

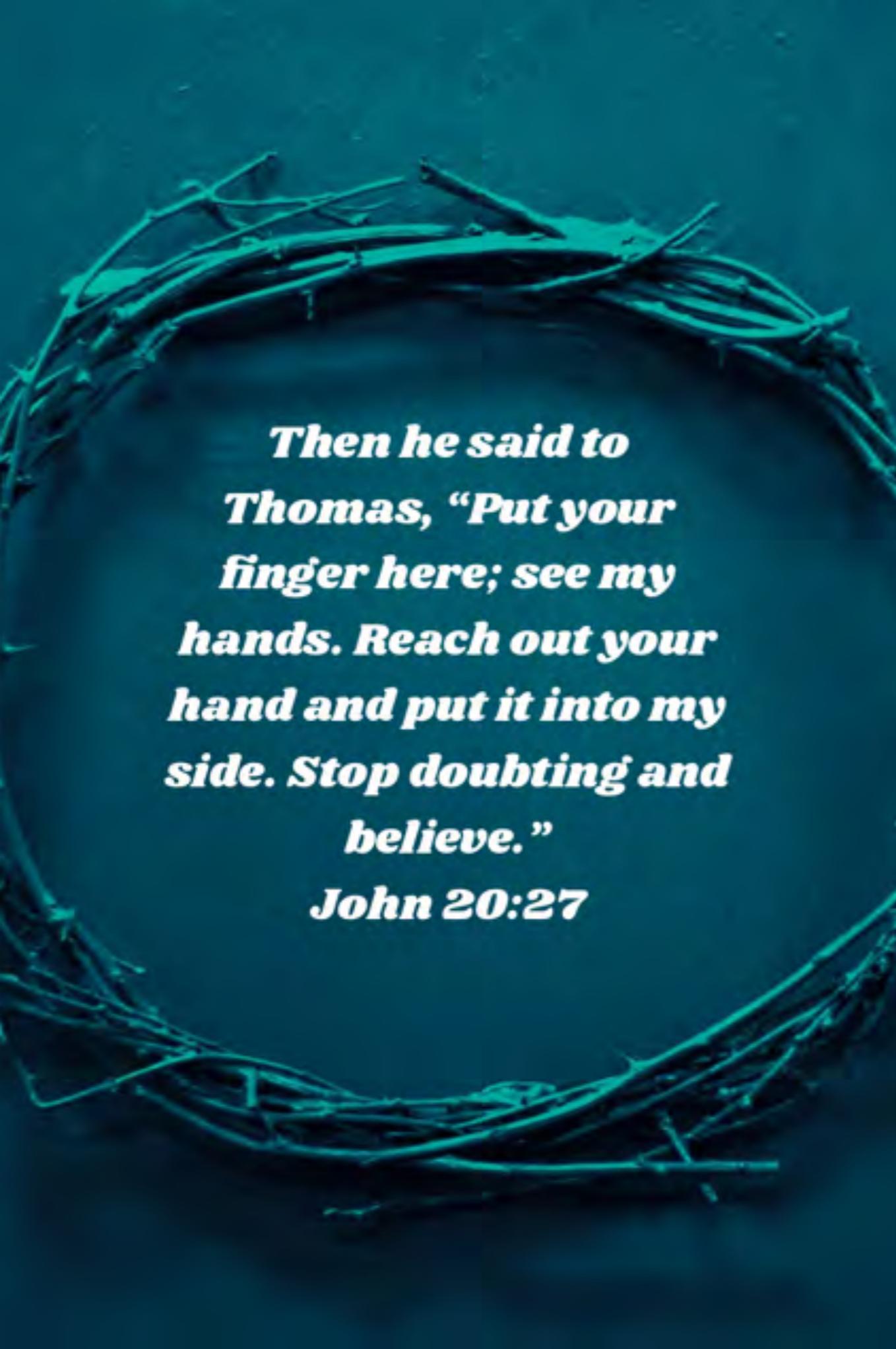
FAMILY DEVOTIONAL - 12.04.20

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# EASTER - HE IS RISEN!

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***Then he said to  
Thomas, “Put your  
finger here; see my  
hands. Reach out your  
hand and put it into my  
side. Stop doubting and  
believe.”  
John 20:27***

Hello Parents and Kids!

Happy Easter!! I hope you're all enjoying this weekend, eating plenty of chocolate, spending time with family, and most importantly reflecting on the incredible news; He is Risen!

On Friday we reflected on John 18 and 19 as we read about Jesus being crucified on a cross. The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus dead because they did not believe he was the messiah. We know that Jesus died (and more importantly rose again) for our sins so we could have a relationship with Him.

Today we get to celebrate Jesus' resurrection! Not only did Jesus sacrifice his own life for us, but he defeated death and ultimately proved that he is God, Lord over all and nothing is greater than Him; not even sin.

We are so blessed to have a God that loves us so much that He would sacrifice His life for us. Although we should show thanksgiving and praise everyday, today is the day dedicated to such a thing.

So while you sit around with your family, I encourage you to reflect on the wondrous gift that is eternity with Jesus.

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Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or the pastoral care team if you or your family need any assistance.

Haylee Morgan

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 *“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”*

# He is Risen!

Video - Quizworx - The Living, Peace Bringing, Sending King (Easter Sunday Kids' Talk) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9jw8VQnAhk&feature=youtu.be>

Who was the first person to see Jesus alive?

Where were the disciples?

Jesus greeted them by saying "Peace be with you". What did he mean?

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?

What are some practical ways we can "go" and share this message with people when we aren't even allowed out of our homes?



This family Bible devotion will take you through John 20:1-23 as you follow the people who were there when Jesus rose from the dead. Celebrate this incredible news with those in your household as you read the passages and discuss the questions. We encourage you to think about how each person would have felt at each point in the narrative: before and after they see and realise that Jesus is alive!

*Read together John 20:1-10*

Q. How do you think Mary felt, going to the tomb?

Q. What did Simon Peter, and the other disciple see in the tomb?

*Read together John 20:11-18*

Q. Who did Mary think was talking to her?

Q. What did Jesus tell Mary to do?

*Read together John 20:19-23*

Q. How were the disciples feeling, when they were in the room?

Q. How did they feel, after Jesus showed his hands and feet?

Q. Discuss what Jesus says to them and what he tells them to do

Q. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is alive?

Q. What should we do now?

Jesus is alive! Spend time praying together, thanking God for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins then raising him back to life so we can live forever for him. Pray for those people in your lives that you want to share this Good News with.

*Pray*

*Dear God,*

*Thank you that you sent your son Jesus to die for our sins.  
Thank you that you love us. Help us to live everyday for you and  
to never forget what you've done for us.*

*Amen*



# From some of our leaders...

We just wanted to send you some encouraging words during this very tricky and unusual time...

The bible tells us “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to god” Philippians 4:6. I know we are both finding it hard sometimes to not worry - about our jobs or school situations, about when we can next see our friends or about the health of family. But it’s always awesome to look to the bible for instruction and comfort. How are you guys finding church and your own personal time with God?

We have more time - but somehow life can still get in the way... Then He placed His right hand on me and said: Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.” Revelation 1:17. Knowing God is in complete control at all times is really relaxing - it is interesting to wonder what God wants us to learn during this time. I’ve been trying to practice guitar more - and have become an expert on zoom

How are you occupying your time? Liam

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While it can be easy to focus on the negatives in these uncertain times, it can be amazing to see how God shows himself in these situations and how he is always good. The earth around us is flourishing and restoring itself already! A glimpse of Gods glorious creation functioning the way it was designed. I also think it is important to think of all we can be thankful for. While the stress of supermarkets and fights for toilet paper are definitely chaotic and difficult at this stage. It has made me grateful and appreciative for the little things I have been blessed with. I think it is also a reminder to consider how some may experience this on a regular basis - whether they are unable to purchase supplies because of finances or an inability to access the stores. Can I challenge us to be praying for others and making an effort to look out for them and even buying some items to donate during our local shop. Finally I would like to challenge and remind us all to give all our concerns to God. Ultimately he is in control of everything and is far greater than us. Prayer is our most powerful weapon. How amazing that we have the ability to talk to the creator of the universe who has power over all. We are continuing to pray for you all during this time. Emma

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Happy Easter Kids Church!!!

At this very moment in time, the world is going through some very challenging and hard times and Easter this year may look a little different, compared to many other years. This year may look like not being able to gather all together for family lunches or dinners or not being able to have a fun Easter egg hunt.

However, this can give us a greater opportunity to reflect on the true reason for celebrating Easter. This time reminds us of how God loved us (you and me) so so much that he gave up his son as a sacrifice, so we could be forgiven and have a relationship with him. What an amazing reason to celebrate and be thankful for!

We are finding in this time a lot of changes with how we do school, meet up in groups and spend time with our families but it is awesome to know that God never changes and he is a constant and in control God. So I encourage you this holiday to keep on praying, rely on the Lord and to take time to share the hope of the Lord to your friends and people who may not know his love yet.

I've missed not coming to Kids Church each week and can't wait until we can all meet up together again! Have a lovely Easter, stay in contact with your loved ones however you can, stay safe and healthy and let's continue to look our eyes up to the Lord and Pray!

God Bless

Rachael

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Hey everyone, I hope you all are doing okay, considering. I just wanted to say a little hello to you all and wish you a very very happy easter. I pray that even throughout this time we will be

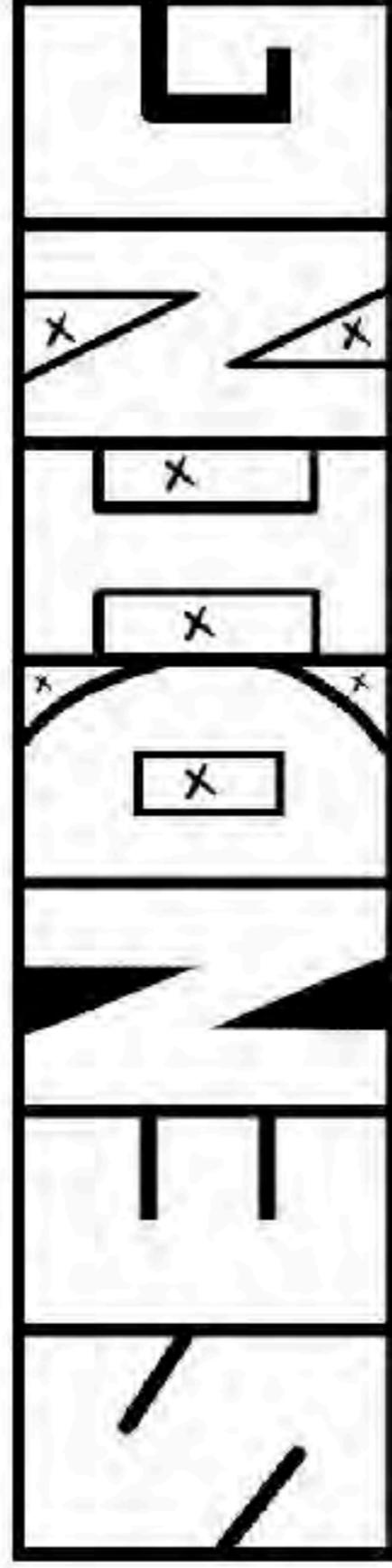
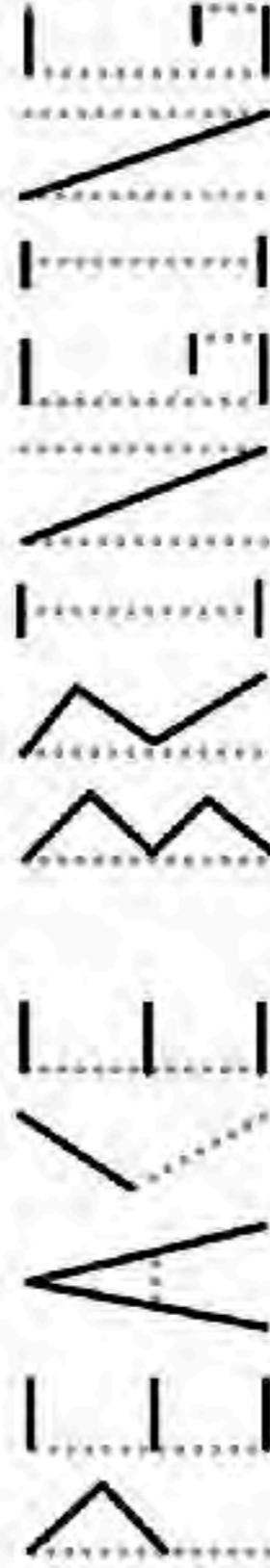
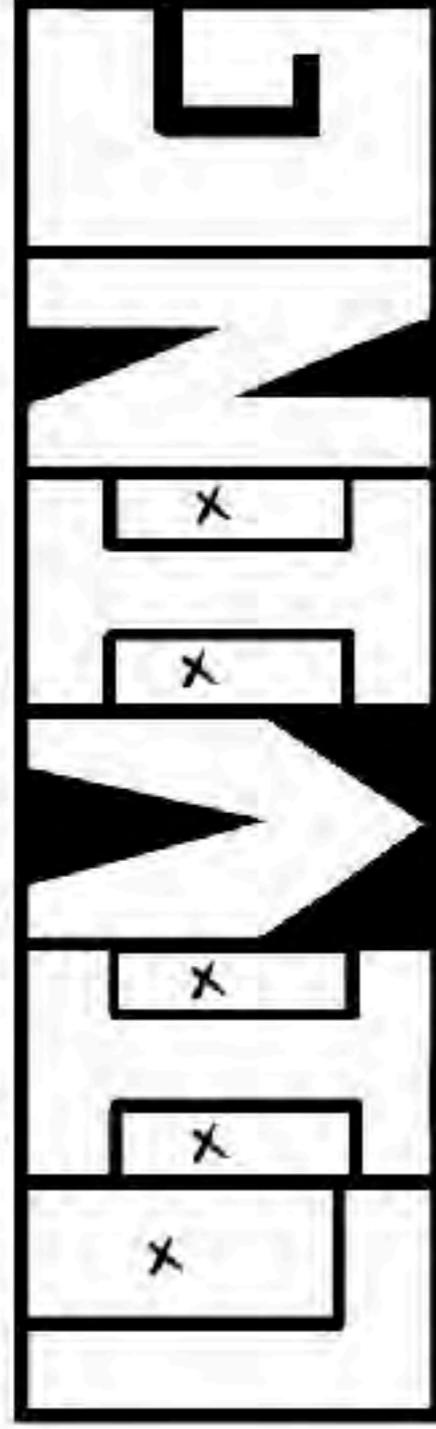
able to celebrate the good news of easter and remember what has happened for the sake of us. I hope you have been having a really good time at home. I cannot wait until I get to see you all again to hear all about the exciting things you've been up to during this time. I know it can be a bit tricky right now and that we might miss a lot of our friends but I hope that you have all been able to have just as much fun by either getting creative or playing games or learning lots and lots. It also may be a bit tricky to understand what's going on at the moment but just know that we are loved and looked after by our God.

Happy Easter, hope it's still a joyful time.

Love Amy

Colour black the shapes marked with an X and trace the dotted lines to see the exciting news from John chapter 20:

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Draw Mary excited  
to see Jesus alive!

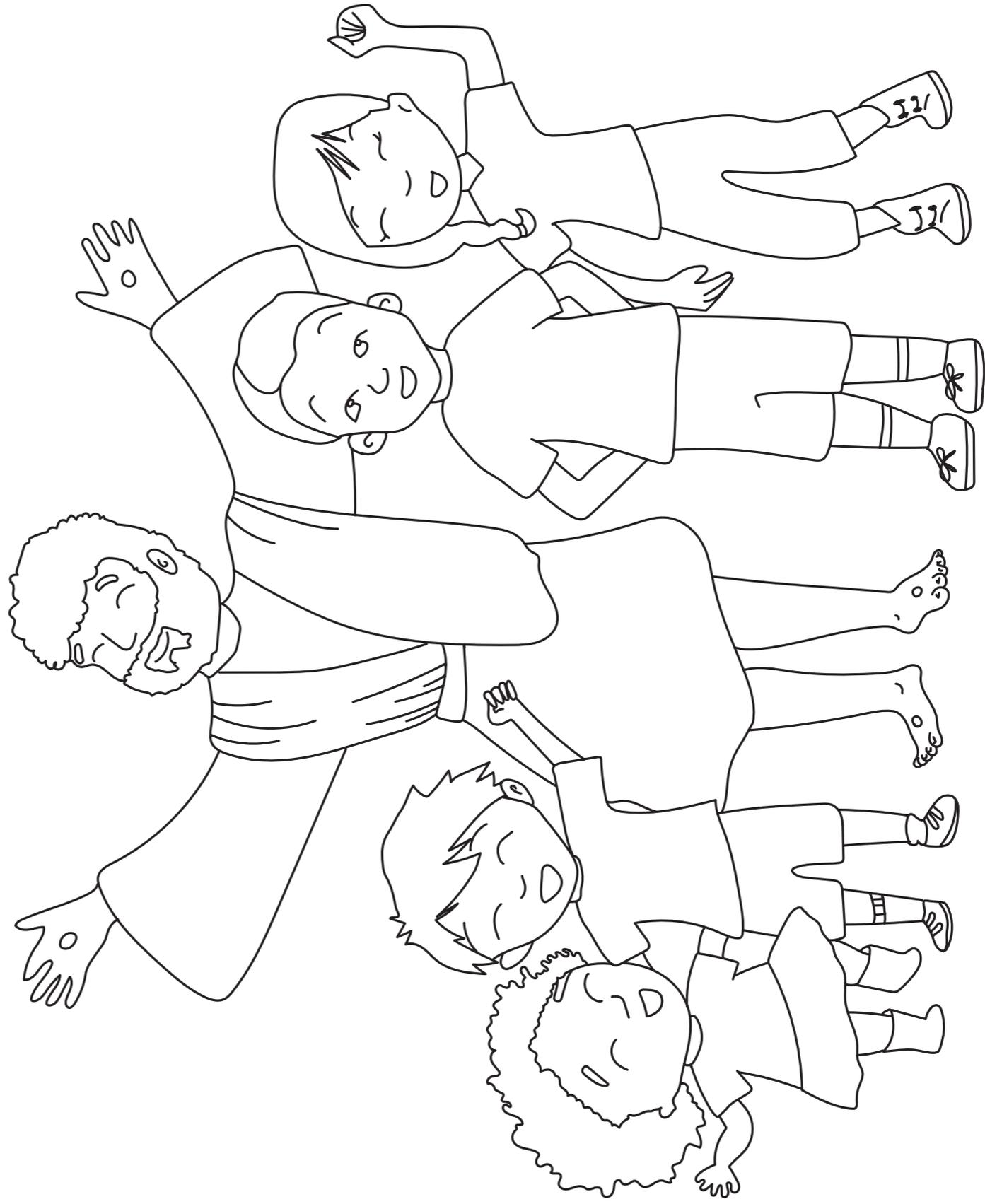


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Jesus  
is alive  
again!!



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# Jesus Is Alive!

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!

1 = green	3 = blue	5 = pink	7 = purple
2 = brown	4 = orange	6 = yellow	8 = red

