

Easter



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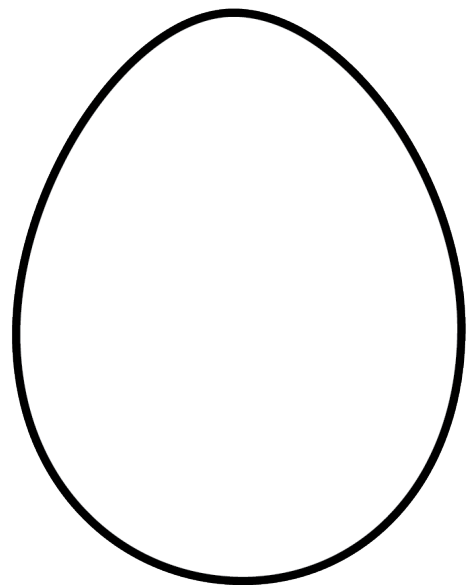
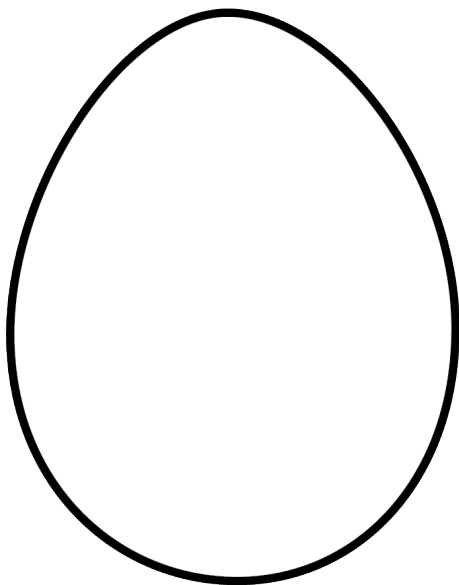
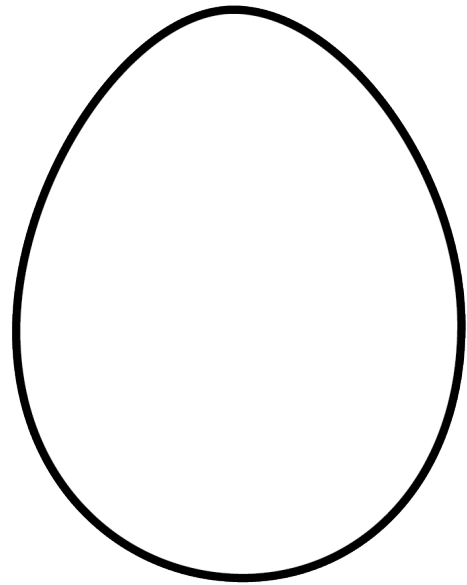
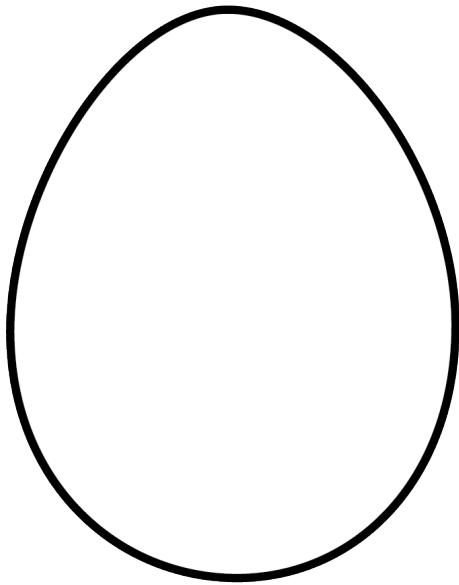
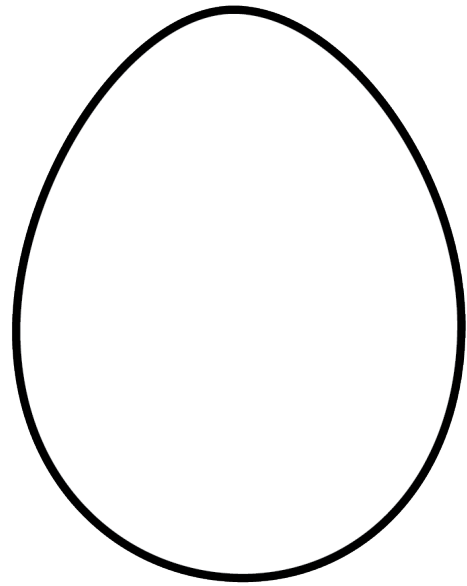
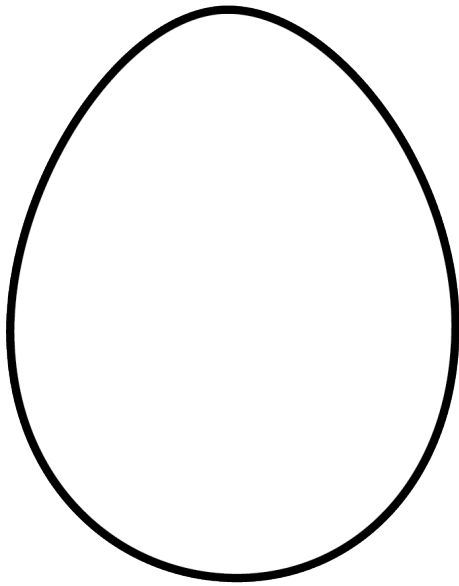


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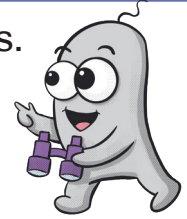
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The Easter Story

This script accompanies the PPT slides or Storytelling Telling Pictures.



Script



Say: Jesus' friends were very sad. They had seen Jesus do amazing things, things that only God could do. They believed Jesus was God's Son. They were happy they knew Jesus.



But Jesus had died. Jesus' friends thought that was the end. They thought they wouldn't see Jesus again. They didn't know it was all part of God's plan.

Some of Jesus' friends went to look after Jesus' dead body, by putting special spices on it. Jesus' body had been placed inside a cave, called a tomb, and there was a huge rock in front of it. The friends wondered how they would get inside.



But when they arrived at the cave, they saw something amazing! The big rock had been moved.



Suddenly, two men in shining white clothes stood beside them. 'You're looking in the wrong place, they said. Jesus is alive!' they said. Wow! Could it really be true? They weren't sure. It seemed too wonderful.



They went to tell Jesus' other friends.



Later, Jesus' friends were all together. Jesus appeared and talked with them. He even ate some food. Jesus' friends were so very happy. Jesus is stronger than anything! Jesus reminded them about God's plan. He said, 'This was God's plan because God loves you. Now people can be friends with God today and forever!'



Jesus' Love and Power is Forever

This script accompanies the PPT slides or Storytelling Telling Pictures.

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Say: Jesus had shown his friends how powerful he was by doing many amazing things –



calming the storm,



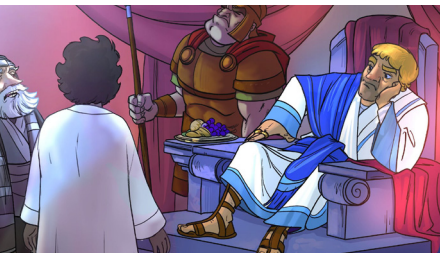
healing the sick



and making dead people come back to life.



Some people, though, didn't like the things that Jesus had been doing and saying, so they made a plan to get rid of him. One dark night, some soldiers found Jesus and arrested him.



They took him to Pilate, a Roman leader. They told lies about him and said that he deserved to die. But Jesus had done nothing wrong. The soldiers were very cruel to Jesus and killed him.

Ask: Do you think Jesus could have stopped all this happening? (Accept responses.)

Jesus' Love and Power is Forever (cont.)

Script



Say: Jesus is very powerful, but he chose not to stop them, because it was all part of God's plan. He was doing this because he loved us. He even asked God to forgive those who killed him.

When Jesus died, darkness came over the land. Jesus' friends had seen how amazing and powerful he was and how he had helped others; now he was dead.



Jesus' friends were very sad; they thought they would never see Jesus again.



On Sunday morning, some of the women who were Jesus' friends, went to put special spices on Jesus' body. His body wasn't there!



Suddenly, two men in shining white clothes stood beside them. The women were afraid and bowed to the ground. But the men said, 'Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive? Jesus isn't here! He has been raised to life again.' What a wonderful surprise!



Later, when Jesus' friends were all together, Jesus appeared! He spoke with his friends and ate some food. Jesus had come back to life! His friends were so very happy. Jesus showed he has God's power over everything. Jesus' love and power is forever.

Conclude: Ever since that day, Jesus' friends (and people who choose to follow Jesus) have been celebrating what Jesus has done, especially at Easter time. Jesus showed that God loves everyone. This was God's plan all along so people can be friends with God today and forever.

Easter Storytelling Pictures



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Please note: The following pictures are used in the '*Jesus Love and Power is Forever*' story only.

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STOP!



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The Women

Eyewitness Accounts

1. Read the following account from the Bible.
2. Imagine you are the eyewitnesses described in the passage.
3. Write answers the eyewitnesses might give to the interviewer.
4. Choose who will be the interviewer/s and who will be the eyewitness/es.
5. Practice your parts to present to the class.

The Women - Luke 24:1-6a (CEV)

¹ Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. ² When they found the stone rolled away from the entrance, ³ they went in. But they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus, ⁴ and they did not know what to think.

Suddenly two men in shining white clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were afraid and bowed to the ground. But the men said, “Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive? ⁶ Jesus isn't here! He has been raised from death.

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What did you do?

Do you think Jesus really did come back to life? Why?

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Peter - Luke 24:9-12 (CEV)

⁹⁻¹⁰ Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and some other women were the ones who had gone to the tomb. When they returned, they told the eleven apostles and the others what had happened. ¹¹ The apostles thought it was all nonsense, and they would not believe.

¹² But Peter ran to the tomb. And when he stooped down and looked in, he saw only the burial clothes. Then he returned, wondering what had happened.

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Jesus' Disciples

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Jesus' Disciples - Luke 24:36-43

³⁶ While Jesus' disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared and greeted them. ³⁷ They were frightened and terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸ But Jesus said, "Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves. Ghosts don't have flesh and bones as you see I have."

⁴⁰ After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it. Jesus then asked them, "Do you have something to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish. ⁴³ He took it and ate it as they watched.

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Easter Angelic Conversation



Notes: This drama would make a good follow up to the Angelic Conversation (Christmas) in GodSpace Green. It will also work on its own. It can be used as a class drama or at a special assembly.

You will need three volunteers to play Angel 1, Angel 2 and Gabriel.



Script

Angel 1: Wow! Have you heard?

Angel 2: Heard what?

Angel 1: About Jesus?

Angel 2: Yeah! Amazing!

Angel 1: When he calmed that storm!

Angel 2: Be still!

Angel 1: And he healed that man who couldn't walk!

Angel 2: And brought that boy back to life!

Angel 1: And changed lives!

Angel 1 & 2: Zaccheus come down!
(fist bump). Awesome!

Angel 2: He is the Lord's Son after all.

Angel 1: I know, I know.

Angel 2: You know I think he really might save them.

Angel 1: Humans?

Angel 2: Yeah. Help them be friends with the Lord again.

Angel 1: If anyone can do it, he can!

*A rumbling sound is heard offstage.
(Kids stamping feet.)*

Angel 2: Wait. What was that?

Angel 1: Oh no! It can't be!

Angel 2: It's all dark on earth.

Angel 1: They really did it.

Angel 2: Did what?

Angel 1: I thought Jesus was going to do something.

Angel 2: Jesus? What's going on?

Angel 1: He's dead. The humans killed him.

Angel 2: No. It can't be true.

Angel 1: I know. It's just too sad.

Angel 2: But he came to save them.

Angel 1: Well, I guess he tried.

Gabriel: Hey, what's wrong you two?

Angel 2: Gabriel? Didn't you hear what happened?

Angel 1: Oh, it's hopeless. The humans killed the Lord's Son.

Angel 2: I can't believe he's really gone.

Gabriel: Wait, wait. Don't you know this is all part of the Lord's plan?

Angel 1: The Lord's plan?

Angel 2: But they killed Jesus. What can he do now?

Gabriel: He's the Lord's Son. He has the Lord's power. He's going to come back to life!

Angel 1: He's going to what?

Gabriel: He has power over death, remember?

Angel 2: (excitedly) Jesus brought that boy back to life. Maybe he really can come back to life too!

Easter Angelic Conversation (cont.)

Script



Gabriel: Of course he can. It's all part of the plan.

Angel 1: But why did he have to die?

Angel 2: Well, the humans did make a mess of things. I guess someone had to be responsible to fix it.

Angel 1: You're telling me Jesus took all the blame? But he was perfect.

Gabriel: Yes. That's how much Jesus loves the humans.

Angel 2: Wow!

Angel 1: Jesus really is amazing.

Gabriel: Jesus' love and power go on forever!

Angel 2: When Jesus did all those other things it was a-maz-ing. But dying so the humans can be friends with God...

Angel 1: Coming back to life so everyone can live with God forever...

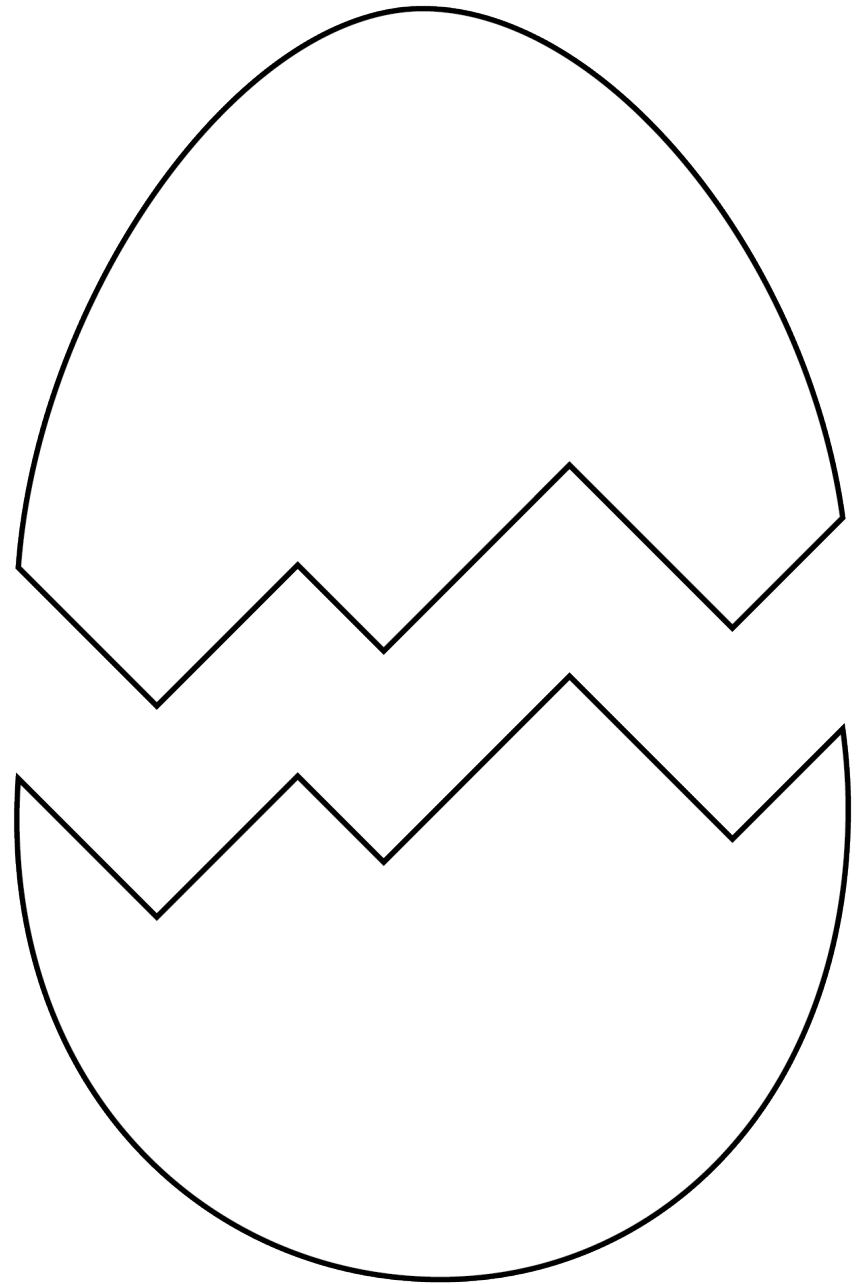
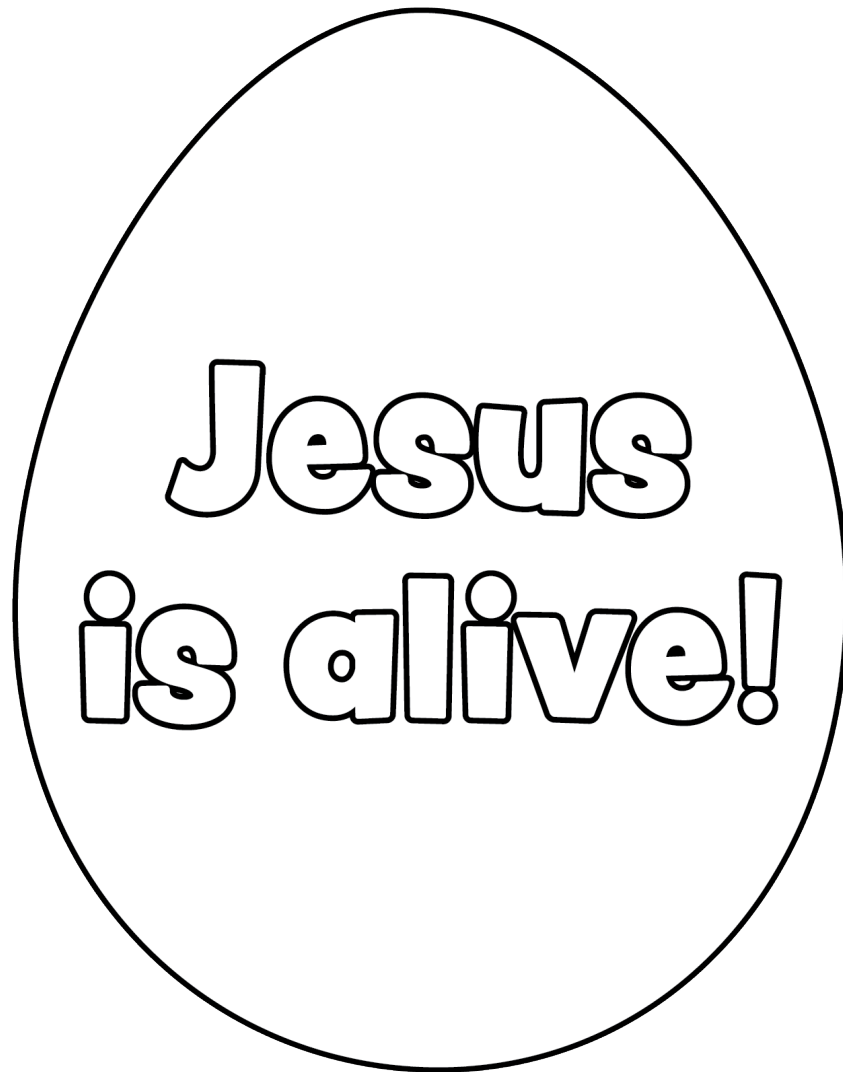
Angel 2: That's next level.

Gabriel: It's God-level!

Angel 1 & 2: Yes!

Gabriel, Angel 1 & 2 fist-bump.

The End





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Drama for Easter Assembly



Notes: This can be performed with a “choir” of children saying the repeated sentences and other children reading the parts in between.
Alternatively display the repeated sentences for everyone to say.



Script

Jesus was a good man, an excellent man, an outstanding model of a human being.

That's right. But that's not all!

Jesus taught a new way, a way of love and goodness and truth towards everyone, whether they deserved it or not.

That's right. But that's not all!

Jesus called all sorts of people to follow him. They went everywhere telling others about his new way. Lots of people became his friends.

That's right. But that's not all!

As well as friends, Jesus made enemies, enemies who wanted to get rid of him and his radical teaching.

That's right. But that's not all!

Jesus could have avoided them. He could have escaped but he didn't. His enemies had him killed on the first Good Friday.

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His friends wept, they ran away and hid. Strange things happened in the sky and Jesus' body was put in a cave with a stone rolled across the entrance.

That's right. But that's not all!

On the first Easter Sunday morning the stone was rolled away and Jesus came out alive! Alive!

That's right. But that's not all!

Many people saw him alive again. They walked with him and talked with him and ate with him. He really was alive! Risen!

That's right. But that's not all!

After 40 days of appearances Jesus went – to heaven. His disciples saw him go. He simply disappeared from their sight.

That's right. But that's not all!

The Holy Spirit came. The Spirit of Jesus and of God. The Spirit of love and of all that's good and true.

That's right. But that's not all!

The Holy Spirit is here today, alive and active in the lives of everyone who tries to follow Jesus by living lives of love, goodness and truth, as Jesus did.

That's right. But that's not all!

One day this world will end. All that's unloving and bad and untrue will finish and things will be the way God created them to be in the beginning. And Jesus and his way of love and goodness and truth will rule.

That's right. And that's all!