

JESUS IS ALIVE AGAIN!

(A cemetery near Jerusalem) — When Jesus' friends helped take him off the cross on Friday afternoon, after he had been killed by his enemies, there was a lot of gloom. Jesus' followers thought that when Jesus, hanging on the cross, had said, "It is finished," he meant, "it's too late. It's all over. Just go back home and forget about the things that happened when you knew me."

But on Sunday morning everything was turned completely upside down. Some of the women who were friends of Jesus came to take care of his body at the cemetery. But the tomb was empty! They told Peter and John, who came running. Everybody was amazed and frightened.

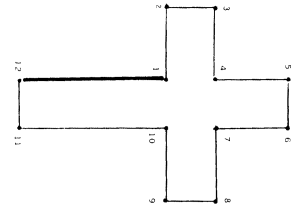
Later in the morning Jesus came walking in the garden outside the tomb. He saw his good friend, Mary Magdalene, and told her he was back again, alive and well. Mary could not believe it. She was full of fear and joy. She ran and told the others.

John 20:1-9 (10-18)

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MYSTERY MESSAGE:
THE TOMB WAS EMPTY



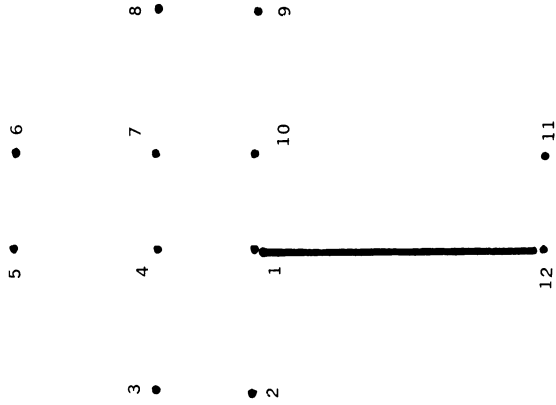
ANSWERS

GOSPEL GRAMS

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Finish The Picture. Easter day is a special time to celebrate. But we couldn't celebrate Easter if we didn't first remember what came first. Today we remember how Jesus came back to life. But how did Jesus die? Connect the numbers in the picture below to find out.



Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "I'll bet nobody has ever been as surprised as those women who went to the grave on Easter Day. To find out what they discovered there, use the code below to spell out the mystery message."

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
16	12	26	10	20	1	22	17	3	24	5	14	7
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
19	11	25	2	18	23	4	13	6	21	8	15	9

What did Mary and the other women find on Sunday morning?

4 17 20 4 11 7 12 21 16 23 20 7 25 4 15

Hidden Words. Some words from today's Gospel story (on page four) are hidden in the puzzle below. Circle each one you find. Use the word list to be sure you have found them all. The first one is already done for you.

WORD LIST: ~~ALIVE~~ CROSS TOMB
WOMEN SUNDAY CEMETERY
BODY MARY JESUS

A M L O G C W T
R A L I V E O U
V R C C K M M E
F Y R J B E E P
Q B O D Y T N H
D Y S U S E J W
N I S T Z R X S
S U N D A Y M B

Finish The Picture. Here are faces of two children. They are missing their eyes, nose, and mouth. The child on the left side thinks Jesus is still dead. How would his face look? Draw the face to look that way. The child on the right knows that Jesus is alive. Draw this face to show surprise and excitement.

