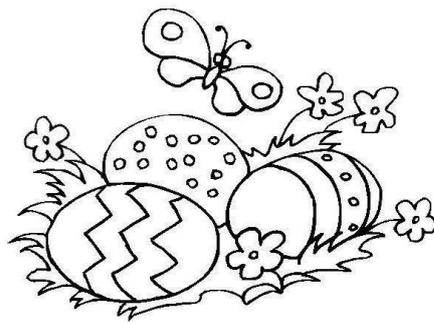


Holy Week

2014



My name is _____



A note for parents

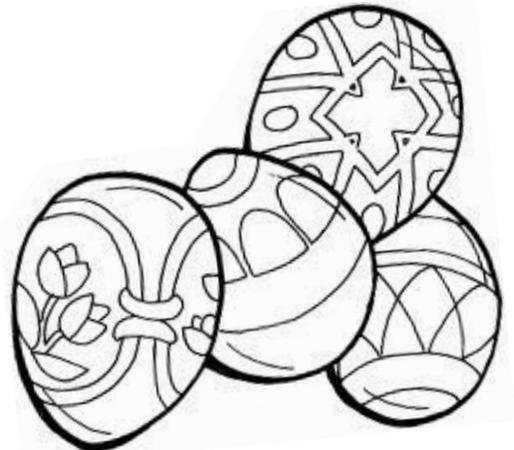
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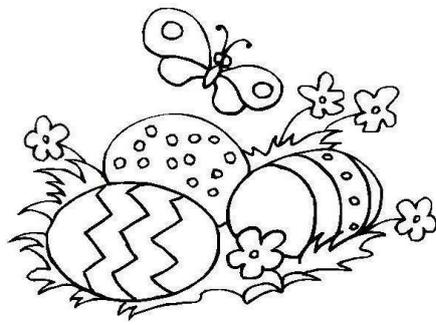
Welcome to Holy Week! In this activity book you will find some activities that are suitable for young children and others that are better for older ones. We pray that this helps make your family's Holy Week even more rich with the mystery of Jesus' Passion, death and resurrection. In putting this together we've also come across some lovely ideas for entering into Holy Week with children, we've listed them below for you to use if you like.

God bless and may the joy of the Risen Christ be with you!

The ekids team :)

- Check out our LET'S PRAY Family Prayer Webpage... <http://emmanuelfamilyprayer.weebly.com/>
- Create a sacred space or prayer table in your home with a bible, a cross, candle and symbols of Easter.
- Make a Bible dress up box so that little ones can 'play' stories like Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.
- Read or tell your children the Easter Story.
- A couple of websites with lots of Lenten and Easter activities for kids...
<http://catholicmom.com/kids/Lenten-activities-for-children/>
<http://catholicicing.com/>
- Catholic icing has a lovely 'Resurrection set' to make (similar to a nativity scene).
<http://catholicicing.com/2012/03/religious-easter-ideas-for-kids/>
- Makingfriends.com is a site with lots of craft ideas for kids, but in particular they have great paper dolls that can be dressed in biblical themes... http://www.makingfriends.com/f_Friends.htm
- The internet is literally jam packed with Easter activities. Do a search for Christian Easter colouring pages or games and see what you can find.
- <http://www.sparklebox.co.uk/australia/> is a website with lots of printables including Easter activities for kids.
- Bake some 'resurrection cookies' on Easter Saturday in preparation for Easter Sunday. You can find the recipe on our LET'S PRAY Family Prayer Webpage <http://emmanuelfamilyprayer.weebly.com/>
- Go exploring on youtube and see what clips you can find for your kids at Easter.
- Here is an online Stations of the Cross for kids, using shadow puppets, that is worth a look:
<http://www.teachingvideos.co.uk/index.php/videos/viewvideo/51/re/stations-of-the-cross>
- Lego 'bricktestament', lots of bible stories here:
http://www.thebricktestament.com/the_life_of_jesus/index.html
- Come along to the events happening over Easter. At our Stations of the Cross on Friday morning we will have images for the children to collect at each station to take home.
- Talk to other families about their Easter traditions, we are a creative bunch and some have come up with some fantastic ways of helping their children enter into the mystery of Jesus death and resurrection.





Hi there and welcome to Holy Week!

This is the most special week of the whole year! It's the time when we remember Jesus Passion and Death and celebrate His Resurrection!



We have been taking the journey through Lent and our waiting is nearly over! Think about all the things you have done through Lent... maybe you prayed a bit more with your family, maybe you gave some money to the poor and maybe you fasted from something like lollies or tv? It has all been to prepare us for the celebration of Easter so that we can know Jesus love even more and follow Him closely in everything we do.

That's why we made this little book and we hope that you have fun as you do the activities and remember all the things that happened in the very first Holy Week. BUT mostly we hope that you spend some time with Jesus! WHY??

Because Jesus has a special message for you this Easter! I wonder what it is?!

This Holy Week, say a prayer and then listen and see if Jesus speaks to you. He might talk to you with a feeling or a thought in you mind, He might talk to you in a picture or something beautiful you see—there are so many ways—ask your mum, dad or another special person how Jesus talks to them.

There is a prayer on the next page that you might like to say :-)

God bless you!

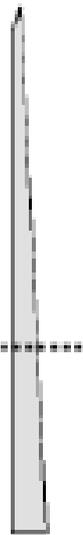
Love from the ekids team

Palm Sunday

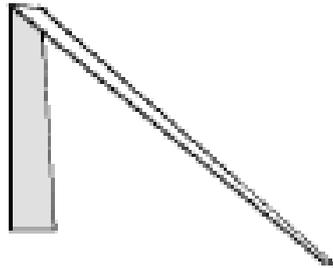
Today we remember Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Just like the crowd so long ago we welcome King Jesus—the One who came to make a way for us all to know God! Use a leaf from the palms you waved today and make a palm cross—think about this special week that is coming. (Matthew 21:1-11)

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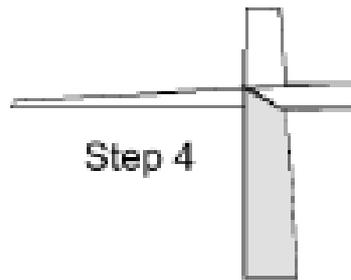
Fold the palm leaf down, about 5-6 inches from the bottom.



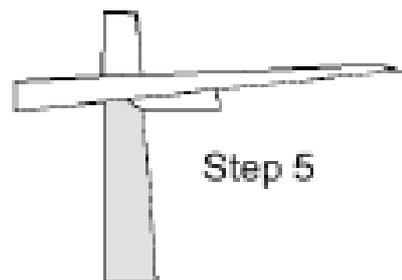
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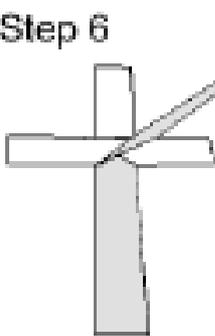


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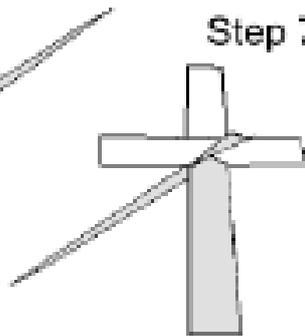


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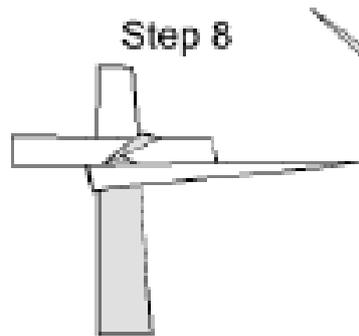
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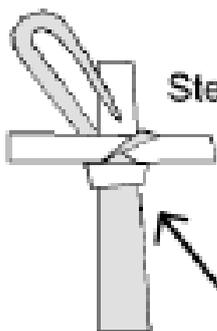
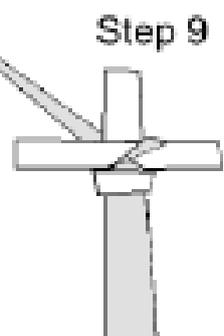
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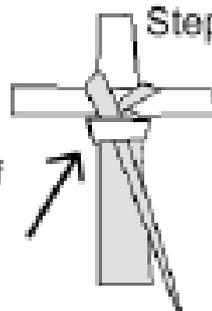


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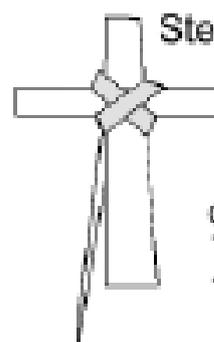


Step 10

Tuck in the tapered end of the palm leaf and pull it through.



Step 11

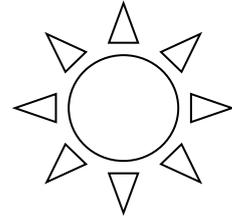


Step 12

Turn the cross over. This is the front view.

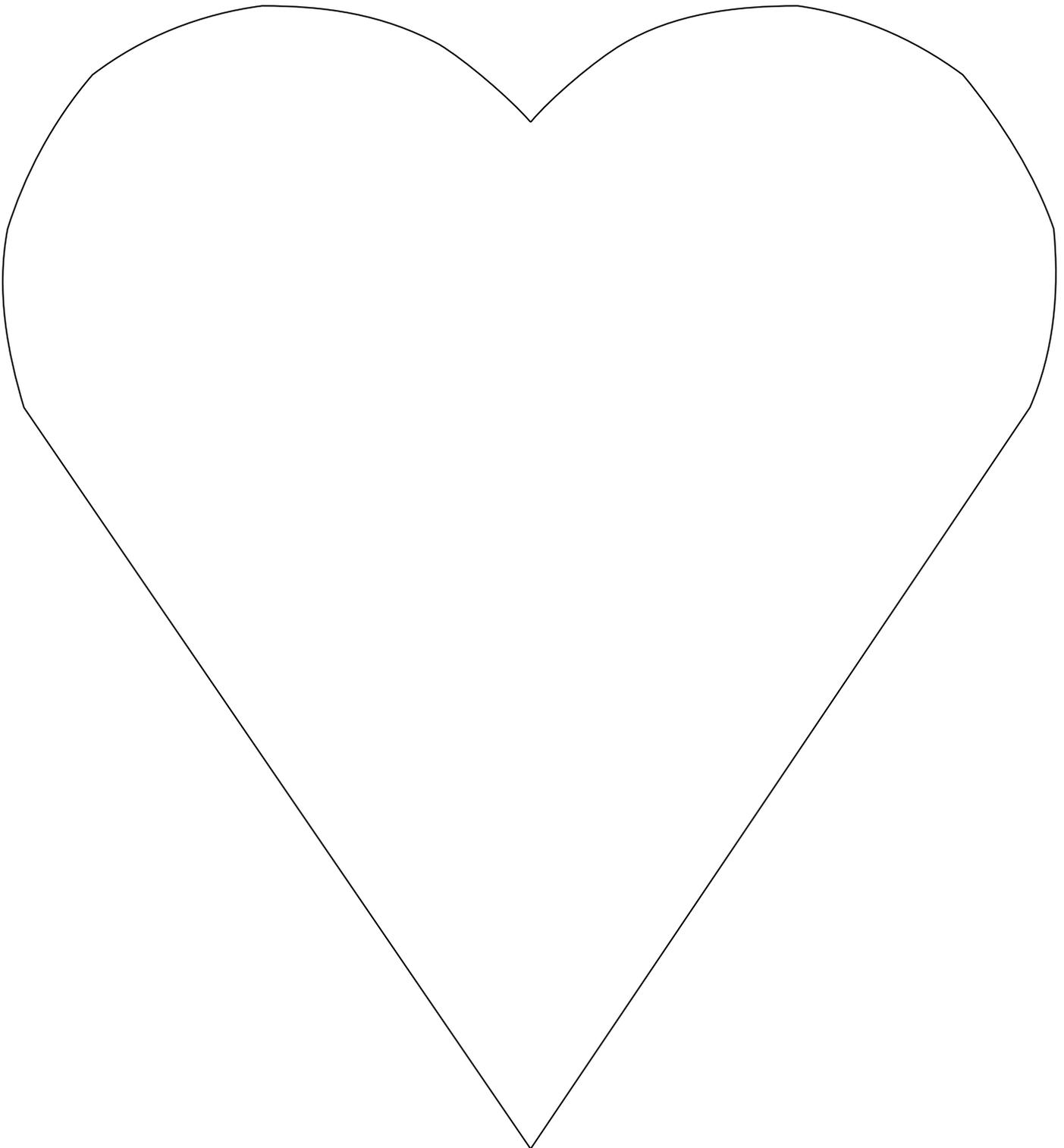
Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! In the New Testament reading today St Paul tells us about just how special Jesus' name is and how He is the Lord of everything in the whole wide universe! Draw all the things you can think of that Jesus is King over there are a couple to get you started! (Philippians 2:6-11)

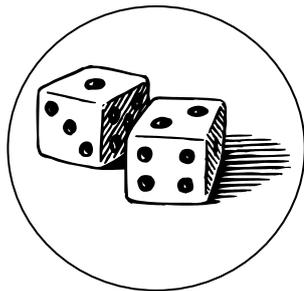
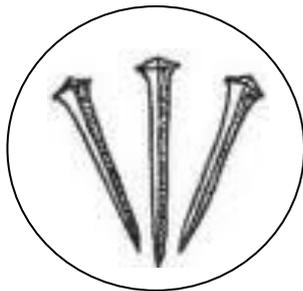
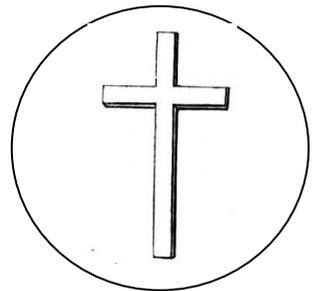
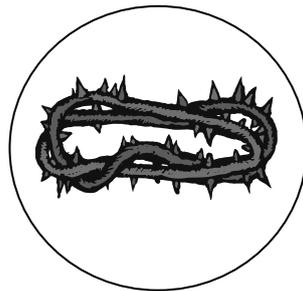
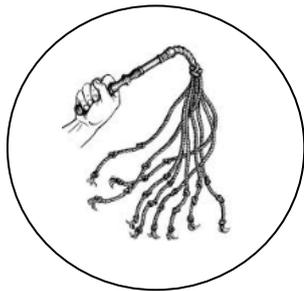
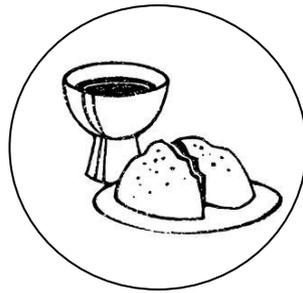


The story of Jesus Passion

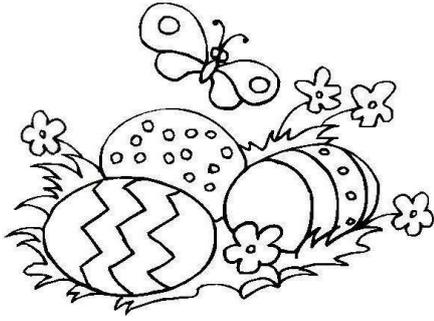
Today the Gospel is a very long one. It is the whole story of Holy Week. It helps us to get ready for the week that is to come for Jesus. Ask Mum or Dad to read you the story of Holy Week, or perhaps you can watch it together at home? It's the story of how much Jesus loves us. Draw a picture of you and your family inside this heart to remember that Jesus loves you!



On this page there are some of the things that are in Matthew's Gospel. Cut them out and see if you can put them in order, or just remember the story. If it's ok with Mum and Dad, you could buy some plastic eggs to put these in and make your own Passion or Resurrection eggs. (Matthew 26:14-27:66)



<p style="text-align: center;">Donkey</p> <p>"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Matthew 21:9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coins</p> <p>"What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. Matthew 26:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bread and wine</p> <p>"Take and eat; this is my body." "Take and eat; this is my blood, the blood of the New Covenant." Matthew 26:26-28</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Praying hands</p> <p>Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." Matthew 26:36</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rope</p> <p>Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. Matthew 26:50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Whip</p> <p>Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. Matthew 27:26</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Crown of thorns</p> <p>They twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. Matthew 27:27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cross</p> <p>After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. Matthew 27:31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nails</p> <p>They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). Matthew 27:33 There they crucified him.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dice</p> <p>When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. Matthew 27:35</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Curtain</p> <p>Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. Matthew 27: 50-52</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tomb</p> <p>Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb. Matthew 27 59-60</p>



Holy Monday

Mary anoints Jesus' feet — John 12:1-11

Mary loved Jesus so much that she anointed his feet with very expensive oil but in this picture the beautiful oil is missing! Draw the bottle of oil that Mary used then colour the picture.

Go on a smell hunt around your house or yard to find things that smell lovely also!



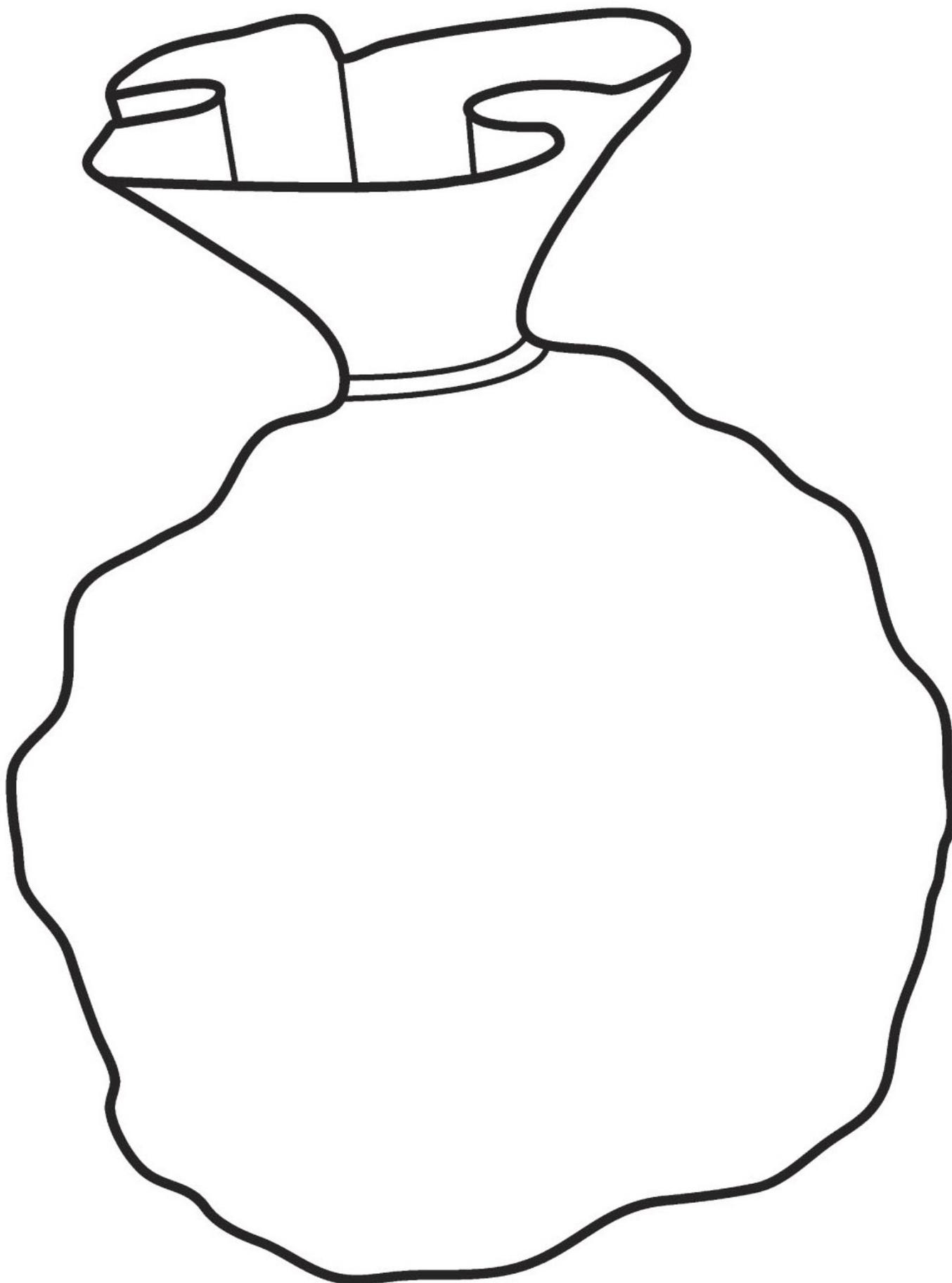
Holy Tuesday

Jesus talks to Peter — John 13:21-33, 36-38

This is a sad time for Peter. Jesus tells him that this very day Peter will deny him—that means even though they are best friends Peter will run away and leave Jesus alone, he will even say that he doesn't even know Jesus. Friends are very special gifts from God. Draw or find a picture of your friend and place it here. Maybe write a prayer asking God to help you be a good friend to others.



This is also a sad time because Jesus friend, Judas, has betrayed him. For 30 pieces of silver, Judas has promised to show the soldiers where they can find Jesus and arrest him. Draw 30 pieces of silver in the money bag below.



Holy Wednesday

The Disciples and Evangelists

In the scripture today, Jesus celebrates the Passover with his disciples. All of Jesus disciples played their part in sharing the Good News of Jesus with the whole world.

Colour these pictures of the disciples and other early evangelists made by the clever people at HappySaints.com



These amazing people are now in heaven with Jesus and they have a special job to do... that is to pray for us. They are our special friends! You can decorate the words below and think of one of these people who could pray for you.

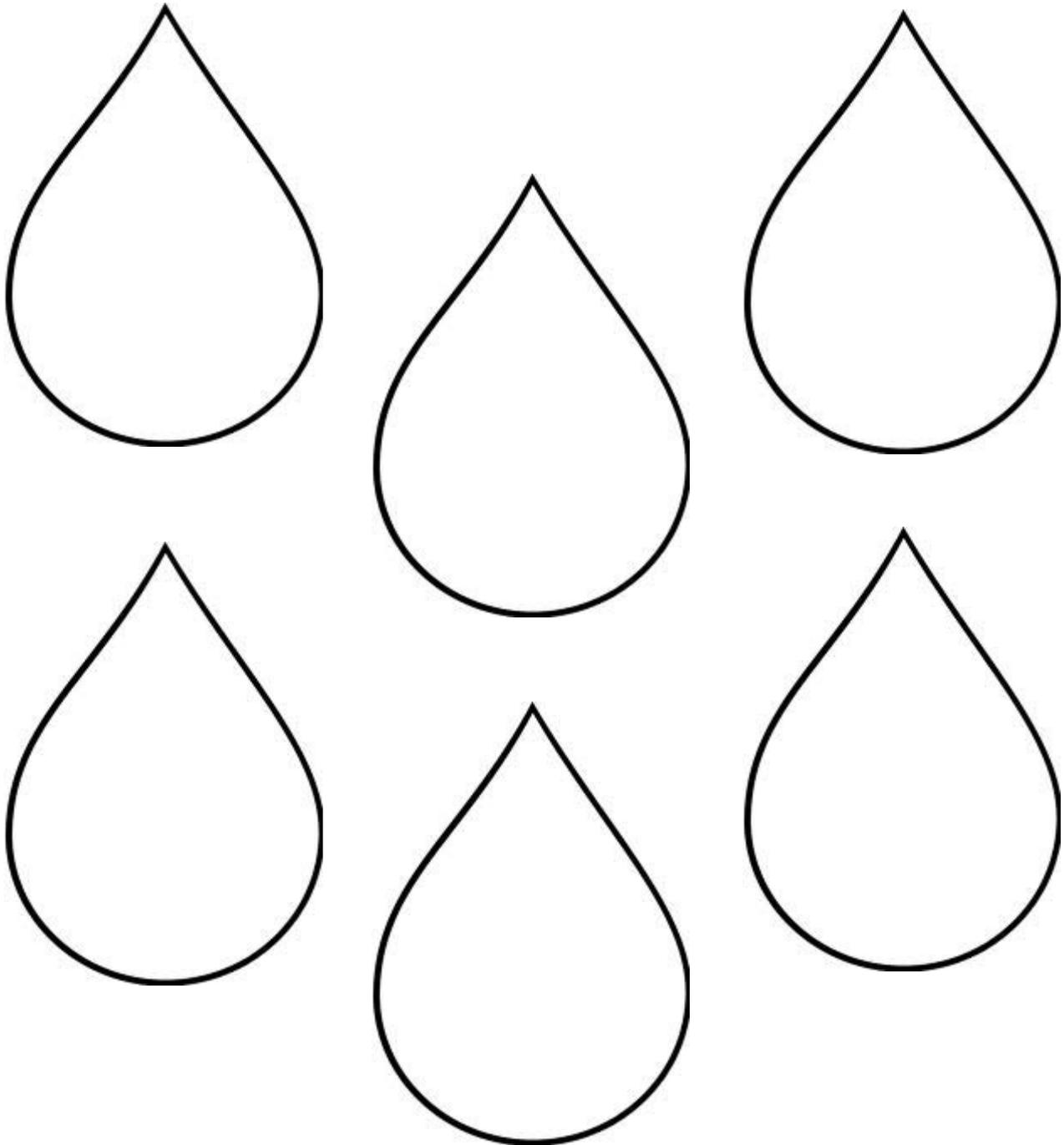
Pray for us!



Holy Thursday

Jesus washes his disciples feet. John 13:1-15

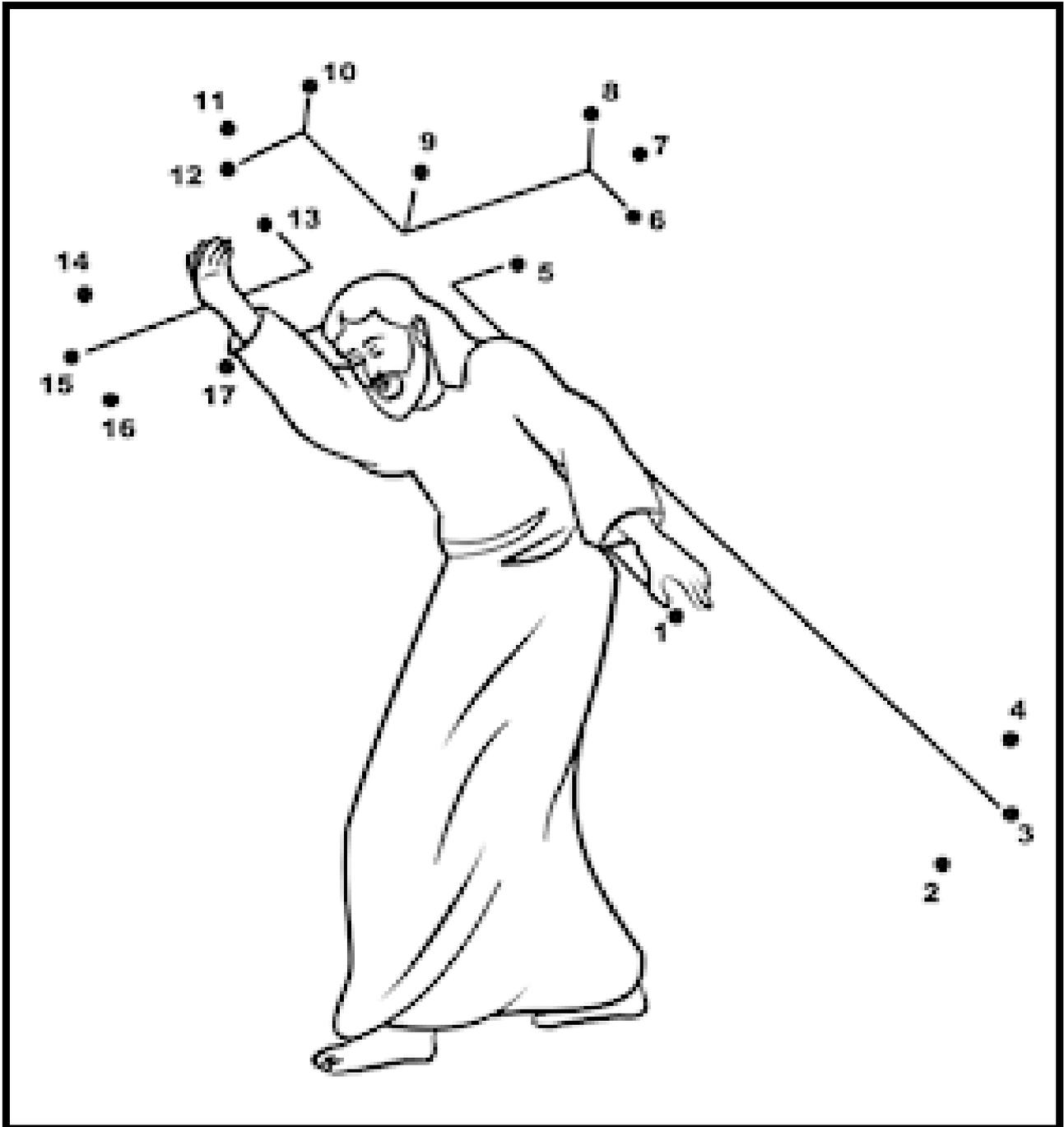
In today's reading we remember how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. He wanted to show them how to love each other and serve those in need. What can you do today to help be like Jesus? Maybe you can help Mum or Dad or your brother or sister. Draw or write all the helpful things you do today in the water drops. You might also like to have a prayer time with your family and wash each other's feet?





Good Friday

John 18:1—19:42



We remember how much Jesus loves us. It is the day when we think about how Jesus died on the cross. The cross is a symbol of His precious love.

Go out into your garden and see if you can find two wooden sticks, use some string and tie them together to make a cross. As you make it remember how much Jesus loves you. Put the cross somewhere special in your house.

On the next page you will find a little book to make called the Way of the Cross. Colour the pictures then cut out the pages, along the lines, and staple them together to make your book.

The Way of the Cross



Jesus is condemned



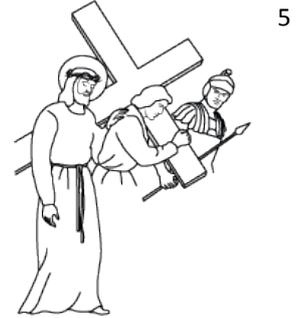
Jesus takes up His cross



Jesus falls for the first time



Jesus meets His mother



Simon helps Jesus carry His cross



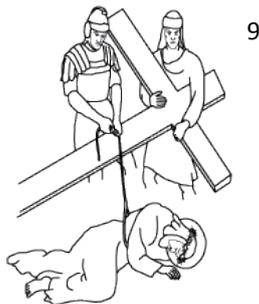
Veronica wipes Jesus face



Jesus falls for the second time



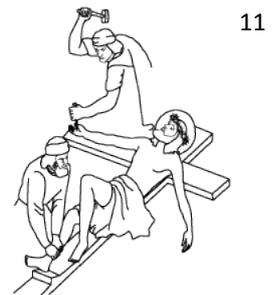
Jesus tells the women not to cry



Jesus falls for the third time



Jesus is stripped of His clothes



Jesus is nailed to the cross



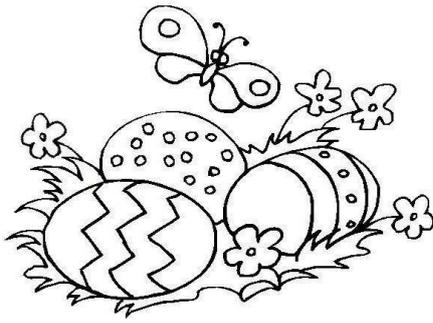
Jesus dies on the cross

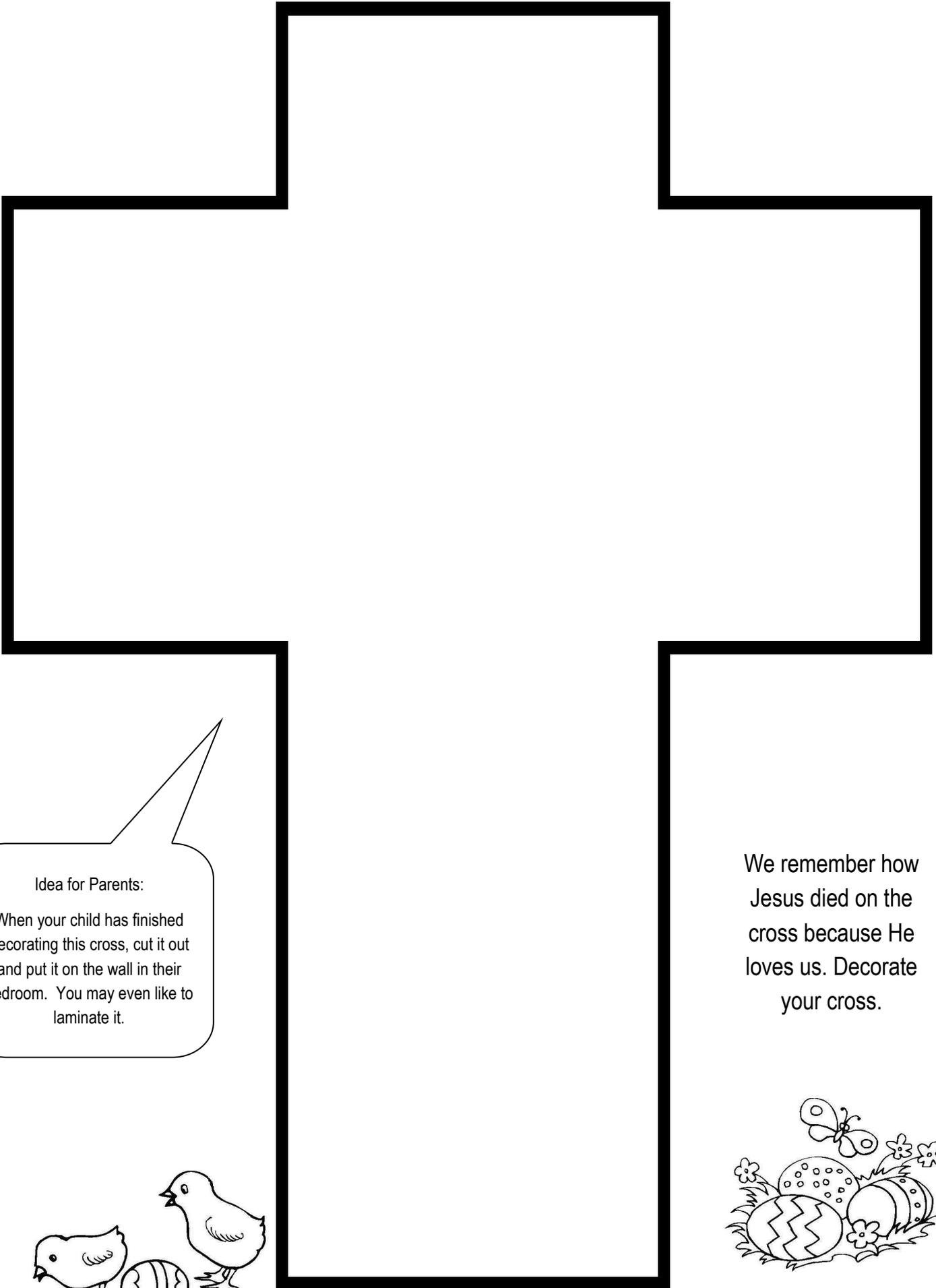


Jesus is taken down from the cross



Jesus is laid in the tomb

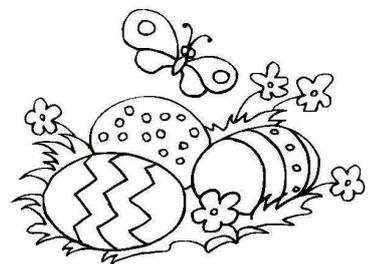
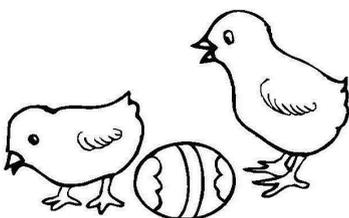


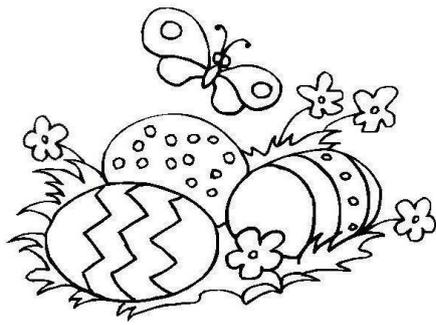


Idea for Parents:

When your child has finished decorating this cross, cut it out and put it on the wall in their bedroom. You may even like to laminate it.

We remember how Jesus died on the cross because He loves us. Decorate your cross.

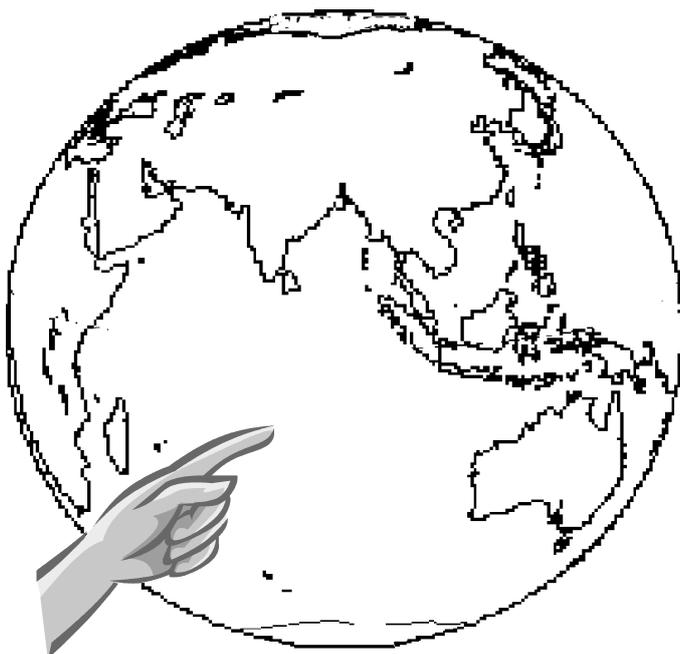




Easter

The readings today remind us of Gods great love from the beginning of the world!

First we hear the story of how God created the earth and everything that is in it... These pictures tell the story of Creation but they are in the wrong order! Cut out the pictures and glue them onto the right space so that the pictures are in the correct order.



Day 1
God made
light & dark!



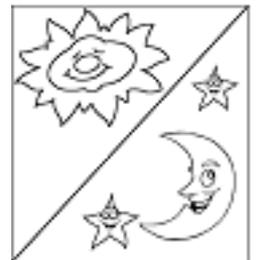
Day 2
God made the
sky!



Day 3
God made
earth, land
and sea!



Day 4
God made the
sun, moon and
stars!



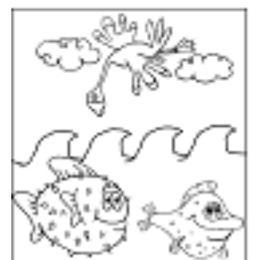
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God made fish
and birds!

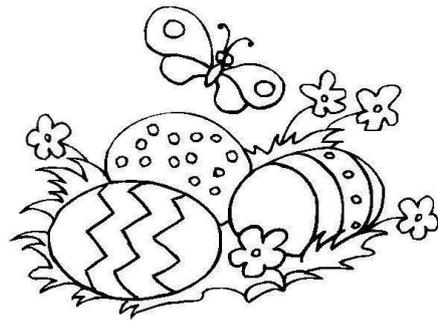


Day 6
God made
animals and
people!



Day 7
God had a
rest!





Then we hear about the story of God's promises to Abraham... "I will bless you Abraham, and your children will be as many as the stars in the heavens!" Draw lots of stars above Moses!



Then we hear about the story of how God rescued the Israelites from Egypt... "Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant!"

But the people turn away from God. Still God does not give up. He sends His son Jesus who dies on the cross and rises again!

Easter Wordfind

There is so much to celebrate! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Find all the Easter word in the wordfind below!



ALLELUIA
JESUS
RISEN
CROSS
DISCIPLES
TOMB
ALIVE
EASTER
EGGS
RESURRECTION

N Y O O D M V X V W Q E V N G
V V R A L I V E E M R U K C O
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Good News!

Jesus is risen!

Jesus is risen! Alleluia!!. Draw a picture of you and Jesus and trace the words.

Happy Easter!

Jesus is risen! Alleluia!!
Decorate your own
Easter egg!

