

This is
Easter!

EYFS and Key Stage One

Easter is the most significant time in the Church's year. Here are some activities you may like to share together over the Easter period. It is a time to think about hope and new life, as well as how Jesus teaches us to love and care for one another.

The main parts of the Easter story are included, for you to read and talk about with your child. Some activities follow which we hope you will enjoy.



Important dates:

Palm Sunday: Sunday 5th April

As Jesus and his disciples were getting close to Jerusalem they came to the Mount of Olives.

He sent two of his disciples on ahead and told them, "Go into the village over there. You will see a colt tied up, that no one has ridden yet."

"Untie it and bring it to me. If anyone asks you what you are doing, tell him "The Master needs it now and will send it back."

They went off and did as Jesus said. Jesus mounted the colt. As he rode along people spread their cloaks on the road. Some cut branches and spread these before him.

The people were all shouting, "Hosanna! Praise God! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna! Praise God!"

Based on Mark 11: 1-11
(God's Story 2)

You could make a palm leaf using the sheet (later in the pack) or your own ideas. Think about what you would say if you were welcoming Jesus.

Good Friday: Friday 10th April

Jesus died on
Good Friday because
he loves all of us.



Some people became
jealous of Jesus. They
made a plan to get rid
of him. Jesus knew that
whatever happened,
God his Father loved
him.

Mary, Jesus' mother,
stood beside the cross
of her dying son. Her
sister was with her and
so was Mary of
Magdala, and Mary
the wife of Cleopas.

Jesus saw his mother
and his dear friend
John standing beside
her.

Jesus said to his
mother, "John will now
be your son. Take care
of him." Then he said to
John "Mary will be your
mother now." When
Jesus died, John cared
for Mary.

Based on John 19: 25-27
(Come and See)

Here is a prayer to say together or reflect on. You may like to think about how we can grow in goodness, kindness, caring and loving in our daily lives.

This is the wood of the cross on which Jesus died.

Let us remember him.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

Jesus, you are so good.

Help us to grow in goodness.

Jesus, you are so kind.

Help us to grow in kindness.

Jesus, you are so caring.

Help us to grow in caring.

Jesus, you are so loving.

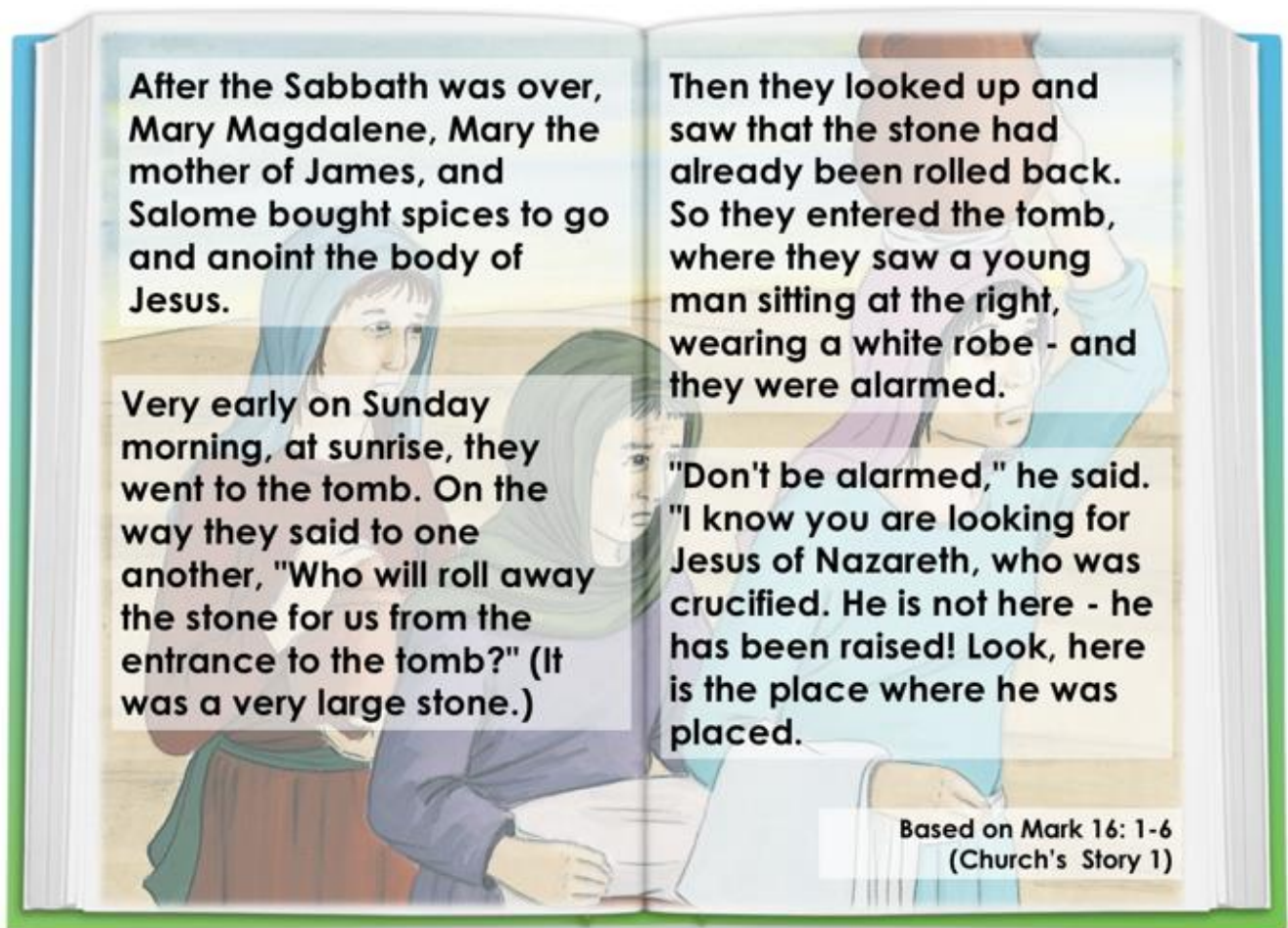
Help us to grow in loving.

You

could write your ideas here:

Easter Sunday: Sunday 12th April

Jesus had died on the cross but God gave Jesus new life. When his friends went to visit the tomb, he was not there! **Jesus was alive.**



He is risen!

Activities you may enjoy:

- *Plant some seeds and talk about how they grow and change. Something which seems small and lifeless can change into something wonderful!*
- *Go for a walk somewhere quiet, and look for signs of new life. Can you spot daffodils and crocuses? Talk about the changing of the seasons.*
- *Look out for birds who are collecting twigs and grass for their nests. Can you remember and draw or write about the ducklings we hatched and cared for in school?*
- *Make an Easter garden using a tray and a flower pot or yoghurt pot for the empty tomb. You can decorate it with paper flowers, eggs, chicks and drawings of baby animals!*



You might have some lego or duplo people and animals who could visit the Easter garden!

Could you use some to help you re-tell and talk about the happy part of the Easter story?



- *You could make Easter cards for your friends and family. Why not make a Happy Easter poster to display in your window for everyone who passes to see?*
- *You could decorate your windows and doors with flowers, eggs, colourful pictures and cheerful messages!*

Happy Easter everyone!