

Dear Parents/Guardians;

The season of Easter starts on Resurrection Sunday. Holy week begins with Palm Sunday, when we process in with palm branches in memory of Jesus' celebratory entrance into Jerusalem. We sing Hosanna to the Lord! Monday of Holy week is when we remember Jesus cleansing the temple. Thursday is called Maundy Thursday and we wash each other's feet as Jesus washed His disciples'. Good Friday is when we strip the altar and remember the crucifixion of Jesus. But we know that the story doesn't end there! We know that on Easter Sunday, the women went to the tomb and found the stone rolled away and Jesus risen to life.

For your children ages 0-3, the packet includes a book called The Story of Easter. This board book tells the story of the events of Holy Week in simple language and lets the children know that Jesus loves them.

During this time of togetherness, you can color Easter eggs and tell the story of Jesus' resurrection.

(Why Easter Eggs? Per <https://heavy.com/social/2018/03/the-reason-for-easter-eggs-baskets/>: Some Christians symbolically link the cracking open of Easter eggs with the empty tomb of Jesus. The eggshells represent the rock being moved away, freeing Christ from the tomb. The egg itself, of course, represents new life.

While Easter is undoubtedly a religious holiday, some of its customs have pagan roots. For example, the egg. In pagan festivals, the egg often symbolizes spring and new life.

With respect to Easter, eggs represent Christ's emergence from the tomb and his resurrection. Other theologians believe that broken eggshells represent the rocks that were moved with Christ left the tomb.

Additionally, eggs are a reference to the end of Lent. In the 1200s, eggs were considered to be a forbidden food. Eggs were therefore boiled, painted and decorated, before finally being feasted on at the end of the Lenten period.)

There is also a coloring page for your child.

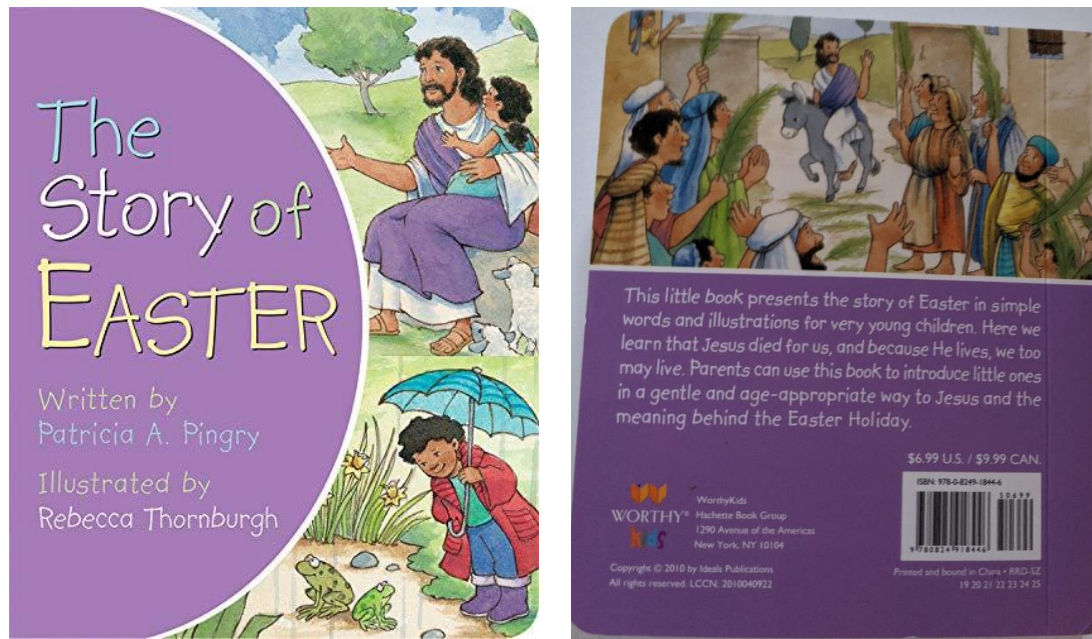
Your sister in Christ,

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He is Risen



Included in the packet was the coloring page and the following book:



The book can be purchased at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)