

Theme: He's alive!!!

Games:

Poor Kitty: Sit the children in a circle and one player is chosen as the "kitty" and goes to the centre of the circle. The kitty begins to act like a cat and approaches one of the sitting players, who must stroke the kitty's head and say "poor kitty" three times without smiling or laughing. The kitty is free to make faces at the person stroking. According to the leaders' preference, either the first person or the last person to laugh becomes the next kitty. You could get the children to imitate other animals, such as "poor piggy," "poor elephant," or "poor puppy," etc. Animals that make noises and have peculiar behaviour are best.

Leader of the Orchestra: One child is chosen out of the group and taken outside with an adult. Whilst outside the rest of the group forms a circle and picks someone to be "leader of the orchestra". That person pretends to play a musical instrument and the rest of the circle copy. The child outside comes back in and has to guess who the leader is. Whilst trying to guess the leader might start to play another instrument and the rest copy. The leader can change as many times as he/she wants whilst the child from the outside has three chances to guess who it is.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15 v 20a. *'But the truth is that Christ now has been raised from the dead'* Cut out the memory verse from the resources pack and play true or false. The instructions are in the resources pack.

Introduction: Talk to the children about surprises. Have they ever had a surprise party or present? Has someone done something they were not expecting? How did they feel when they received the surprise? Leads into the story about Mary who had a big surprise.

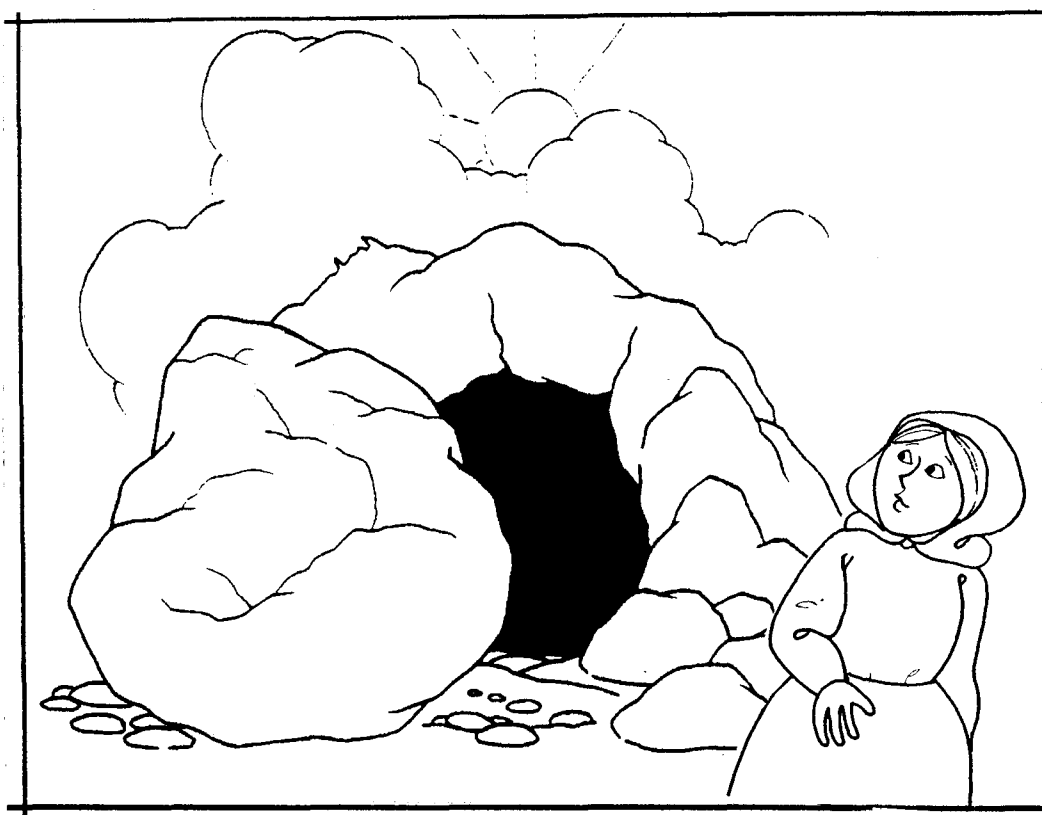
Story: John 20 v 11-18 – Mary Magdalene visits the tomb to find that Jesus has gone. This is well illustrated in the Miracle Maker Video. It could also be acted out.

Application: Everyone was shocked and amazed that Jesus had risen from the dead three days after He was killed on the cross. We read in the Bible that many people actually saw Jesus in the 40 days after he rose from the dead! After Mary, Peter and John saw Him. He appeared to two men on the road to Emmaus and when all the disciples were hiding away in an upper room Jesus came to show them it was really Him. He was not a ghost; he ate food and spent time with his friends. The Bible tells us that he appeared to more than 500 people (1 Corinthians 15 v 6)

Prayer: *" Thank you Jesus that you are more powerful than death. Thank you that you are alive to-day. Help us to put our faith in you. Amen "*

Resources: Continue with the Easter garden and there is a fun sheet in the resources pack.

Song: " Lord I lift your name on high"

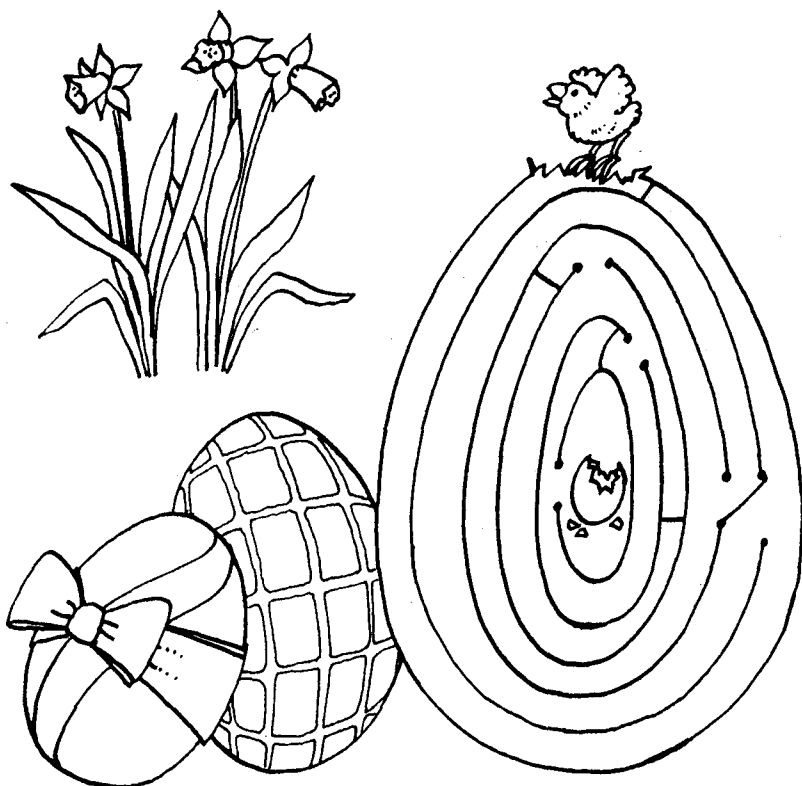


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1 Corinthians 15 v 20a

Word search

- ALIVE JOHN STONE
- ANGELS MAGDALENE SUNDAY
- EASTER MARY TOMB
- EMPTY MORNING WRAPPINGS
- GARDENER PETER
- JESUS RESURRECTION

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Memory Verse – True or False

The leader of the group makes a statement e.g. "I have 2 cats". The children then have to work out whether the statement is true or false. If they guess correctly they win a piece of the memory verse.

TRUE

FALSE

25. EASTER 3-D MODEL – TOMB

1. Photocopy onto thin card.
2. Colour and cut out.
3. Pierce dots X and Q.

4. Cut out large window.
5. Glue into triangular shape with long tab JK.
6. Attach angel with paper fastener through Q then P.
7. Attach stone with paper fastener through Y then X.
8. Glue end of tomb to base, lining up EF and GH.

