

Easter Sunday



Read it from the Bible

Mark 16:1-8

'The man said, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, and he isn't here. You can see the place where they put his body. Now go and tell his disciples and especially Peter, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you.'" Mark 16:6-7

Tell the story

Early one morning, just as the sun was beginning to rise in the sky, Mary and her friends went to the cave where Jesus had been buried. They were feeling very upset that Jesus had died. The women knew that there was a huge stone in front of the cave. "How are we going to move it?" they wondered.

But when they reached the cave, they could not believe their eyes. The heavy stone had been rolled away from the doorway. They saw a man in white clothes.

"What's happened?" they wondered.

"Please don't be afraid," the man told them. "Jesus isn't here any more. Have a look for yourselves. Jesus isn't dead. He's alive. Go back and tell all his other friends what's happened."

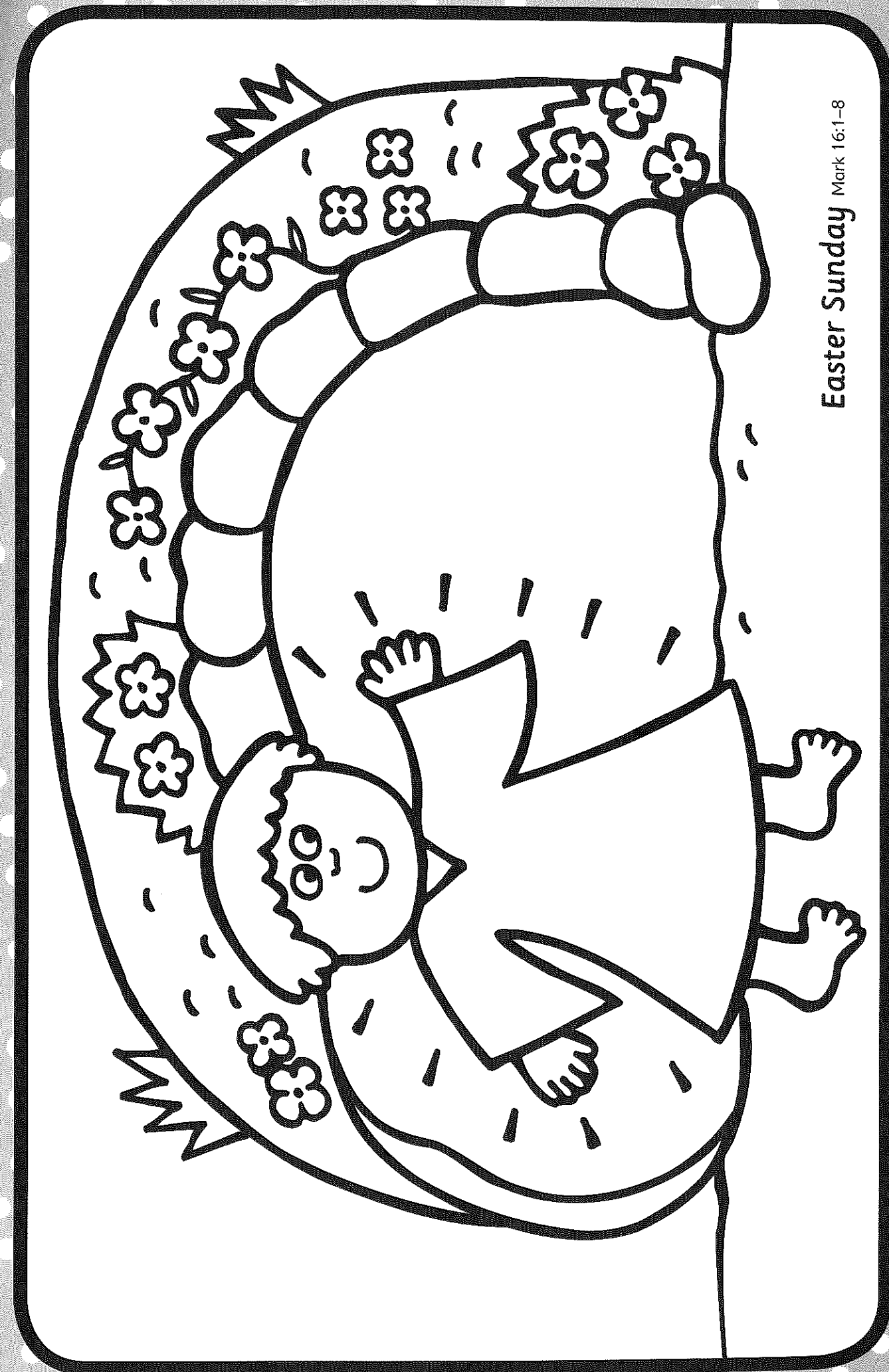
Mary and her friends were amazed and excited by the wonderful news. They were so happy that Jesus was alive again!

Talk to God

Thank you, Jesus, that you came back to life again after you had died – that's amazing!

Use the picture

- 1 You can use the picture as an introduction to the Bible story or to help you review the story together.
- 2 Decorate the picture of the cave on Easter morning. The character in front of the cave is an angel: can the children make the angel extra bright and shiny?
- 3 Talk about the Easter story. Was Jesus in the cave? No! What is the angel saying? Jesus is alive!
- 4 Turn the paper over and draw a picture of Jesus.
- 5 Turn the pictures into flags by taping one short edge to a length of bamboo cane. Wave your flags. Now everyone can see Jesus is alive again!



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