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Ages 3+

Jesus died on a Friday afternoon. Friends quickly placed his body in a tomb cut into a rocky hillside and blocked the entrance with a great stone. Guards were sent to secure the tomb.

On Sunday, when two women, one called Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were visiting the tomb, they felt a great earthquake.

They saw an angel come and roll away the stone from the entrance of the tomb. The guards were so frightened that they shook and fainted!

The angel told the women not to be afraid, that Jesus was not there for he had risen. This meant that Jesus was alive! The angel told them to go quickly and tell Jesus' friends that he is alive.

On their way back suddenly Jesus met them and said "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, there they will see me"

And just as Jesus had promised he rose from the dead on the third day after his death!

Christians celebrate Easter Sunday to remember this important event.

Jesus Comes Alive Again

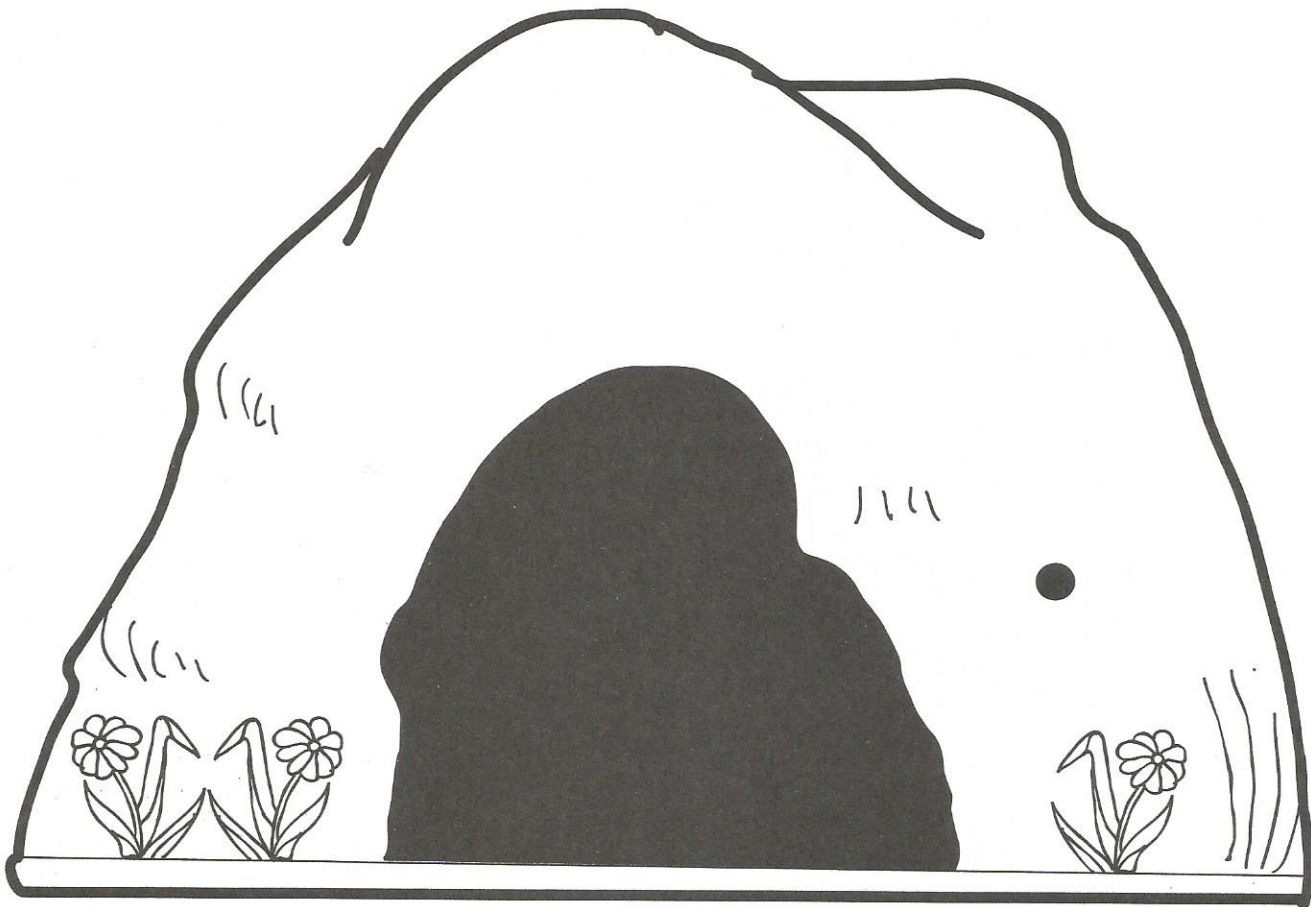
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A Rolling Stone

After Jesus died, His body was buried in a very special tomb and a big stone was rolled in front of the doorway to close the tomb.

Three days later, Jesus came alive again and left the tomb! When His friends came to the tomb, the stone was rolled away from the door and Jesus was gone! Jesus was not dead any more!

Color the picture of the tomb where Jesus' body was buried. Your teacher will help you attach a brown construction paper stone to the tomb. You can roll away the stone and see the tomb is empty because Jesus is alive!



For the Teacher: For each child, cut a circle about $3\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter out of brown construction paper. Punch a hole in one side of each circle and attach it to the black dot on the picture of the tomb with a paper fastener. (Do not let the children hold the paper fasteners.) Tape down the prongs of the paper fasteners to avoid injury. Show the children how to roll away the stones to see the empty tombs.

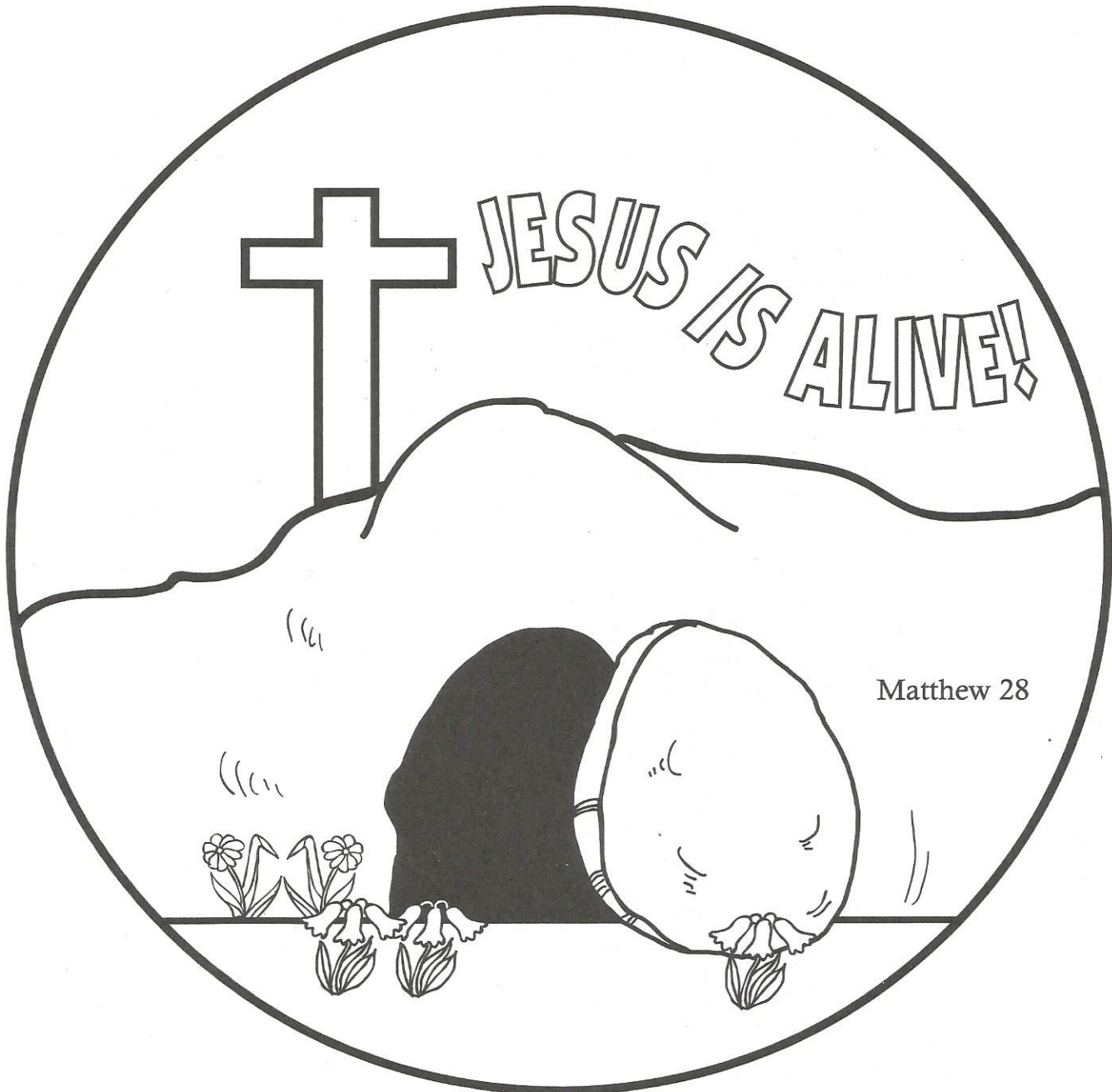
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Jesus Is Alive Sewing Card

After Jesus had been dead for three days, He came alive again! We should be very happy because Jesus is alive.

Color the picture. Your teacher will show you how to use yarn to sew around your circle. You will make a pretty picture that helps you remember to be happy because Jesus is alive.



For the Teacher: Before class, cut out one circle picture for each child, and glue each to an 8-inch circle of poster board. Use a hole punch to punch holes about 2 inches apart around the outside of each circle. Provide lengths of yarn for the children to sew through the holes. (Stiffen the ends of the yarn by wrapping with clear tape.) When the children are finished sewing, tape the ends of the yarn to each picture and attach yarn loops for hanging.



An angel said, "He is not here. He is alive!"
The women hurried to tell the good news.

Luke 24:1-10