

Joy Kids Curriculum

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Jesus is Risen!

John 20:1-30

Provided By: Joy Kids

Hello Parents/Caregiver!

Firstly, thank you for taking advantage of using this curriculum for your child(ren) during these uncertain times. By providing your child with a small piece of normalcy you will be doing huge things for their minds and hearts. Our Joy Kids Team is here to partner with you and your family by continuing to provide curriculum for as long as needed.

The best way to utilize what is provided in this packet is to follow it as closely as possible and use the parts that best suit your individual child(ren). This is meant to cover all ages that attend Joy Kids so it is possible that not all of it will be something your child is capable of or interested in doing.

Above all we hope this provides you with another opportunity to connect with your child(ren) and to have fun while learning about the Word! Also, feel free to add and elaborate on things! We cannot wait until we are able to be under one roof worshipping together again!

- The Joy Kids Team

P.S. If you need clarification on anything please feel free to message the church on Facebook or Felicia Myers directly. We are here to help!

Supplies: ESV Version Bible, pencil, crayons/markers

Overview

- **Open in Prayer** (Encourage your child to do this)
- **Discuss:** Today we are celebrating Easter!
- **Ask:** Why do we celebrate Easter?
- **Read:** "Palm Sunday" (Page 4-5)
 - o If you have older children that can read you can have them read from the Bible before reading the story to them. (This is a longer story so your child may need you to read some of the verses)
 - o If you have younger children you can have them color the coloring page provided (page 6) while you are reading the story. They tend to pay attention better when they are able to do this.
- **Discuss** In the story of Easter we see that Jesus rose from the grave just as He said He would!
 - o Why did Jesus die and resurrect?
 - o What would you think if you got to see Jesus alive after you had seen Him die?
 - o Why is it important for us to believe in Jesus?
 - o Why do we have the Holy Spirit?
 - o Is it important to listen to the Holy Spirit when we feel like we are doing something we are not supposed to do?
 - o How do you feel about Jesus being alive?
- **Say:** Let's take some time to discuss how we are planning to celebrate Jesus being alive today.
- **Worksheets** (Pages 7-8)
- **Close in prayer** – Ask if your child has anything they would like prayer for. Pray for your community, church, and those affected by COVID -19.

Jesus us Risen! (John 20:1-30)

After Jesus died, a man named Joseph (from a place called Arimathea) put Jesus in His tomb that nobody had ever used. The tombs they used then were cut out of rock, almost like a cave, they weren't buried deep in the ground like they are now. Before Joseph left, he and some men rolled a large heavy stone in front of the tomb.

Mary and Mary Magdalene had waited a day to see Jesus because they couldn't go on the Sabbath (which was a day of rest). As they were just about at the tomb, the earth suddenly shook and an angel came down from heaven. He easily rolled away the stone at the entrance of the tomb and sat on top of it. The women looked at each other and rubbed their eyes since they couldn't believe what they had seen -- plus it was very early in the morning, and they were still a little sleepy. The angel was so bright -- almost as bright as lightning! His clothes were as white as snow.

There had been guards watching the tomb so no one would steal Jesus' body. When they saw the angel, they fell over and they couldn't move or speak because they were so afraid. Then the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus who has died. But He isn't here; He has risen just as He said He would! Come and see for yourself, the tomb is empty." The women were confused. How could this happen? They were sure Jesus had died, and now He was alive? They looked in the tomb and the cloths Jesus had been wrapped in were lying on the ground; the tomb was empty. Then the angel spoke again, "If you want to find Jesus He's on his way to Galilee."

So the women hurried away, They were laughing and crying at the same time. They didn't know what to feel; they had been so sad that Jesus was dead and now they were so excited that He was alive! They just knew they had to find Jesus, and they had to tell the disciples the good news. As they were running down the path, they turned a corner, and there was Jesus. "Greetings," He said. The ladies fell at His feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my disciples to come to Galilee. That is where they will see me."

The disciples came to Galilee, having heard by this time that Jesus was alive. They were sitting around talking about it when Jesus walked into the room and said to them, "Peace be with you." The disciples immediately stopped talking. Even though they had heard He was alive, they were shocked to see Him standing there with them. Jesus said to them, "Why do you look at me like you've just seen a ghost? Why don't you believe what you're seeing? Look at the scars in my hands and feet. It is really me! Touch me and see, I am not a ghost but a real person."

The disciple's mouths were open in amazement because they still didn't know what to think. They were so full of joy, and yet it was so impossible. Jesus understood what they were thinking, so He said, "This is what I told you would happen, that everything must happen that has already been written in the Bible."

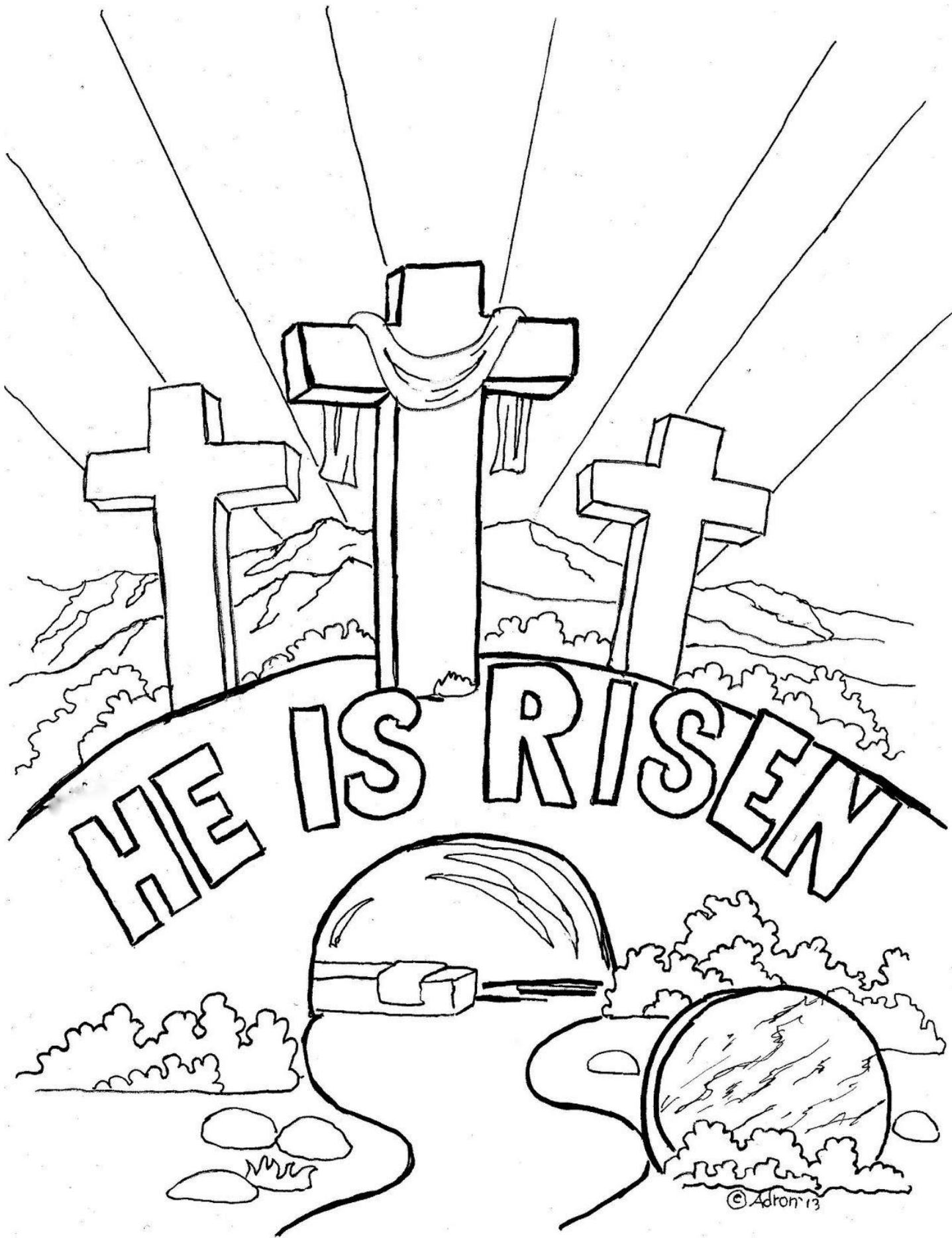
Jesus had told the disciples when they had the Last Supper together; they took the bread at communion and Jesus said, "this is my body which I have given to you..." but the disciples hadn't understood what it really meant.

Then Jesus told them, "You have seen these things that have happened, so stay in the city and soon I am going to give you what God has promised you: the Holy Spirit.

When we become Christians, Jesus automatically gives us the Holy Spirit to live inside of us. The Holy Spirit makes us know when we have done something wrong. We might feel sick to our stomach, or just get a bad feeling but that is the Holy Spirit reminding us that we are doing something wrong, or that we need to stop and say sorry and ask for forgiveness for what we've done.

The story is almost done, but Jesus had one more person to see. His name was Thomas, and he was one of the disciples that weren't there when Jesus met with them. Thomas had also heard that Jesus was alive, but would not believe until he saw Jesus with his own eyes. A week later when Thomas finally saw Jesus, Jesus said to him, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Stop doubting and believe." But Jesus continued, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; but it is more amazing for those who don't see me, and believe anyway."

It's really neat, but Jesus was actually talking to us when He said this. If you believe in Him, without seeing Him, that is really special! That is exactly what faith is: believing in God even though you can't see Him.



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CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

1. "Now on the **first/last** day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the **tomb/grave** early, while it was still **dark/light**, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other **disciple/buddy**, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have **taken/stolen** the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." John 20:1-2

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

2. "Then Simon Peter _____, following him, and went into the _____. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the _____ cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but _____ up in a place by itself." John 20:6-7

3. "Jesus said to her, " _____, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the _____, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him _____, tell me where you have _____ him, and I will take him away." John 20:15

4. "On the _____ of that day, the first day of the _____, the doors being locked where the _____ were for fear of the Jews,^[c] Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, " _____ be with you." John 20:19

TRUE OR FALSE:

5. "Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was with them when Jesus came."
TRUE or FALSE John 20:24

6. "Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
TRUE or FALSE John 20:26

7. "Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Cursed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
TRUE or FALSE John 20:29

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

8. "Now Jesus did **several/many** other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not **written/recorded** in this book; but these are written so that you may **believe/trust** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by **listening/believing** you may have life in his name." John 20:30-31

Draw a picture and write a description of your family celebrating Easter!

