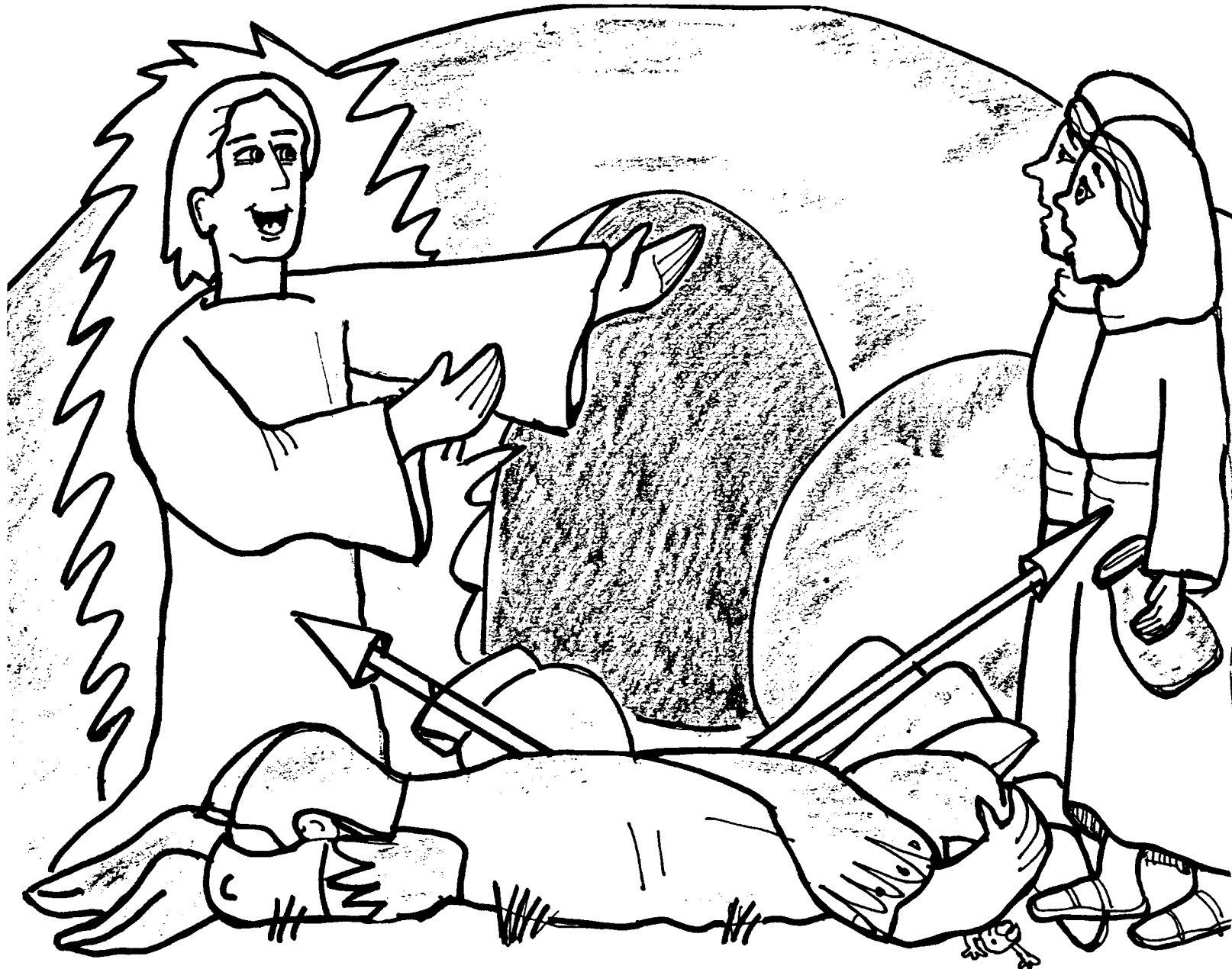
Here we go 'round the mulberry bush,  
The mulberry bush, the mulberry bush,  
Here we go 'round the mulberry bush,  
So early Sunday morning.

This is the way we wash our face,  
Comb our hair,  
Brush our teeth,  
Put on our clothes,  
Eat our food.

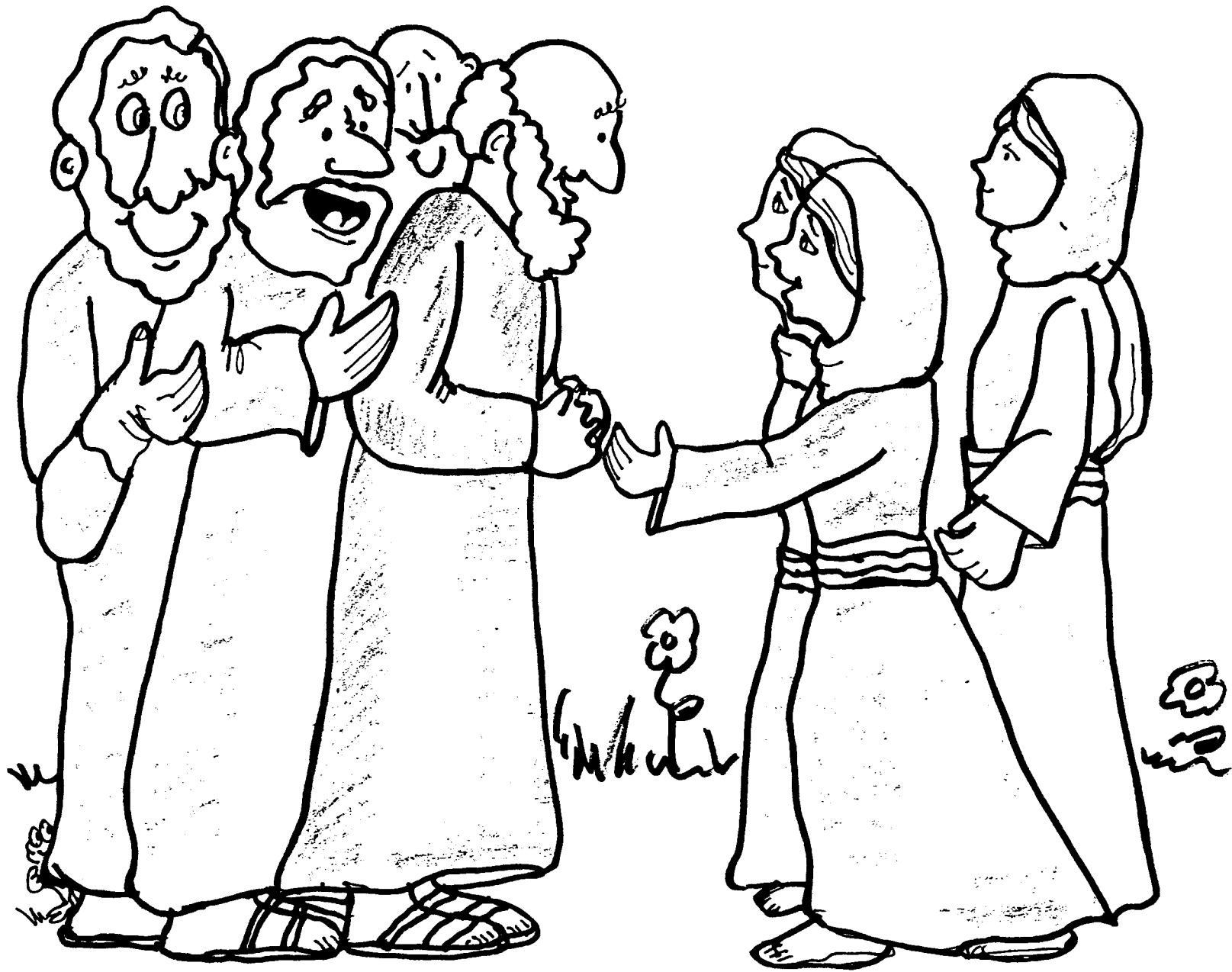
**Preschool Page for Parents: (MAT14ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.



Jesus' body was placed in a tomb that was guarded by soldiers.



The angel told the women, "Jesus is not here. He is alive!"



The women ran to tell the disciples, "Jesus is alive!"



When Jesus came to the disciples, they worshiped Him as king of heaven.



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Andrew



John



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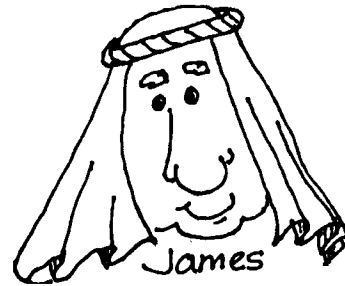
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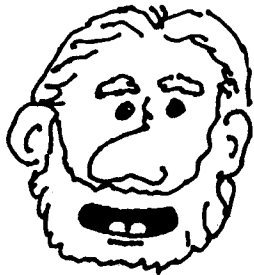


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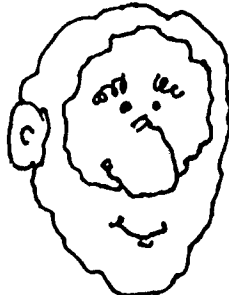


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Disciples to glue on the  
MAT14ECGF4 page



Peter



Andrew



John



Nathaniel



Simon



Thomas



Matthew



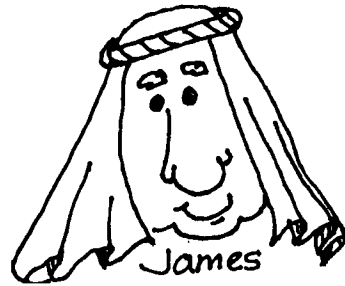
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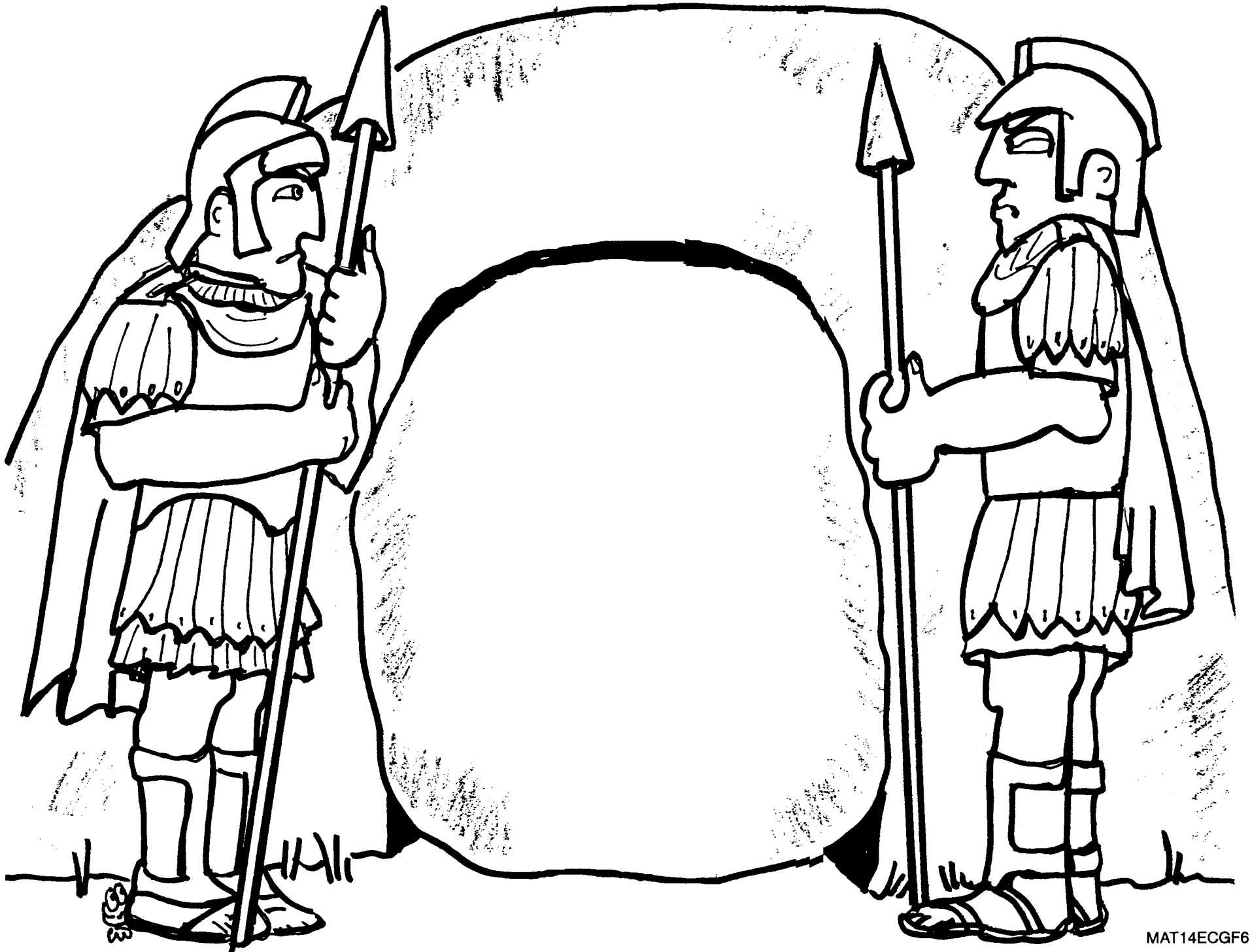
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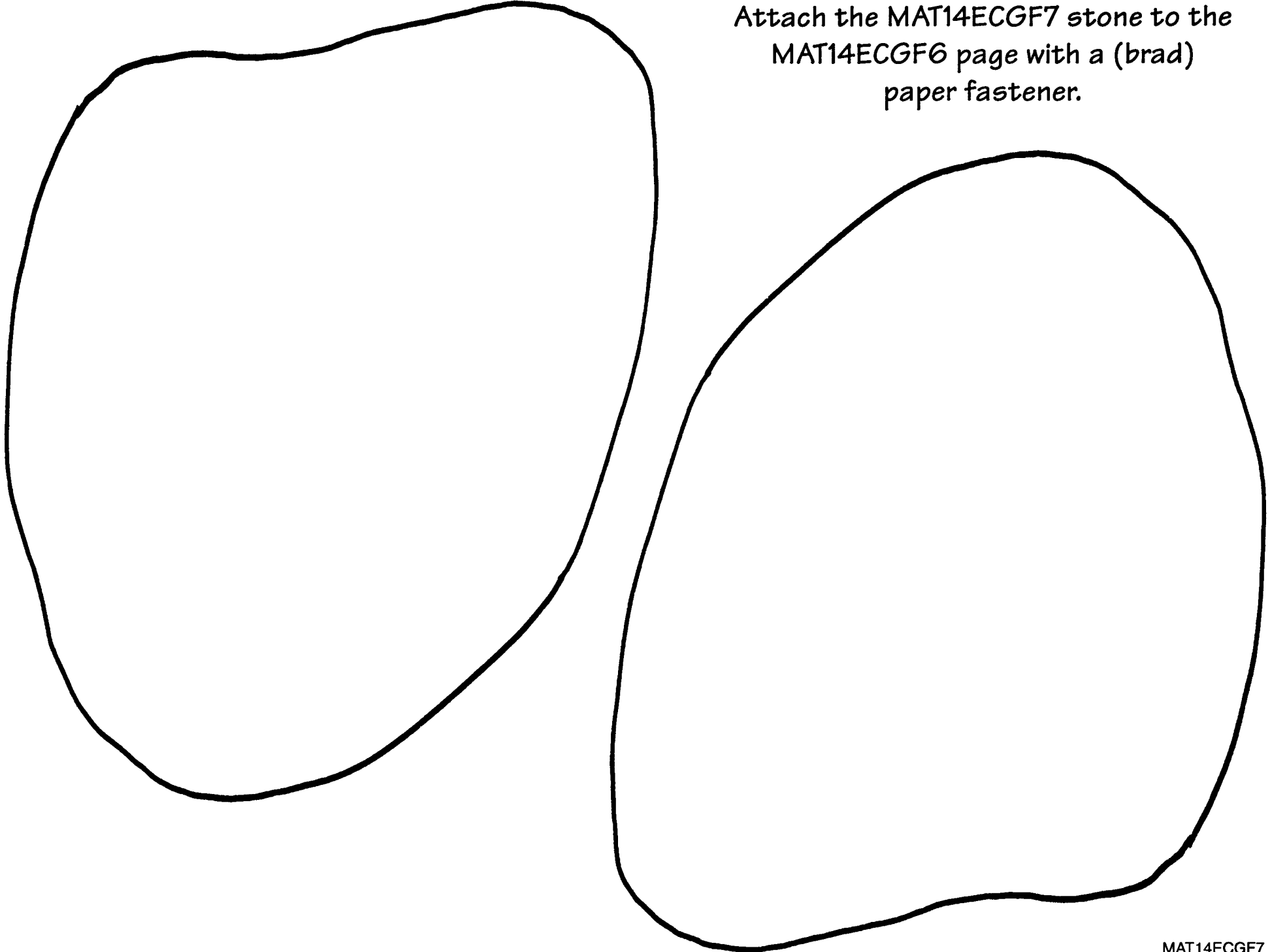
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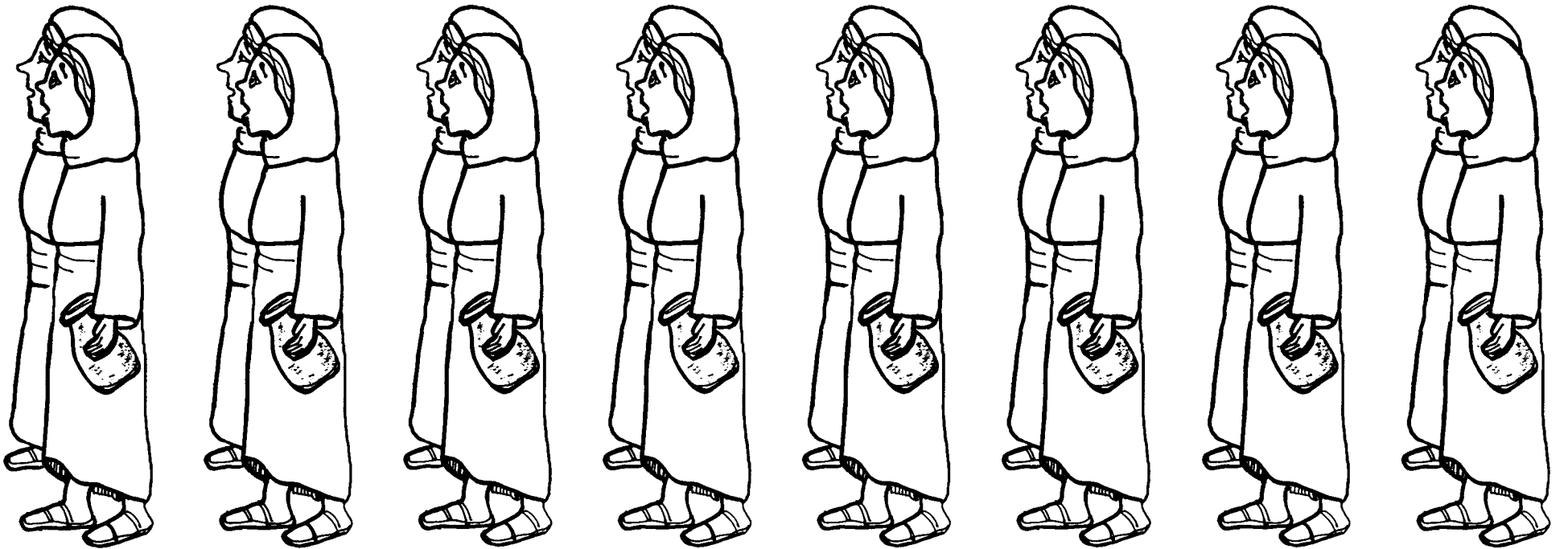
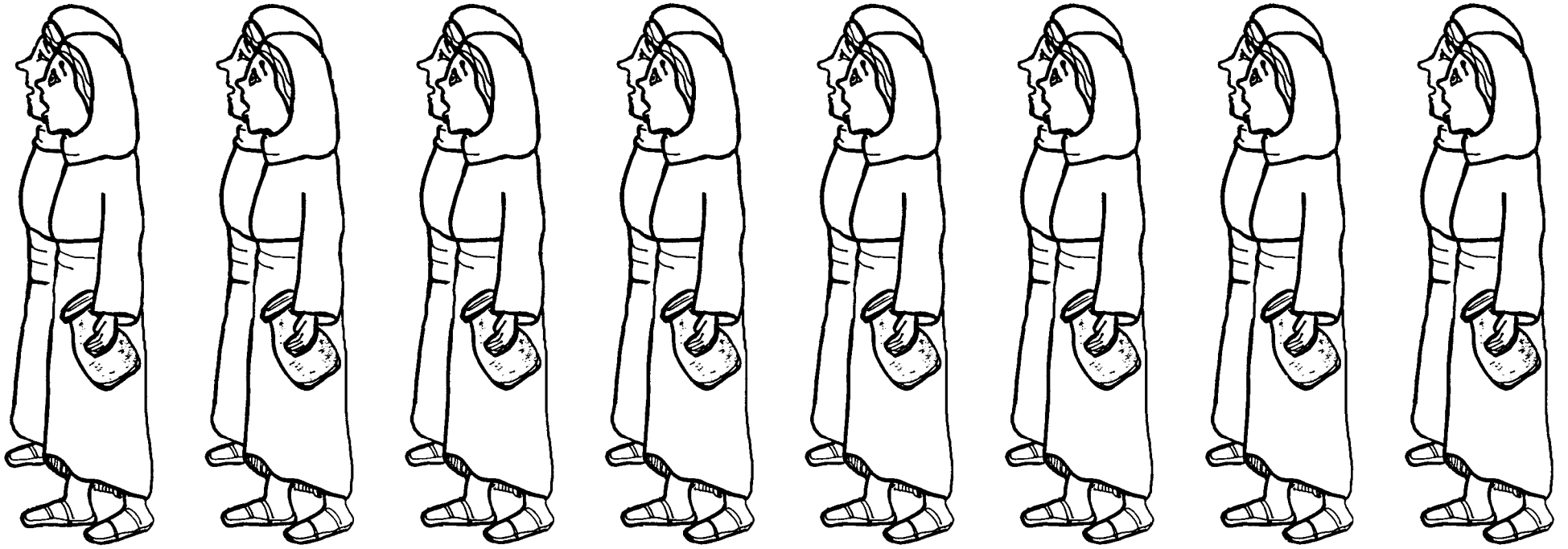


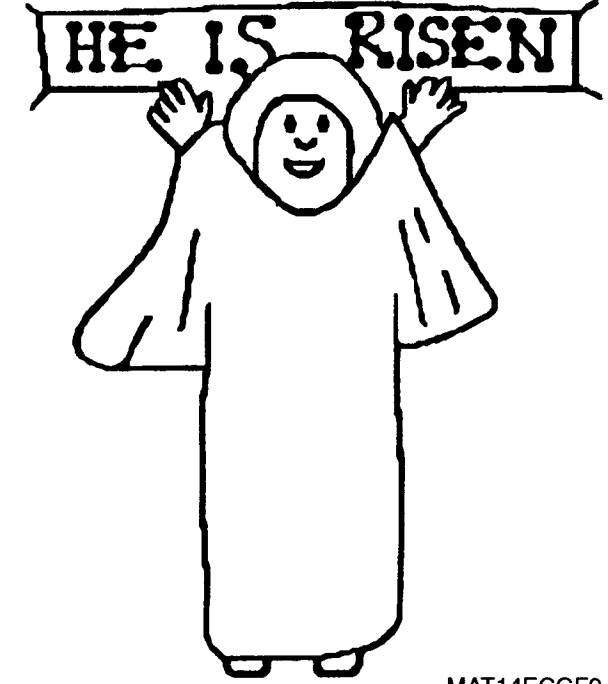
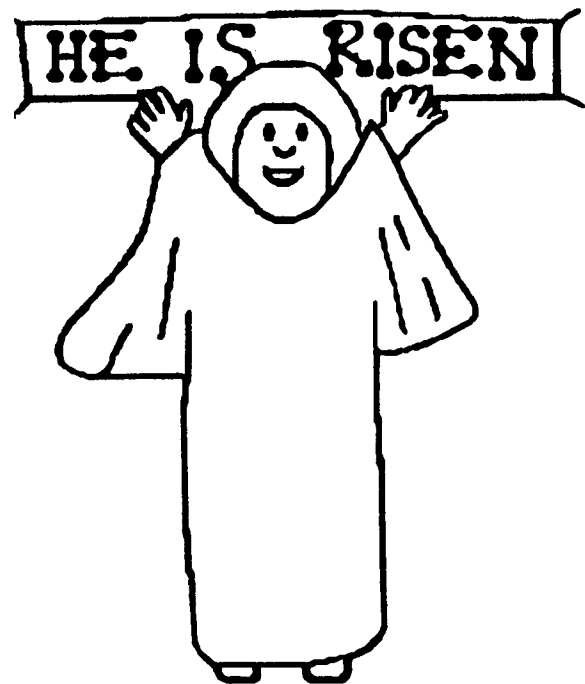
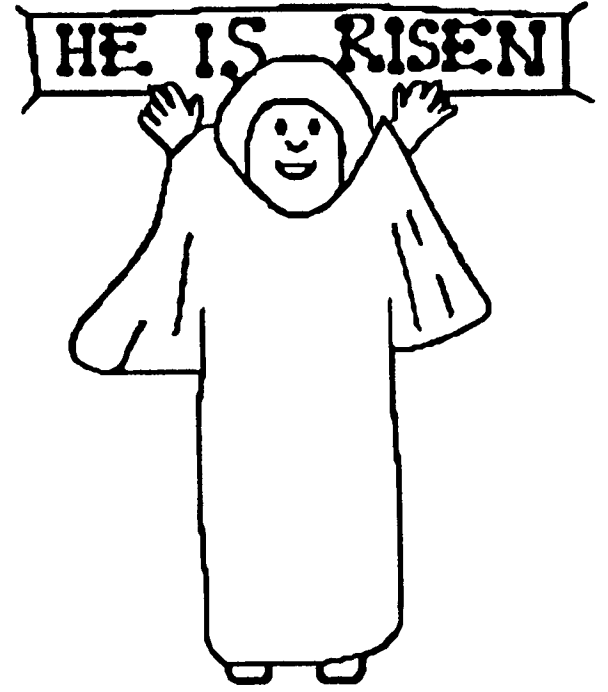
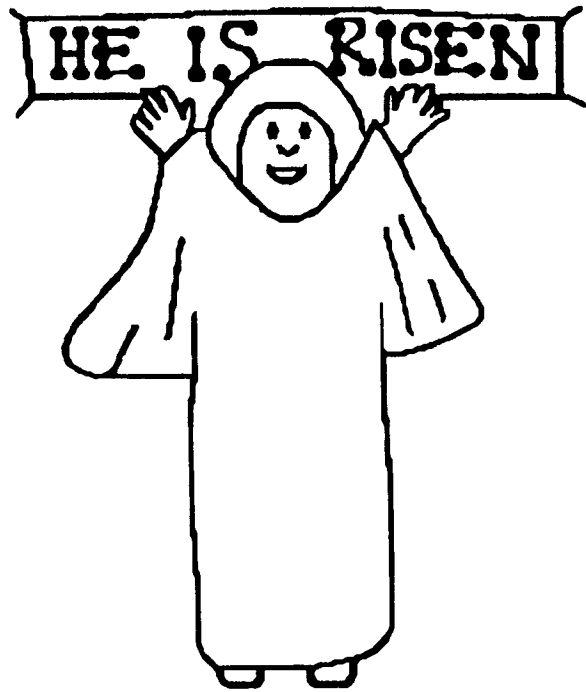
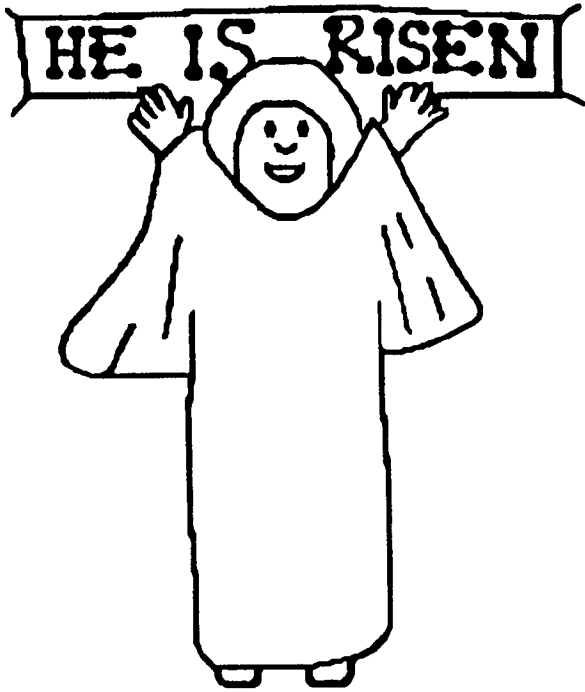
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Attach the MAT14ECGF7 stone to the  
MAT14ECGF6 page with a (brad)  
paper fastener.









## This is what I learned today!

Jesus came back to life! Jesus had died and was buried in a cave with a large stone rolled in front of the opening. When some women went to the tomb to put spices on Jesus' body, they found the stone rolled away and an angel sitting on it. The angel told them not to be afraid. Jesus was not there. He had risen and was alive, just as He promised. The women ran to tell the disciples. The disciples went to Galilee and there Jesus appeared to them. They were glad to see Jesus, and worshiped Him. Jesus told them to go to the people of every nation and tell them about Him. He told them to obey what He had taught them and to be ready when He came back for them.

## Today's Memory Verse

**So you also must be ready,  
because the Son of Man will come back.  
Matthew 24:44**

## Jesus Came Back to Life



Let your preschool children dab different, sweet-smelling scents (perfume, spice flavorings) on several cotton balls. Give each child one to take with him as you act out the following role play. Pretend to be taking spices to anoint Jesus' body in the tomb. Dab the perfume on the jar the woman is holding in the picture above.

### "Jesus Is Risen" Action Review

We walk very quietly to the tomb.

*(Tiptoe quietly toward the "cave" or corner of the room.)*

We don't see Jesus; we are sad.

*(Shake head and look sad.)*

Look! Look! There is an angel. *(Point up.)*

The angel says, "Be glad!" *(Cup ears and raise arms.)*

Don't be afraid. *(Shake head and finger.)*

He is alive, not dead! *(Point up.)*

Run and tell the others, *(Run in place.)*

'He is risen, as He said!'" *(Clap hands.)*

**Jesus Rose Up from the Tomb**  
*(tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb")*

**Jesus rose up from the tomb,  
From the tomb, from the tomb.  
Jesus rose up from the tomb;  
He is alive today.**

\* For tunes to songs, ask about the preschool tape.



When Jesus came back to life, His disciples worshiped Him as the King of heaven.