Jesus Dies & Lives Again

Matthew 26:1-4

SPRING UNIT 4:

Jesus is Alive & Loves Me

BIBLE VERSE:

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead, you will b saved." Romans 10:9

GOD'S WORD & ME (BOTTOM LINE:) I can praise Jesus and show my love for Him.



Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Matthew 26. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 41 pictures.

Show me how people look when they feel sad. How do they look when they feel happy? Listen to hear about a time when Jesus' friends were sad and then happy.



One day, Jesus told His friends, "In a few days, some people are going to take Me away. I'm going to be killed." Jesus' friends were very **sad**. But Jesus knew this was part of God's good plan. Jesus knew He wouldn't STAY dead!



When the people who wanted to kill Jesus came to get Him, Jesus let them take Him. And Jesus let them kill Him on a cross. Jesus' friends were very sad to see Him dead. They took Jesus' body and put it into a tomb. (This tomb was a little room made in the side of a hill.) Later, a HUGE rock was rolled in front of the doorway of the tomb so that no one could go in or out.



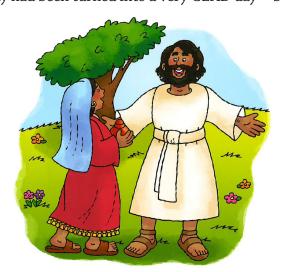
On the third day after Jesus was killed, one of Jesus' friends named Mary came to **the tomb**. It was still a little dark, but she could see that the big rock was NOT in front of the door. Mary looked into the tomb and saw two angels. One angel asked her why she was crying. Mary said, "Because Jesus' body is gone and I don't know where He is."



She turned around and almost bumped into someone. "Mary!" the person said. Mary knew that voice—it was JESUS! Mary was so happy to know that Jesus is alive!

Jesus said to her, "Go and tell the others." And Mary did! She must have **run** very fast!

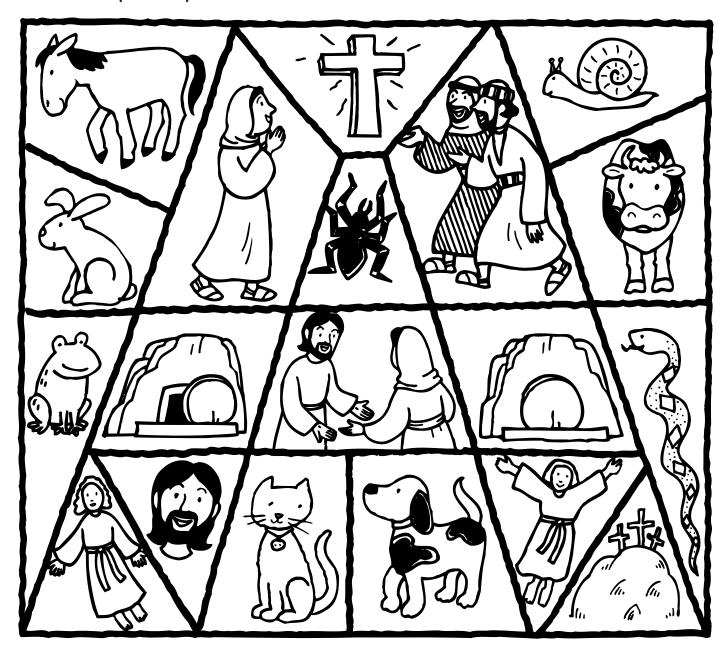
"Jesus is ALIVE! I saw Him!" she said. Jesus' other friends were so surprised, some of them did not believe her. But that night, Jesus came to the place where His friends were. Now Jesus' friends saw that Jesus is alive and knew that He loved them! The very SAD day had been turned into a very GLAD day—because Jesus is alive!







Draw an * on all the spaces with pictures of animals. Color in all the other spaces. What shape do you find?



A is the first letter in the word ALIVE.

The pictures in the letter A show the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. We can be glad because Jesus is ALIVE and shows His love for us! Our Bible says, "It is true! The Lord has risen" (Luke 24:34).



Make dotted letters for the word ALIVE. Give it to someone to trace. Then say the words of Luke 24:34.