

ACORNS FAMILY
WORSHIP

He is
Risen!



The man said, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, and he isn't here. You can see the place where they put his body.

- Mark 16:6

Dear Parents/Carers,

He is Risen, Hallelujah. Today's session will be a celebration of the empty tomb and the victory that Jesus won for us.

If you have children in more than one age group, can I please encourage you to pick one program that you feel works best for all your children's ages and complete that together as a family.

I would love to see any photos of your blanket empty tombs or your family celebrating Easter. With your permission it would be fantastic to be able to include a photo in our bulletin showing what the children are doing.

Blessings,
Jess

Supplies

- Children's Bible
- Doll or Teddy Bear
- Bed Sheets/ Blankets
- Torch

Worship

Please spend some time listening and singing to your family's favourite worship songs. This may have already been done in the worship period of Oaktree's service. Below are some children's worship songs. Some have actions other don't, please feel free to make your own as a family or play percussion instruments during the song.

- Jesus is Alive
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzxN0D3voo0&feature=youtu.be>
- Lord I Lift Your Name on High
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SeqQjBNoj4>

- Happy Day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIWPGWflwU>

Blanket Empty Tomb

Today we are celebrating the victory of the empty tomb.

With your children build a blanket fort or a tomb.

Keep it simple with a large blanket or bed sheet placed over a table or go as complex as you like converting your entire living room into the empty tomb.

If possible have it large enough for your family to be able to sit in for story time.

Story Time

Today's Bible story is Resurrection Sunday or Easter Day, when we celebrate the day the women found the empty tomb because Jesus has been risen from the dead.

With a torch and your child's Bible climb inside the empty tomb and read the story together.

To illustrate this story, you could place a doll or teddy in the tomb representing Jesus' body. Then place a blanket over the entrance to represent the heavy stone. To emphasise how heavy the stone was you might choose to put a chair in front of the entrance.

Have your children close their eyes while you quietly move the blanket away from the entrance and remove Jesus' body.

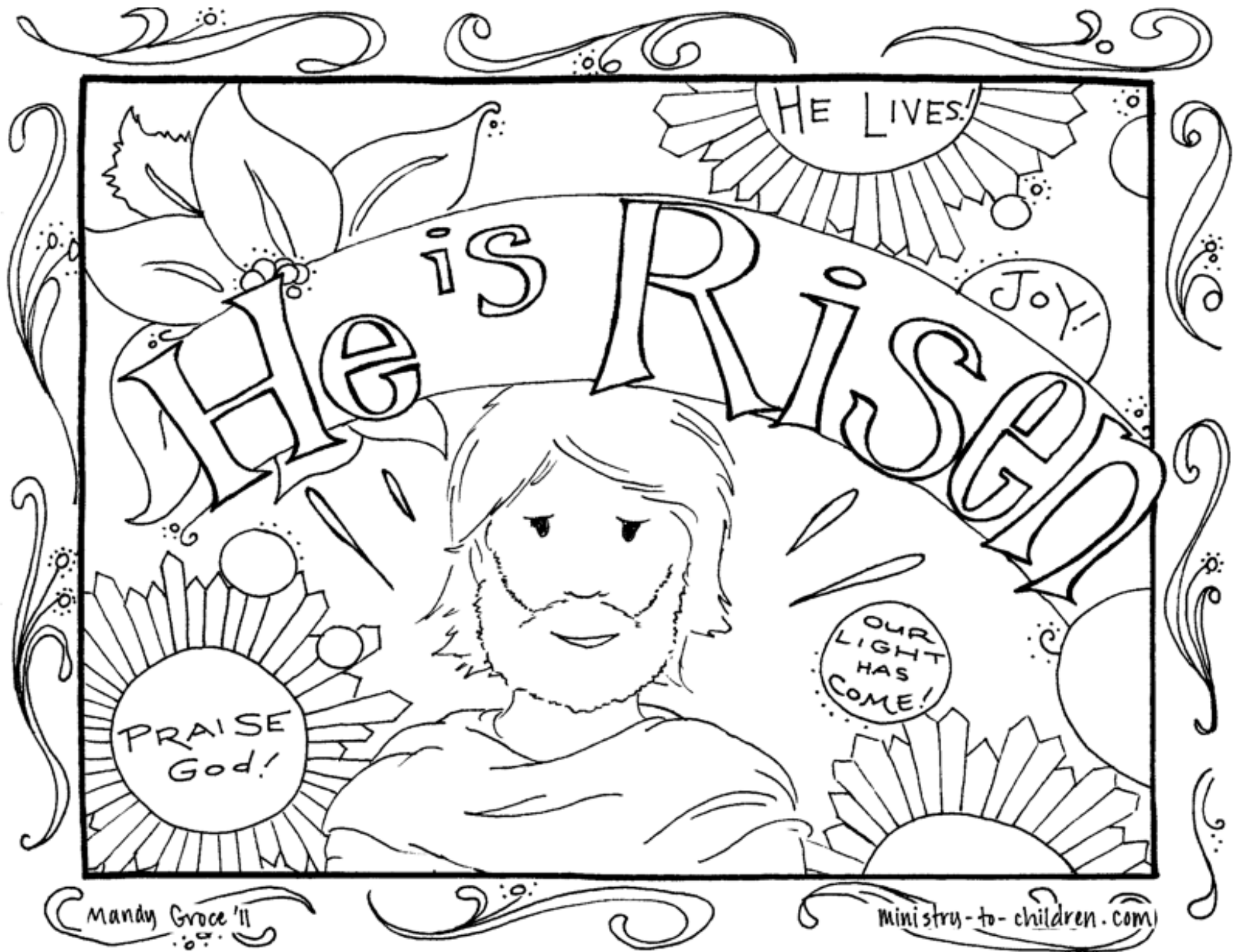
Have your children open their eyes and explore the 'empty tomb' looking for Jesus. Then you can bring Jesus out, showing that he is alive again.

Jesus won! He has beaten death. As Christians when we believe in God we know that when we die – just like Jesus – we will be brought back to life in heaven.

Prayer Time

Ask your children for something they would like to tell God. What was something really special that happened this week they want to thank Him for. Or one sad or scary thing that they would like to ask for God's help with.

Keep the prayers simple but encourage them to be talking with God about everything.



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