

Dear parents/guardians/grandparents,

This month we are looking at the symbol of the cross. The cross is perhaps that most common and best known symbol of the Christian church. In your Beginner's Bible, please turn to page 446 and read together "Jesus is Arrested and Crucified" and "Jesus is Risen!". For the very young children, we never stop at the crucifixion, but always finish with the resurrection.

- I wonder what you heard.
- I wonder how Jesus felt being arrested.
- People are sad when someone dies. What happened after Jesus died?
- I wonder what the soldiers felt seeing the angel.
- I wonder what Mary and the other women felt walking to the tomb.
- I wonder what they felt seeing Jesus.

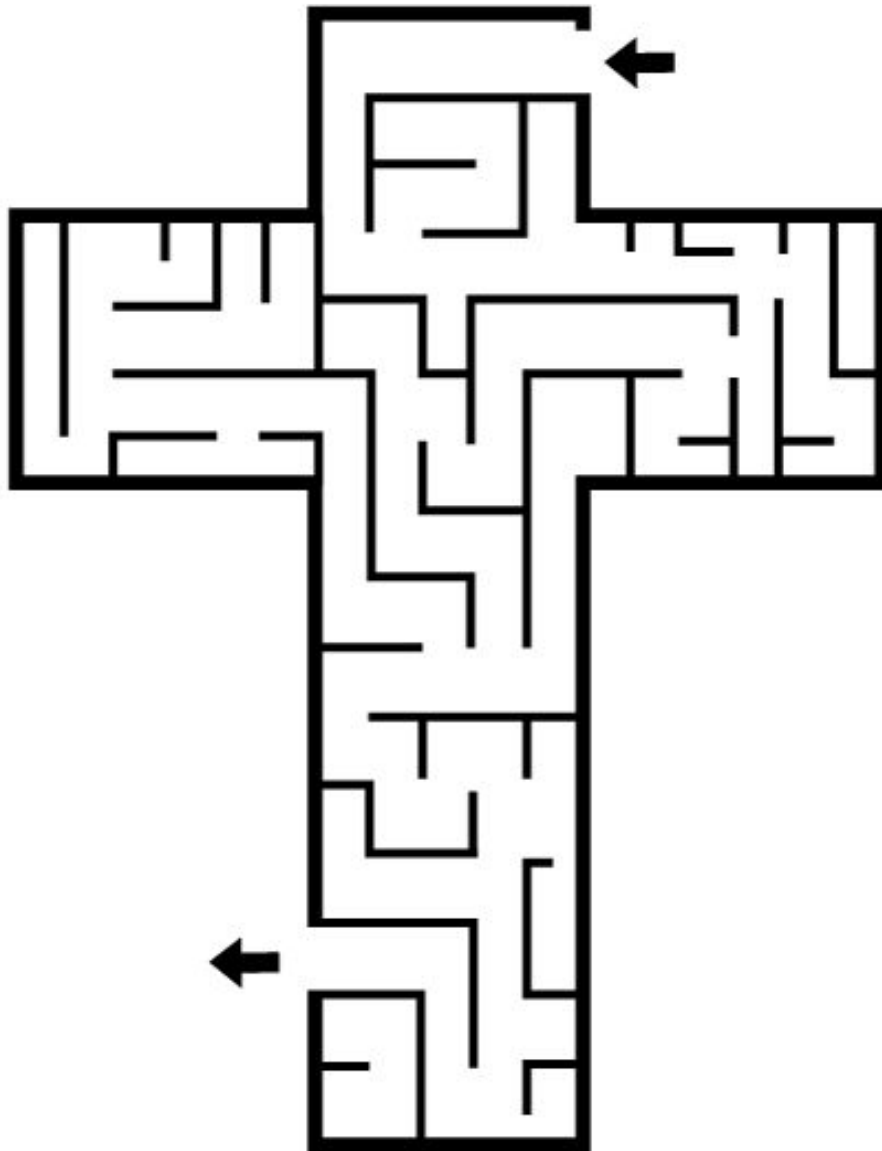
Easter is when we celebrate Jesus being risen from the dead. Every time we see an empty cross, we are reminded that death did not win. God raised Jesus and life and love won! Easter is celebrated for 50 days. How will you celebrate? There is a chart with 50 days' worth of celebrating in your packet. Feel free to add your own ideas. In the packet is also a maze and coloring page. Our fun craft this month is a sand cross.

-Brenda

Celebrate for 50 Days!

1 Sing a Song	2 Dance	3 Hug Someone	4 Play a Game	5 Jump Up	6 Play an Instrument	7 Have a Yummy Treat
8 Make a Joyful Noise	9 Run Around	10 Give a Fist Bump or High Five	11 Play Hide and Seek	12 March Around	13 Cheer	14 Blow up Balloons
15 Give Someone a Gift	16 Tell Someone you Love Them	17 Enjoy a Feast	18 Be extra Helpful to Someone	19 Blow a Noise Maker	20 Wear a Silly Hat	21 Watch a Movie with Loved Ones
22 Dress Up in Fancy Clothes	23 Do a Jig	24 Tell Jokes	25 Learn a Magic Trick	26 Dress up like a Clown	27 Smile	28 Go Outside
29 Laugh	30 Pick some Flowers	31 Have Tea and Cookies	32 Tell a Story	33 Play Music	34 Sit with a Friend	35 Blow Bubbles
36 Do a Puzzle	37 Play Tag	38 Draw a Picture	39 Listen	40 Go for a Walk	41 Clap your Hands	42 Have a Race
43 Look	44 Enjoy a Refreshing Drink	45 Play Catch	46 Hold Someone's Hand	47 Make a Chalk Drawing	48 Shout for Joy	49 Help Clean
50 Tell Someone Thank You	Use this chart as a guide. Can you think of other ways to celebrate?					

Cross Maze



Happy Easter

