

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 3-6, the packet includes a book called He is Risen. This book tells the story of the events of Holy Week in a unique way. It ends with a question, "How will you show your love for Jesus?"

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.)

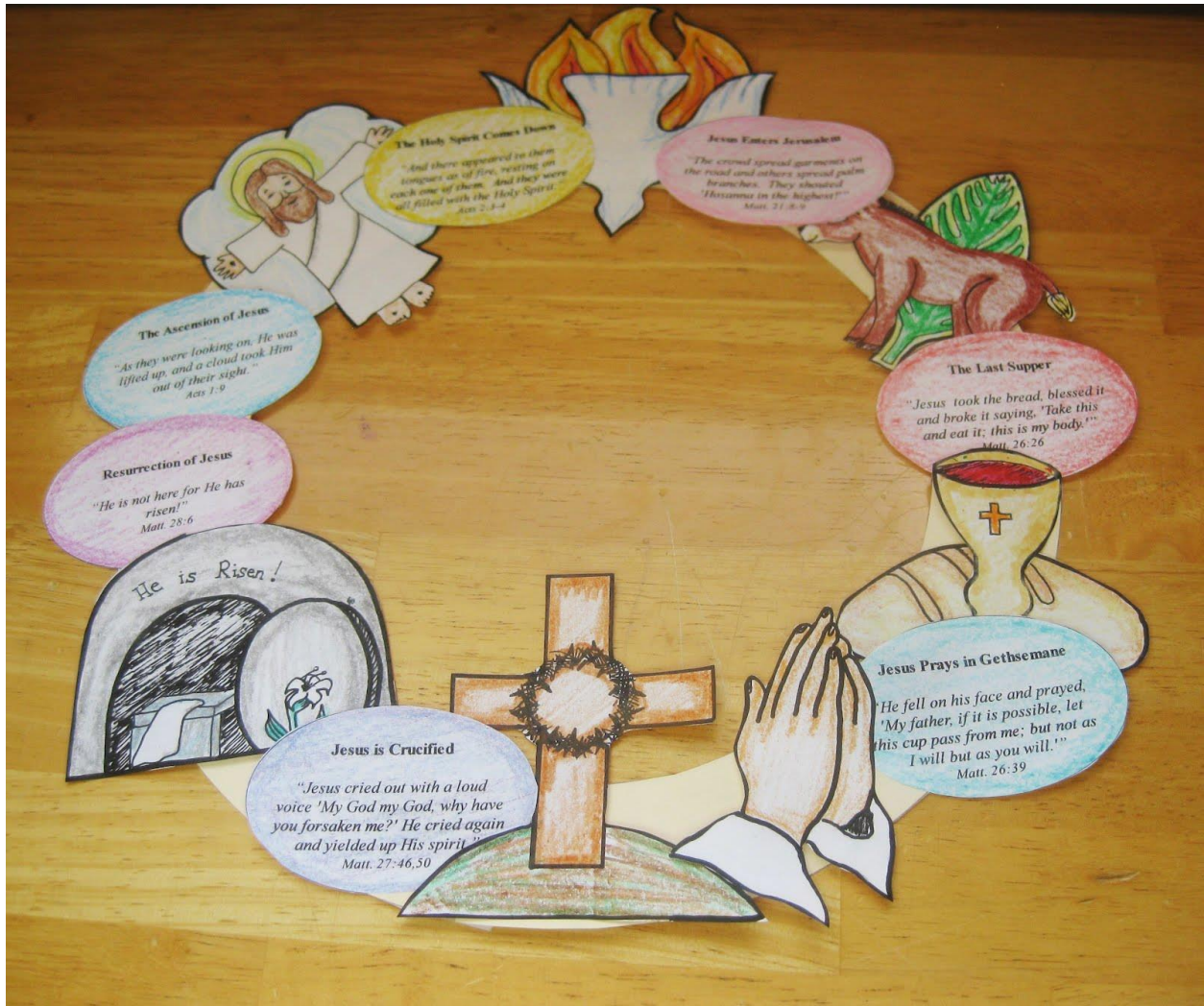
There is a fun craft and a coloring page for your child.

Your sister in Christ,

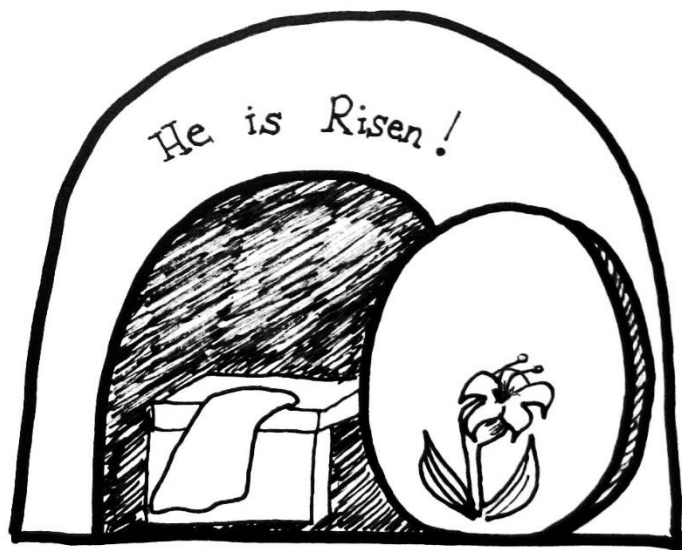
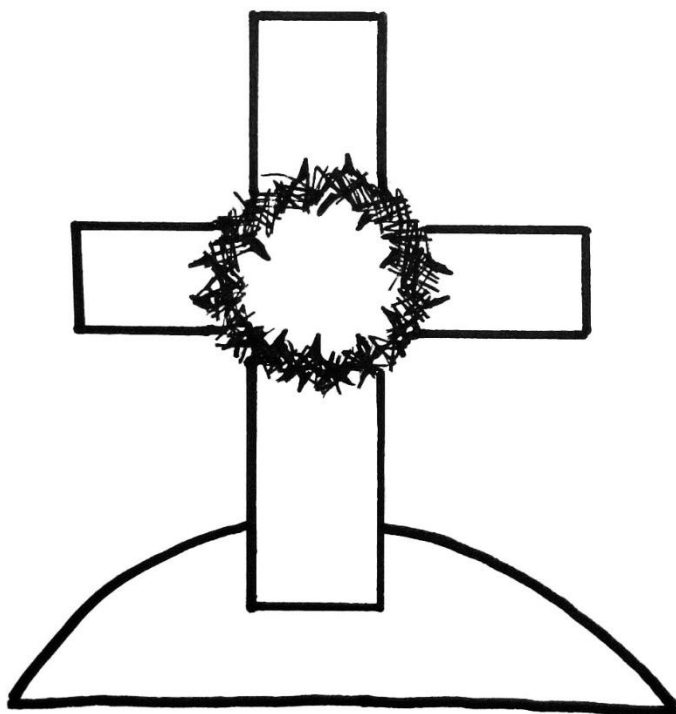
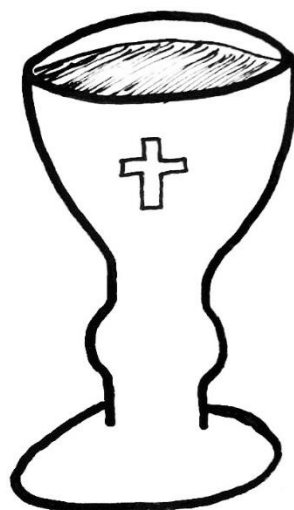
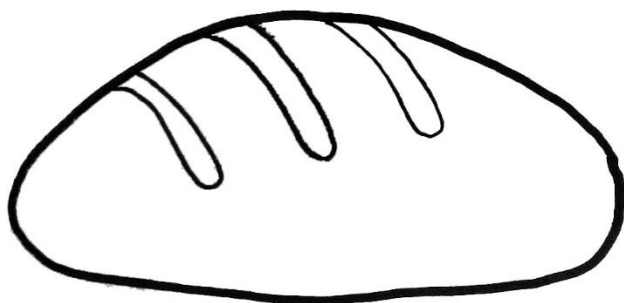
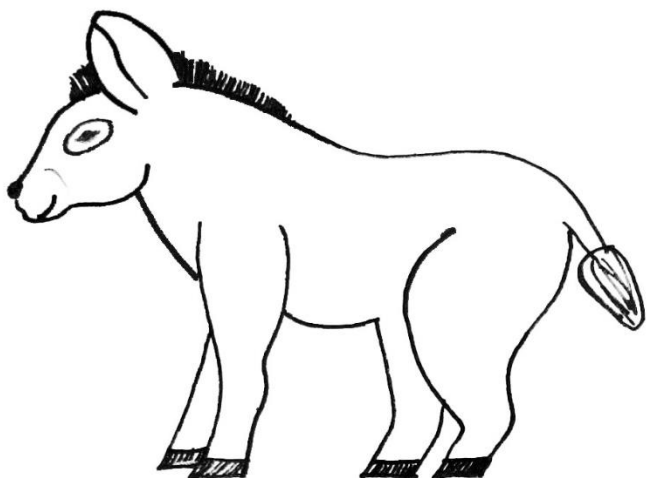
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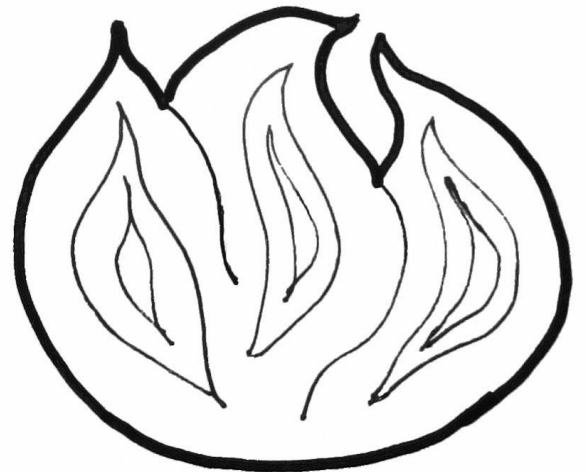
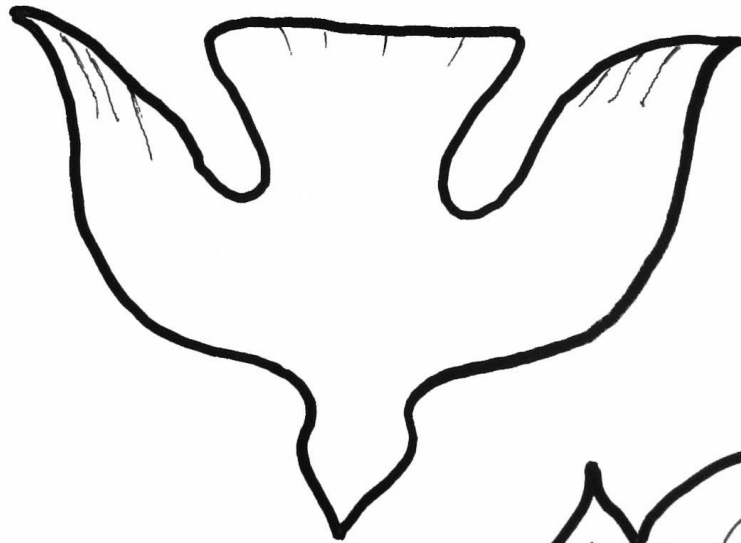
He is Risen





Picture of the finished craft. The circle base is included in the packet.





Jesus Enters Jerusalem

"The crowd spread garments on the road and others spread palm branches. They shouted 'Hosanna in the highest!'"

Matt. 21:8-9

The Last Supper

"Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it saying, 'Take this and eat it; this is my body.'"

Matt. 26:26

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

"He fell on his face and prayed, 'My father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; but not as I will but as you will.'"

Matt. 26:39

Jesus is Crucified

"Jesus cried out with a loud voice 'My God my God, why have you forsaken me?' He cried again and yielded up His spirit."

Matt. 27:46,50

Resurrection of Jesus

"He is not here for He has risen!"

Matt. 28:6

The Ascension of Jesus

"As they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight."

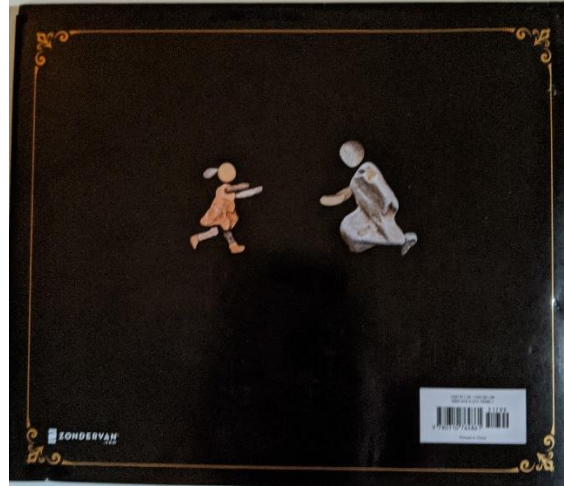
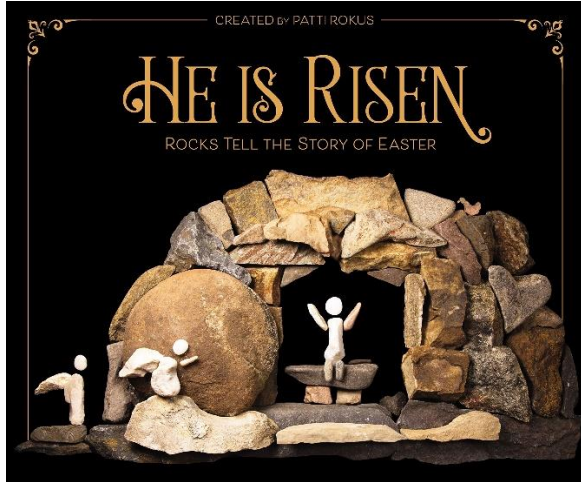
Acts 1:9

The Holy Spirit Comes Down

"And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:3-4

Included in the packet was a craft, the coloring page, and the following book:



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