

Easter Sunday



WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS HIS FOLLOWERS THOUGHT THE END HAD COME. BUT JESUS HAD DIED ON PURPOSE TO SAVE US FROM HELL! THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO THAT WE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD TOO. REJOICE WITH OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

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Night prayers

We always need to think about Jesus before we end each day. Ask mum or dad to pray these simple prayers with you before bed.

Sunday

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
May God guard me through the night,
And wake me with the morning light. Amen.

Monday

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
May the angels watch me through the night,
And keep me in their blessed sight. Amen.

Tuesday

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should live another day
I pray the Lord to guide my way. Amen.

Easter: True or False?

How well do you know the Easter Story?
See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?



Wednesday

God, my friend, it is time for bed.
Time to rest my sleepy head.
I pray to you before I do.
Please guide me down the path that's true.

Thursday

Father, we thank thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light;
For rest and food and loving care,
And all that makes the day so fair.

Friday

God, Help us do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good;
In all we do, in work or play,
To grow more loving every day.

Saturday

God, my friend, it is time to sleep.
I thank you for a soul unique,
And thank you for another day,
To run and jump and laugh and play!



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SOUTHAMPTON STREET

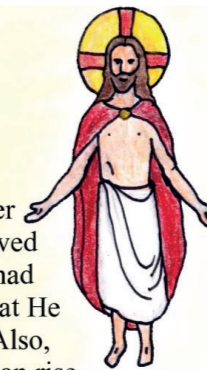
The S Giles Sunday School Sheet

Today is
EASTER DAY

Children remain with their families until the near the end of the first hymn, at that point a teacher will lead them out to the Vestry Room for Sunday School. You are welcome to join your child if they are nervous about going alone. The children then return during the Offertory Hymn.

Alleluia!

Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.



Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

Today is the day
for rejoicing!
JESUS IS ALIVE!



Answers to Easter True or False:
1. false 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true
6. true 7. false



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April 5th, 2026

The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

- ◆ Red
- ◆ Purple
- Skin-colour
- Yellow
- Brown
- White

Today's Worship

Welcome: Today is a very special day. It's Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead. We are celebrating and thinking of new life.

Opening prayer: (In the name...) Heavenly Father, we celebrate the rising of your Son today and the new life that you bring into the world. We thank you for all the good things that you have given to us. Help us to share them with others. Amen



Gospel: John 20: On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Intercessions

As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection we pray together:

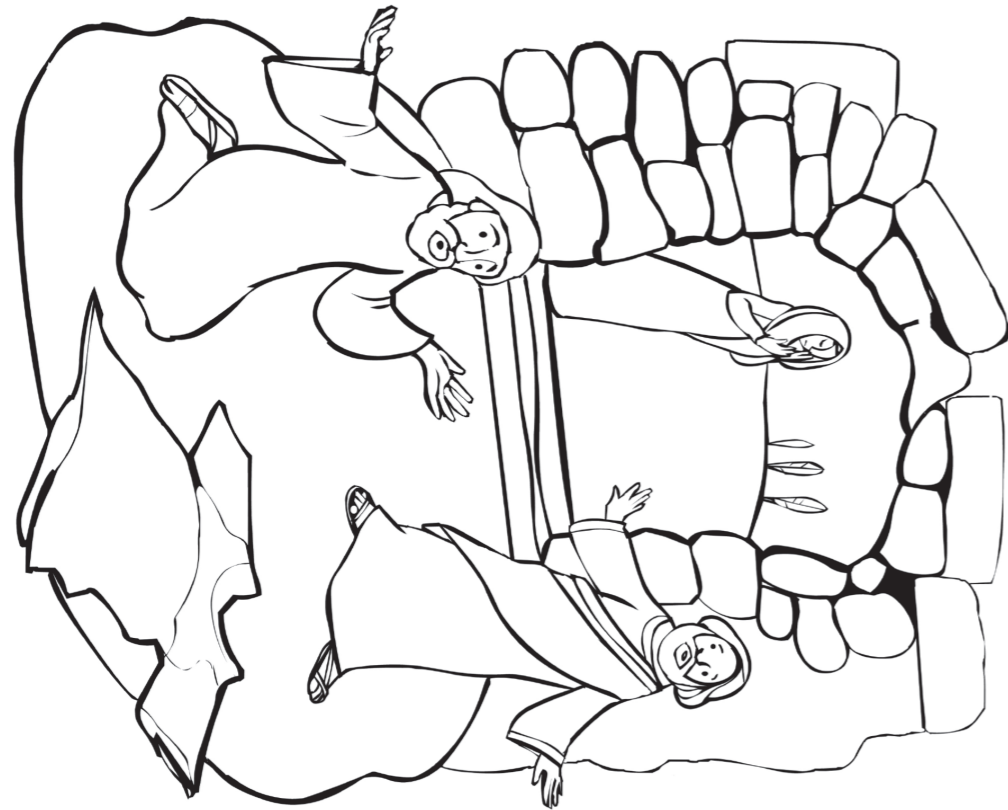
- We pray for world leaders: that they may be inspired to make the changes that are needed so that all people may live in peace and safety. Lord, in your mercy...
- We pray for all people who are living in poverty: that they may never lose hope in a better world. Lord, in your mercy....
- We pray for our parish, families and friends: that as we share in the joy and hope of Easter, we may be moved to live out our faith in love for our neighbour. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer

Heavenly Father, we know that all things are possible for you. Fill us with hope for a future where all people may live their lives to the full. Inspire us to work together to build a better world. Amen.

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Gospel: John 20:1-9



"Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed."

Colour in the picture to remind yourself of what the disciples found when they went to Jesus' tomb. Today is Easter day. Jesus is risen from the dead, giving new life to us all. Alleluia!

Easter pebble prayer craft

Paint or decorate a pebble with a symbol of hope, like a sunrise, an egg or a flower bud. The pebble can remind you of the stone in front of Jesus' tomb which was rolled away.

Hold onto this pebble as you pray during the week and tell God your hopes for the world.

Brazilian Easter treat recipe

At home, try making paçoca, a sweet peanut treat from Brazil, which is often eaten at Easter.

Please be mindful of any allergies when making this.

Ingredients	Method
2 cups roasted unsalted peanuts 2 cups white granulated sugar 2 cups fine breadcrumbs Pinch of salt ½ cup whole milk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Put the peanuts in a food processor until they are finely ground. 2. Tip ground peanuts into a large mixing bowl and mix in the sugar, bread crumbs and salt. 3. Add the milk and knead the mixture until it comes together. 4. Put the mixture into a greased baking tray or loaf tin. 5. Press it down and smooth out the surface. 6. Put in the fridge for at least three hours. Cut into 5cm squares. 7. Serve cold or at room temperature.