

Matthew chapter 27 verse 57 to chapter 28 verse 15; John chapter 20 verses 10 to 23.

Christians believe that Jesus loves us and chose to take the blame for all the wrong things we have done by dying on the cross on Good Friday. God raised him back to life again on the Easter Sunday, and if we choose to follow him we can be forgiven.

Reflection

- What do you think about when you have to make a difficult choice? What influences that choice?
- Have you ever taken the blame for something you didn't do, or has someone else taken the blame for you? How did that make you feel?
- Think back to the story of the events of Easter in the sketch. What do you think is the most amazing thing that happened?

Links

Versions of the Bible story can be found here – please check they are suitable for your group:

The Lego Easter Story <https://youtu.be/59iAsUBB79E>

The story of Easter https://youtu.be/4VtcF_fOoWY; <https://youtu.be/VtYDbPfZB-8>

The song in the presentation: <https://youtu.be/TV55YtyqTT0> *For God So Loved the World* by John Hardwick. What does this song say about God's love, the choices He made and the choices we can make?

Inspire Prayer Space Activity – Choices

Equipment

Strips of paper for each pupil to make a cross
Pens, pencils, crayons

Activity

"It is our choices ... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

Albus Dumbledore – Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

We make choices all the time. Some are small, others are more important.

What are some of the good and bad choices that you have made?
Think about your attitudes, your behaviour and your character.



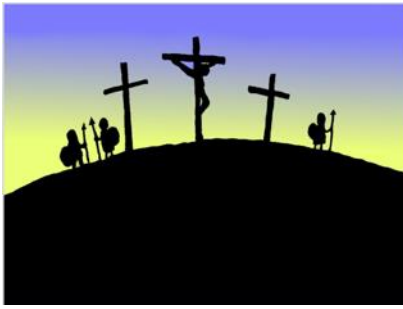
In the Easter story, Jesus died on the cross. Christians believe that because of this, we all have a choice and can freely ask God for forgiveness – we can choose to say sorry and know we are forgiven. Make your strips of paper into a cross.

We all choose to do and say things that are wrong sometimes, things that we regret and wish we hadn't said or done. Think about any bad choices you have made. You might like to write a sorry thought or prayer on your cross and thank God you can be forgiven.

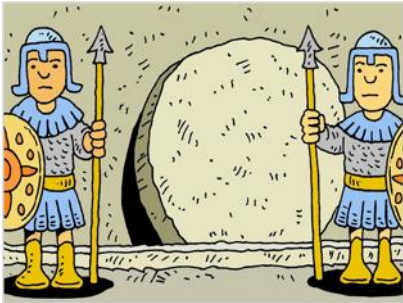
See below for activity sheets

The Easter Story

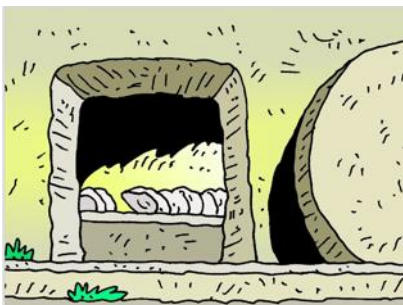
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Even though he had done nothing wrong, Jesus died on the _____ on Good Friday to take the blame for all the wrong things that we think, say and do.

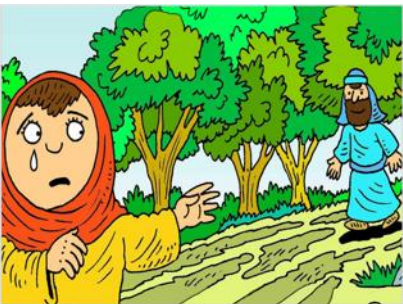


Jesus' body was put in a tomb in the rock and a large _____ was put over the entrance to seal it up. Roman _____ had to guard the tomb.



On the morning of Easter Sunday an _____ appeared and rolled the stone away from the entrance of the _____. The soldiers ran away.

God had raised Jesus back to life again.



Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to treat Jesus' body, but the tomb was _____ and the body was gone! Mary was _____ by the tomb when she saw a man approaching.



The man said her name, and she knew it was Jesus.

_____ was alive again! Mary was _____ and went to tell her friends.

tomb happy cross angel stone open Jesus soldiers crying

Maze – help Mary to choose the right way to the tomb

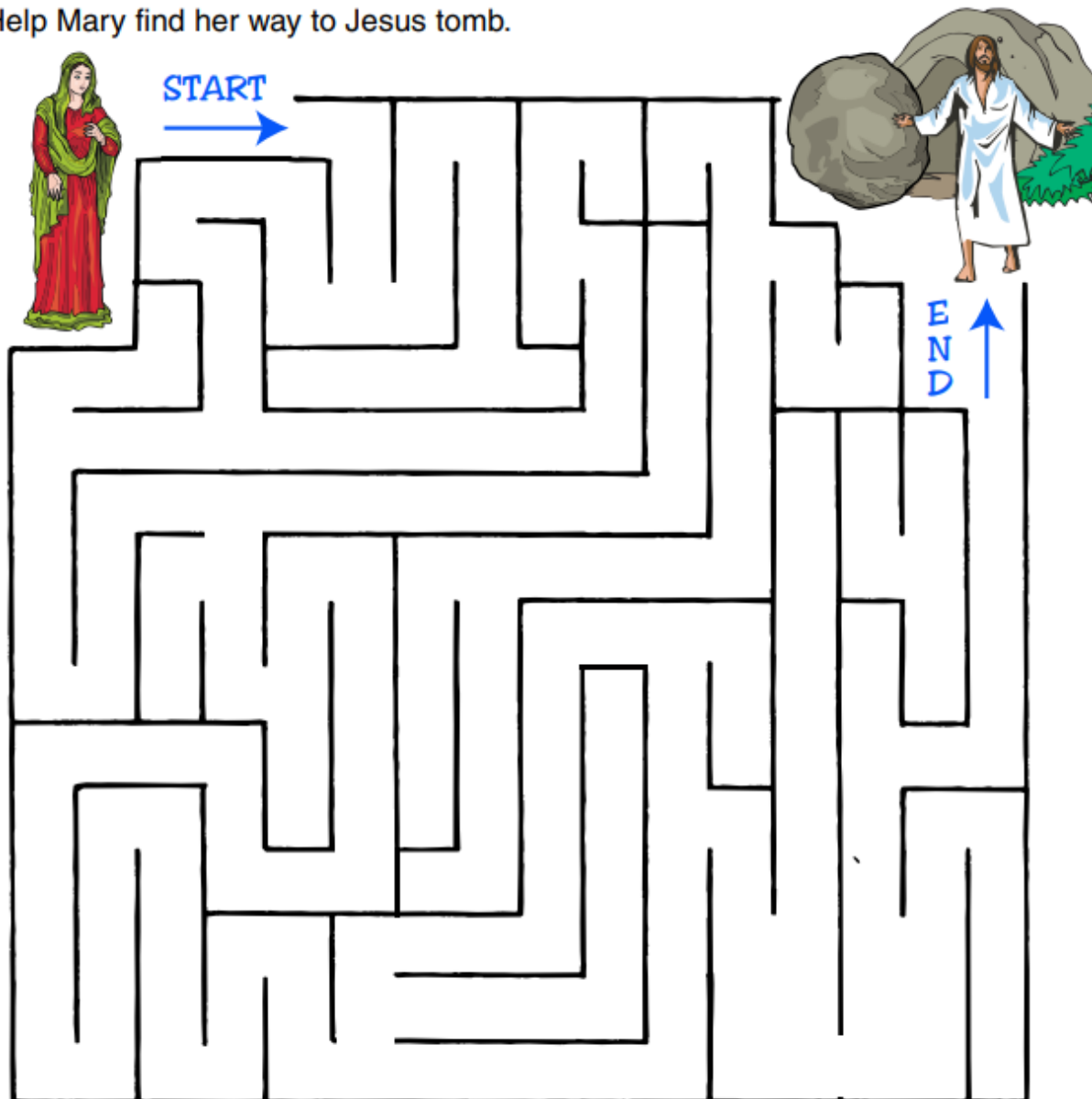
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Jesus is Alive Maze

Early Easter morning, Mary Magdalene visited Jesus' tomb. The stone had been rolled away, and Jesus was not in the tomb. She was very sad because she thought someone had taken Jesus' body.

Then Mary saw a man she thought was the gardener. She was so happy to see the man was Jesus! She ran to tell the disciples Jesus was alive.

Help Mary find her way to Jesus tomb.



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Easter Garden

Make an Easter Garden to remember the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday:

<https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2017/02/23/make-an-easter-garden/>

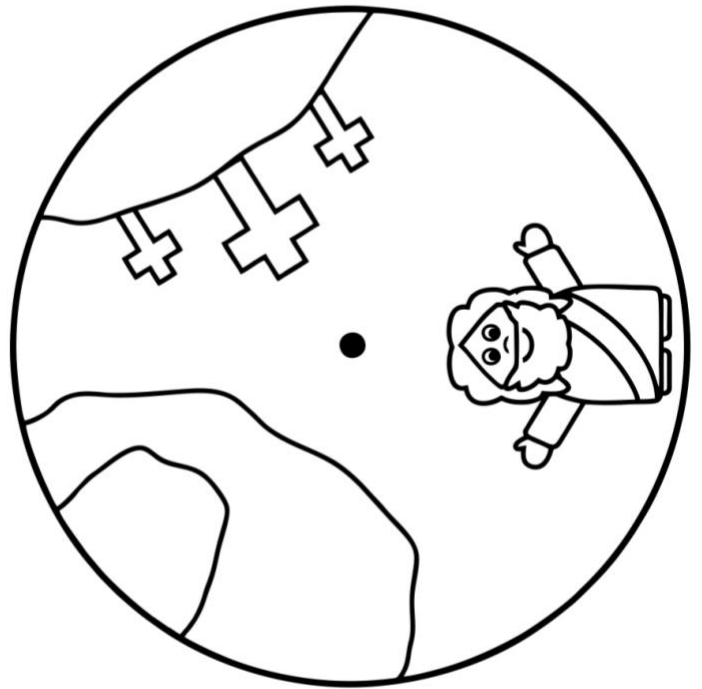
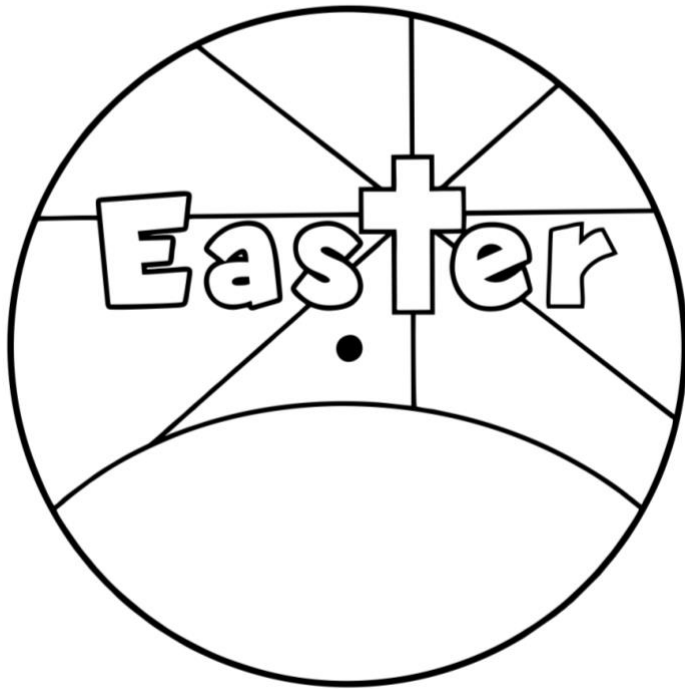


Easter Story wheel

Use the template below to create a story wheel for Easter (you may need to enlarge it).

Remove the bottom arc in the first circle, colour in the images and join the two together with a split pin.

Use the wheel to re-tell the Easter story. [Video](#) of completed craft.



Resurrection scene



Make a scene to show the resurrection.

There is a downloadable set on this link:

[Resurrection Set](#)