

Easter

April Lesson 2
John 18:12 – 20:23



Kindergarten – 5th Grade

Family Prayer Time

Bible Story

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“Thank You, God, that You love us more than we could ever imagine. You love us SO much that You put us first and sent Jesus to be our Savior. Help us be humble and put others first, too. Help us believe in You more every day. We love You, Lord. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

Bible Time

Memory Verse

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourself.
Philippians 2:3

Read “Jesus is Arrested and Crucified,” page 446 and “Jesus is Risen!” page 453 in the Beginner’s Bible
Read John 18:12-40, John 19 & John 20: 1-23 (pages 1190 – 1194)

Activity

Supplies needed for activity:

- *4 Easter Eggs
- *4 pieces of yarn or string (need to put in shape of heart) 1-Red, 1-White, 1-Dark Gray, 1-Yellow (or items at your home that are these colors – if you don’t have string ex. Legos, jellybeans...)
- *Put one piece of yarn/string (or alternate item) in each egg.

Life App

Humility - Putting other first by giving up what you think you deserve.

Open the eggs one at a time. Shape the yarn inside to look like a heart. Then, guide the discussion with your children to include the following story connections by asking . . .

Bottom Line

Jesus put us first.

- What does a **RED HEART** remind you of? (*God loved us and sent Jesus to save us; Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood as a sacrifice for our sin.*)
- What does a **WHITE HEART** remind you of? (*Jesus’ body was wrapped in strips of cloth before He was placed in the tomb; Our sin is forgiven and our hearts are made clean when we put our faith in Jesus.*)
- What does a **DARK GREY HEART** remind you of? (*Jesus was buried in a dark tomb or cave that was sealed tightly with a huge stone; our sin like a dark, dirty stain on our heart keeps us out of heaven unless we ask God to forgive us*)

- What does a **YELLOW HEART** remind you of? *(an angel appeared at the tomb and told Jesus' friends that He was no longer dead but had risen; darkness and sadness turned to sunshine and joy when Jesus came back to life)*

What You Say:

[Bottom Line] “**Jesus put us first** and turned the whole world upside down on Easter. Ever since sin came in the world with Adam and Eve, we have had a huge problem we couldn't fix on our own. God's love for us didn't stop even though we have broken all of His rules. He made a way for our sin to be forgiven. He made a way for us to have a relationship with Him. He sent Jesus. Today we celebrate God's gift of a Savior.”

**“Do nothing out of
selfish ambition or
vain conceit. Rather, in
humility value others
above yourselves.”**

PHILIPPIANS 2:3, NIV

**“For all those who
exalt themselves will
be humbled, and those
who humble themselves
will be exalted.”**

LUKE 14:11, NIV

**“Humble yourselves
before the Lord, and
he will lift you up.”**

JAMES 4:10, NIV

**“Humble yourselves,
therefore, under
God’s mighty hand,
that he may lift you up
in due time.”**

1 PETER 5:6, NIV

HUMILITY

PUTTING OTHERS FIRST BY GIVING UP WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU DESERVE

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus put us first.

Read | John 3:16

DAY

1

Do Anything

Jesus did everything He could to show us how much He loved us.

Go find someone in your house and tell them you want to help them out. Ask them what their least favorite chore is and do it. No matter what it is. Show them how much you care by putting them first.

***ADULTS:** It would be a great idea to check in and see what your child will be doing is age-appropriate and safe!

Look for ways to help others around you by helping do anything.

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2

Talk About Jesus

With an adult, sit down and think about someone you can talk to about Jesus. If you don't know Jesus like that yet, talk to your parents about Him or a Small Group Leader at church!

***ADULTS:** Talking about what Jesus did is a big thing to understand—especially for kids. Talking with your child about what you know about Jesus can help clarify what they learned this past week at church. If you need help navigating these questions about what they learned reach out to your child's Small Group Leader for help!

Thank God that He sent Jesus to die for our sins and rise again so that we can tell others about Him!

DAY

3

What Love Is

With the help of an adult, look up this week's Bible verse: **1 John 3:16**. Read the verse together out loud.

Grab some paper and draw a picture of a way that you can show someone around you that you love them. Maybe it's by helping to clean up toys or letting someone go down the slide before you at recess. **BONUS:** Actually do whatever you drew this week!

Ask Jesus to show you ways that you can show others you love them.

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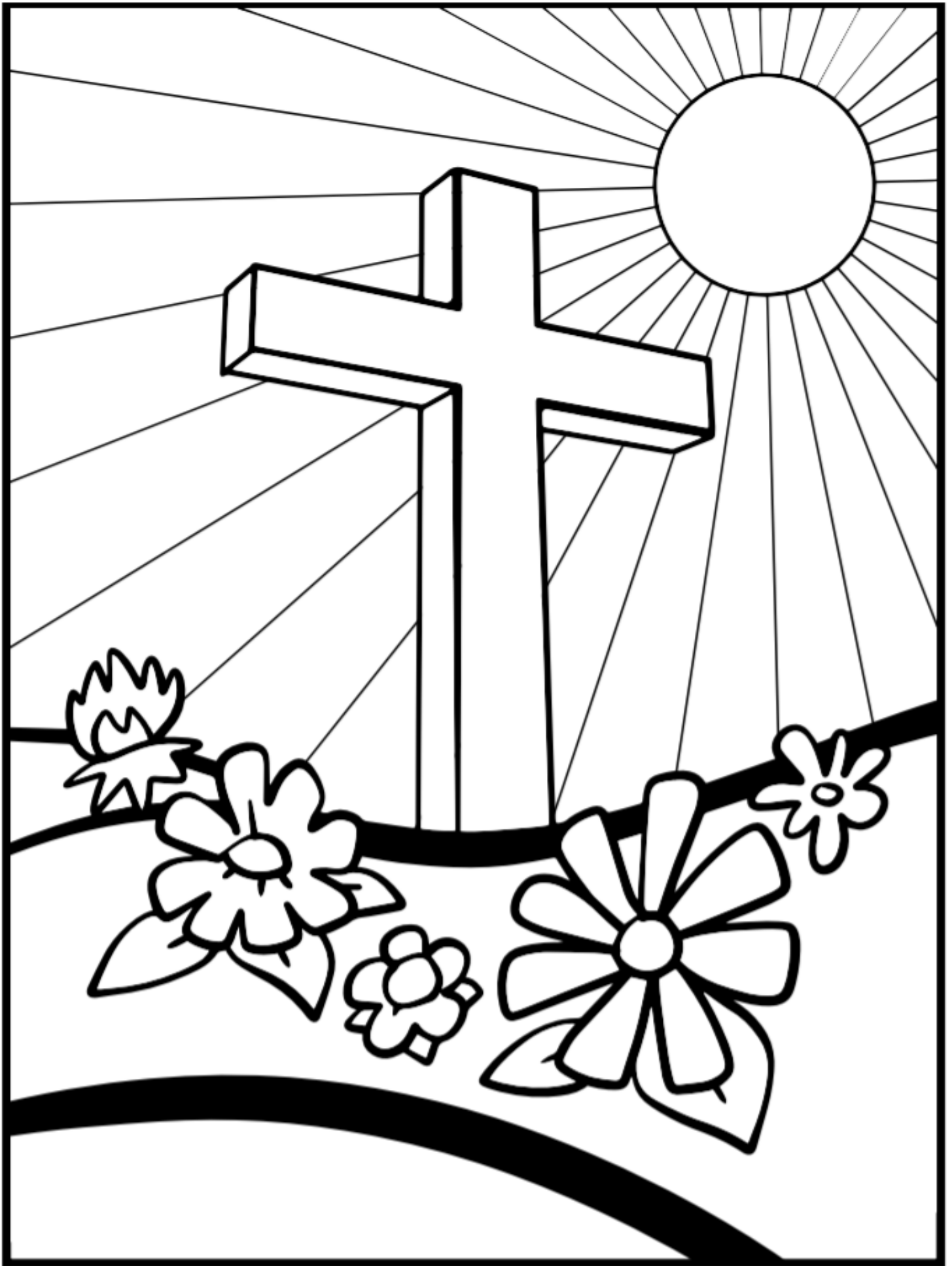
Jesus Put Us First

Jesus put us first by dying on the cross to forgive all of our sins so we can live in heaven with Him one day.

Use this prayer below or your own to say thank you.

"Dear Jesus, Thank You for dying to forgive me for my sins. Help me to understand what this means for me. Thank you for showing me what it looks like to put others first. I pray that you will help me every day to put others first. I love You, God, amen."

Know that Jesus loved us so much He did anything He could to show us!



HUMILITY

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**PUTTING OTHERS FIRST
BY GIVING UP WHAT
YOU THINK YOU
DESERVE**

READ MARK 10:45

DAY 1

Imagine the wealthiest king, sitting on a tall throne, crowned with jewels, surrounded by servants bowing down at his feet. What might happen if that king stepped down from the throne, took off his royal robe and jewel covered crown, and lined up with the servants instead?

That's what Jesus did. He left the beauty and perfection of heaven behind to become like a servant. Jesus chose to enter our world as one of us, completely human, able to feel and experience all the things we experience so that we could know Him. Jesus chose to put you first.

Grab a piece of paper and draw a picture the night Jesus was born. Think about how Jesus left heaven for you, in order to put you first. Underneath your drawing write the words "Jesus put me first."

Spend some time today thanking Jesus for choosing to leave heaven and come to earth so that He could put you first. Ask Him to help you follow Him this week as you choose to put others first, too.



READ MATTHEW 11:29-30

DAY 2

Do you know what the word "pride" means? Pride says, "Look at me, I'm awesome. Everything I do is awesome. And you will be awesome too if you hang out around me."

That's the opposite of how Jesus acted while on earth. Instead of showing off who He was (the SON of God!) or what He could do (like healing the sick or giving sight to the blind), Jesus was humble. He was the most important person in every room He ever entered and yet He never asked for special treatment.

Following Jesus means that we do our best to act and live the way He did. Instead of constantly trying to get what we think we deserve, Jesus followers should be flipping that idea to give others what they deserve. Jesus put us first. And when we follow Him, we can do the same for others.

Grab some friends and play a game of follow the leader. Make sure you are never the leader, always the follower.

Thank God for sending His only Son, Jesus, to show us how to live. Ask Him to help you put others first, just as Jesus did.

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

DAY 3

Fill in the blanks below (according to today's verse.)

Jesus became poor to _____ you.

Because he became poor, you can become _____.

Jesus was rich in every way. But still He chose to leave heaven behind, to enter into our sinful, imperfect world. Jesus chose to come to earth as a baby, grow up to heal and help and serve others and then to give His life on the cross so that everyone who believes in Him could be forgiven.

Jesus became poor to help us. Not so that we could become millionaires in this life, but so that we could join Him in eternity one day and share in the riches of His love. Jesus came to show us that we are accepted and loved more than we could ever imagine.

This week, whenever you see a coin or a dollar bill, take a second to thank God for sending Jesus to put you first, so that you could become rich by knowing Him.



READ HEBREWS 12:2

DAY 4

Over two thousand years ago, Jesus suffered and died the worst kind of death. But that terrible Friday that Jesus died isn't the end of the story. Because on Sunday, when Jesus' friends went to the tomb, it was empty! The grave couldn't hold Jesus—He's alive!

That's why Easter is the best day ever. Jesus knew while He was on the cross that Sunday was coming. He suffered because of the joy He was looking forward to! If there were no Easter, no resurrection, then Jesus wouldn't be worth following. But because Jesus faced death and beat it, because He is alive, Jesus is worthy of all of our worship and honor and praise!

Grab six plastic Easter eggs. Write out each sentence of the verse onto a strip of paper, fold it up, and place one inside each egg. Ask a sibling or parent to hide the eggs. Search to find them then put all the sentences in order. Read the verse with your sibling or parent. Then spend some time thanking Jesus for what Easter really means.

JESUS PUT

US FIRST.



DAY 5

What does Easter mean to you? For some people it means chocolate or egg hunts. But Easter is much more than those things!

Ask a parent if you can have an egg from the fridge. Hold it in your hand and try to eat it. Just kidding! You can't eat it until you do something really important—you have to crack the shell to get to the egg (and then you have to cook it, of course). But to get to the good stuff, you have to break the egg and pour it out.

Because Jesus died and rose again, we can have a relationship with God that lasts forever! But we can't miss the fact that the very act that gave us eternal life meant that Jesus had to give up His role as king and humble Himself to die on the cross. Humility requires sacrifice—like pouring yourself out for someone else. But when you are willing to be broken and to pour yourself out, you'll be living like Jesus did!



DAY 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of *The So & So Show*. (Click on *Fun2Watch!* then *The So & So Show*.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: _____

2) YOU LEARNED: _____

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: _____

DAY 2

Read John 18:37; 19:28-30; 20:1-9, 18-23

After you've read the verses listed above, unscramble the words below.

1. Jesus was born to be a witness to the RUTHT
2. Jesus' last words were, "It is SIFNIDHE."
3. Mary saw the OENST had been ERLLOD away.
4. The disciples didn't understand that Jesus had to RSEI from the ADDE.
5. Jesus said that God had ETNS Him to VFGEOR sins.

When Jesus said, "It is finished," He meant that His job was done. He came to earth to die on the cross so we could be forgiven of our sins and have a relationship with God forever. He gave up His life so we could have eternal life!

DAY 3

God promised a Savior, and He made good on that promise, even though it meant giving up His only Son. And then His Son gave up His own life. Talk about putting others first!

You likely have some others in your life who have also given up something and put you first. Take a minute to pray a prayer of gratitude for some of the amazing examples of humility you have in your life.

"Dear God, thank You for giving up Your only Son so that we could have a Savior. Jesus didn't have to die, but because He loved us so much that He gave up everything He had for us. I am thankful. I am also thankful for _____ for _____. It made me feel _____. Help me to follow after the example You and Jesus and _____ have set for me and put others first by giving up what I think I deserve. In Jesus' Name, I pray, amen."

DAY 4

If it's possible, find the person who you prayed a prayer of gratitude for yesterday. Give them a call or email, and share with them what their act of humility meant to you. Ask them if it was hard for them to give something up for you, and how they managed to do it anyway.

If you aren't able to reach that person—or after you have—pay the act of humility forward and share something you received this Easter with someone else. Maybe it's a chocolate egg or some Easter stickers or something cool from your Easter basket that you could share with someone else. Be sure and tell them why you're doing it—that you have had lots of people, including Jesus, put you first, and you're doing the same!

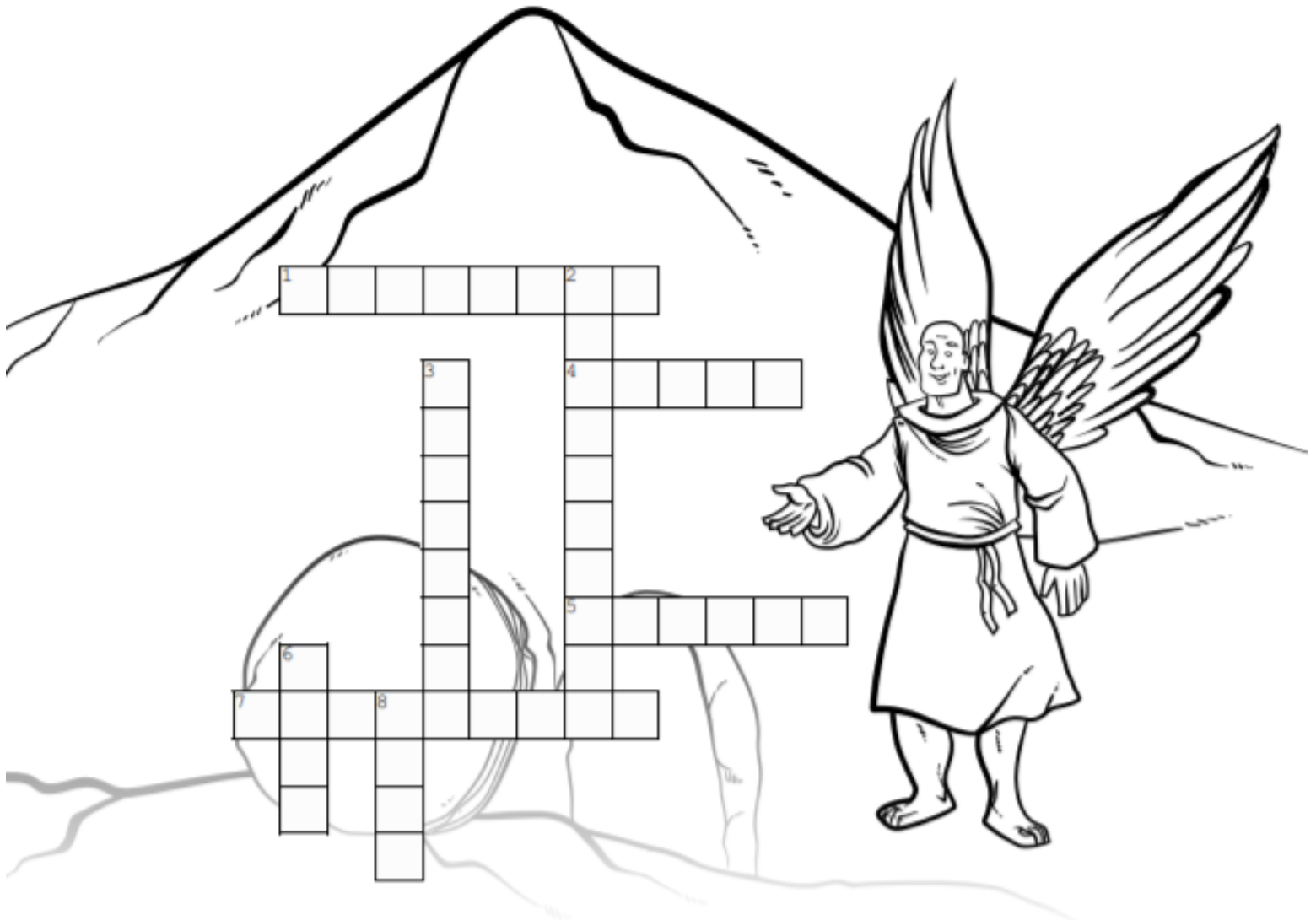


JESUS PUT US FIRST.

Draw a picture of yourself with Jesus.

HE IS RISEN

Matthew 27:22-56; 28:1-6



Across

1. On the cross, Jesus asked, "My God, my God, why have you _____ me?"
4. The angel at the tomb announced the good news about Jesus, saying: "He has _____!"
5. Jesus comforted His disciples, saying: "Behold. I am with you _____, even to the end of the age."
7. Jesus said, "Go make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all that I _____ you."

Down

2. After Jesus died, an _____ shook the ground.
3. Jesus carried His own cross up a hill called _____.
6. When Jesus died, the veil in the temple _____, from top to bottom.
8. The two women who were first to find an empty grave were both named _____.



HE IS RISEN

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

