

Covenant Kids

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TRACEY'S BLESSINGS - A DONKEY, A BUNNY AND AN EMPTY TOMB



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The title of this article sounds like the beginning of a joke. However, all of these images are important to events that happen in the month of April.

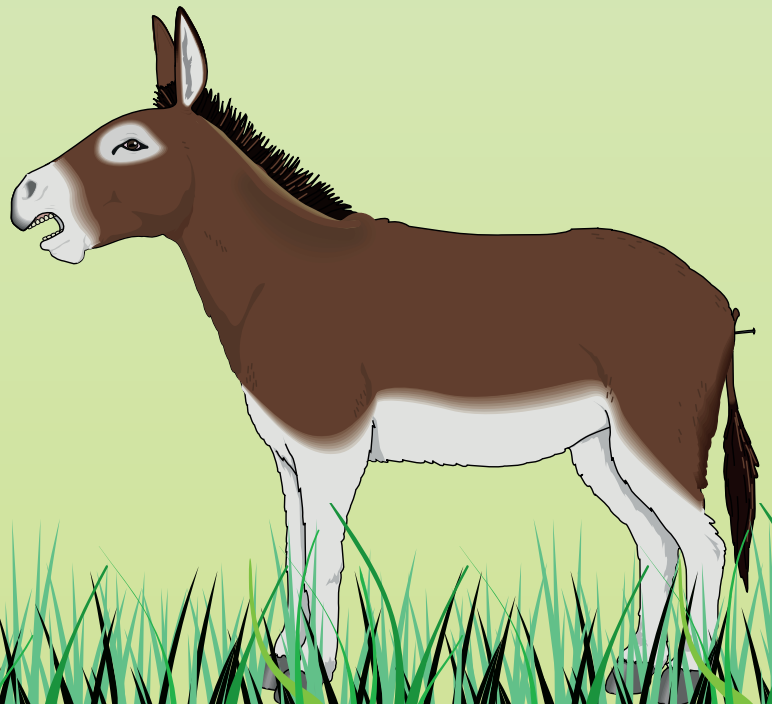
The Church recognizes the Sunday before Easter as Palm Sunday. Our Palm Sunday is a recreation of Jesus triumphant arrival into Jerusalem. Look for Pastor Erick to ride in on KC the donkey! Please read the story of the last week of Jesus' life with your family or friends. Look to find how God works in the whole week. It will help us engage the events at church during Holy Week.

The bunny comes into the Easter Egg Hunt for ages preschool - 5th grade. The hunt begins at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall on Saturday April 20. Please gather in Memorial Hall for crafts prior to the hunt.

After all this, there will still be Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday, followed by the wonder and joy of Easter.

Blessings to all, this Holy Week!

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An Empty Tomb

Luke 24:1-12

When Jesus died on Friday, his body was taken to a tomb, never before used, owned by Joseph of Arimathea. Jesus' body was wrapped in a linen cloth. The women who had been at the cross followed the body to the tomb and saw a large stone rolled in front of it. Then they left to prepare the spices and salves to anoint Jesus' body. The next day was the Sabbath so they could not go to the tomb, for they rested according to God's commandment.

But on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and some other women from Galilee got up early and went to the tomb. They took the spices they had prepared so they could anoint Jesus' body.

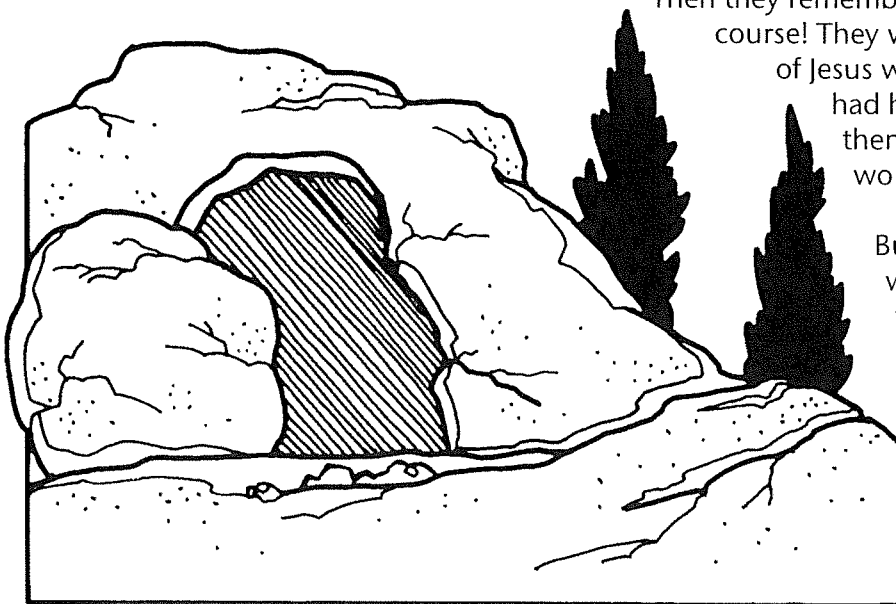
They were silent as they walked. Each woman was lost in her own thoughts. Perhaps one of them wondered how they were going to move the stone away from the opening. Another might have been thinking about how kind Jesus had been to her.

They forgot all these thoughts when they got to the tomb. The stone had been rolled away. When they walked into the tomb, the body of Jesus was not there. In a blink of an eye, two men in dazzling white clothes were standing there. The three women were scared to death and afraid to look at the men.

"Why are looking for Jesus here? Remember, Jesus told you that he would die and then rise on the third day."

Then they remembered what Jesus had said. Of course! They went back to where the followers of Jesus were gathered and told them what had happened. The others looked at them strangely. What silly stories these women told!

But Peter wasn't so sure the women were silly. He ran to the tomb to see for himself. Yes, there were the linen cloths in the tomb, but no body. He left, amazed and puzzled at what he had seen.



Easter Butterfly

You Will Need (per butterfly):

- ❑ 5" square of copier paper or origami paper in a bright color
- ❑ 4" square of copier paper or origami paper in a second bright color
- ❑ pipe cleaner

Directions

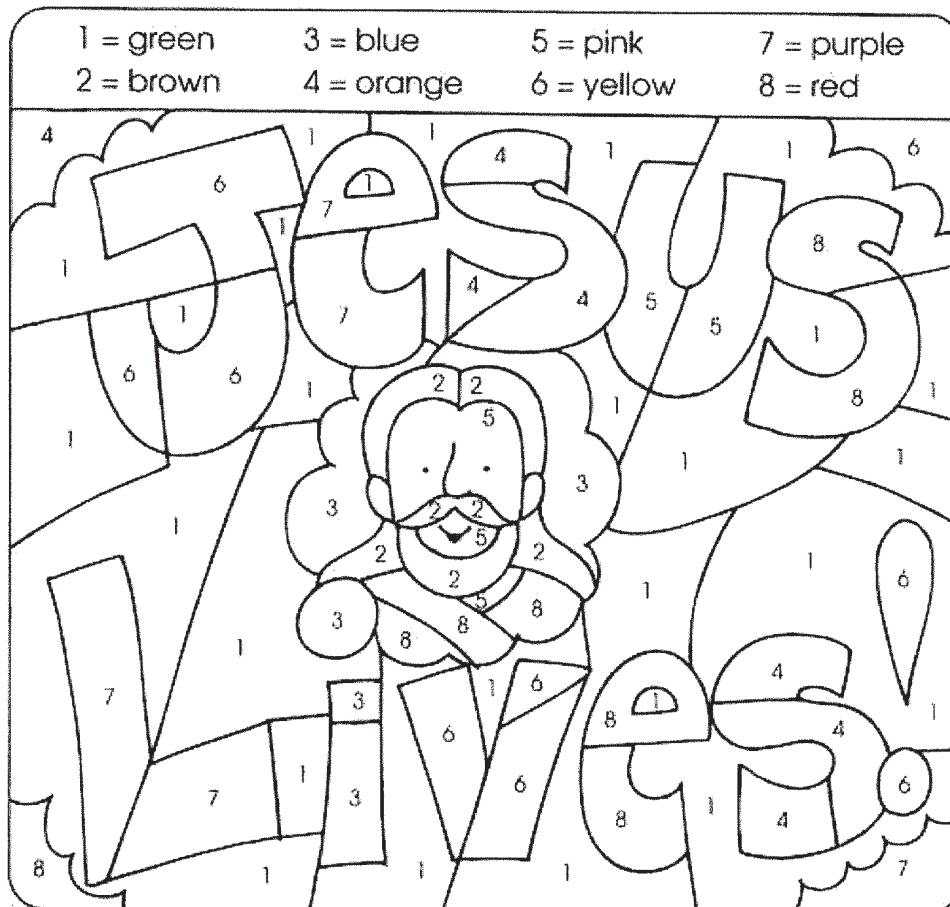
1. Turn the 4" square so one corner is at the top. Fold the paper like an accordion from the point at the top to the point at the bottom.
2. Take the pipe cleaner and bend it in half, twisting one end over the other to create a small loop.
3. Pinch the 4" square accordion fan in the center and set it in the "V" created by the pipe cleaner ends. Twist the ends once over the folded paper.
4. Repeat steps 1–3 using the 5" square.
5. Twist the pipe cleaner ends snugly over the top of the 5" square. Curl each pipe cleaner end to create the butterfly's antennae.
6. Use fingers to gently spread out the wings.

Jesus Is Alive!

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!



Chocolate Donut Easter Baskets



Ingredients

Chocolate Mini Donut
Peanut Butter or Frosting
Shredded Coconut
Egg Candies
Licorice String

Directions

1. Spread a thick amount of peanut butter or frosting on the top of the chocolate donut.
2. Press three egg candies on top of the peanut butter or frosting.
3. Place the shredded coconut into a sealable plastic bag. Stir or shake in drops of green gel food coloring into the bag of coconut until your desired color has been reached. Sprinkle the green coconut grass onto the peanut butter or frosting.
4. Cut a length of licorice string and insert the ends into the sides of the donut. It may be helpful to use a toothpick to poke holes into the sides of the donut to insert the licorice string into.

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