



# *Happy Easter!*

Here are some activities to do as you watch the Easter Sunday service with your family.

1. **Believing Hands decoration.** Follow the instructions on page. You'll need paper, scissors and a pencil.
2. **Colouring in.** Choose one of the colouring sheets, print it out and colour it in.
3. **Easter Memory Verse.** Follow the instructions and then get everyone involved learning John 20:29.
4. **Puzzles.** Choose from a wordsearch or a crossword and then complete the puzzle linked to today's bible story.

*We'd love to see what you've been up to - why not ask a grown-up to help you post a picture on Facebook showing you and your crafty creations?*

# Believing Hands

In John 20, Thomas said “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Then a week later Jesus was standing in front of Thomas and said “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas realised it was true- Jesus is Alive and he really believed it now!

Make your own **“believing hands”** to remind everyone you believe that Jesus is alive!!!

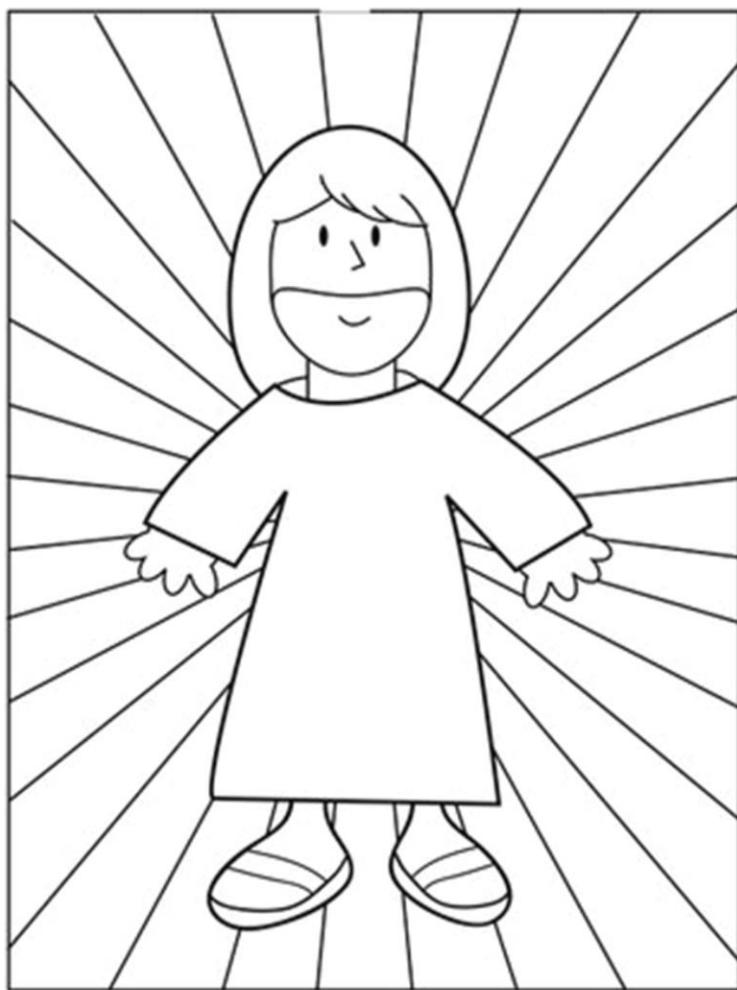


You will need a piece of A4 paper, a pencil, some scissors and felt tips/coloured pencils if you want to decorate your hands.

1. Fold the piece of paper in half (like you are making a greetings card)
2. Place one hand on the folded paper, making sure your thumb and first finger touch the fold on the edge of the paper.
3. Draw around your hand.
4. Cut out your hand. Be careful not to cut through the fold where you've drawn your thumb and finger, but cut out the space in between.
5. Open out the paper and you'll see you have two hands with a cut out love heart in the middle.
6. Now write the bible verse “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29 somewhere on your hands.
7. If you want to add more colour and decoration- go for it!!!
8. Now put your believing hands somewhere everyone can see as a reminder that you believe that Jesus rose from the dead.
9. If you are really creative, get the whole family to make a pair of believing hands – each one a different colour and layer them over each other- biggest to smallest to make a really special keepsake of Easter 2020.



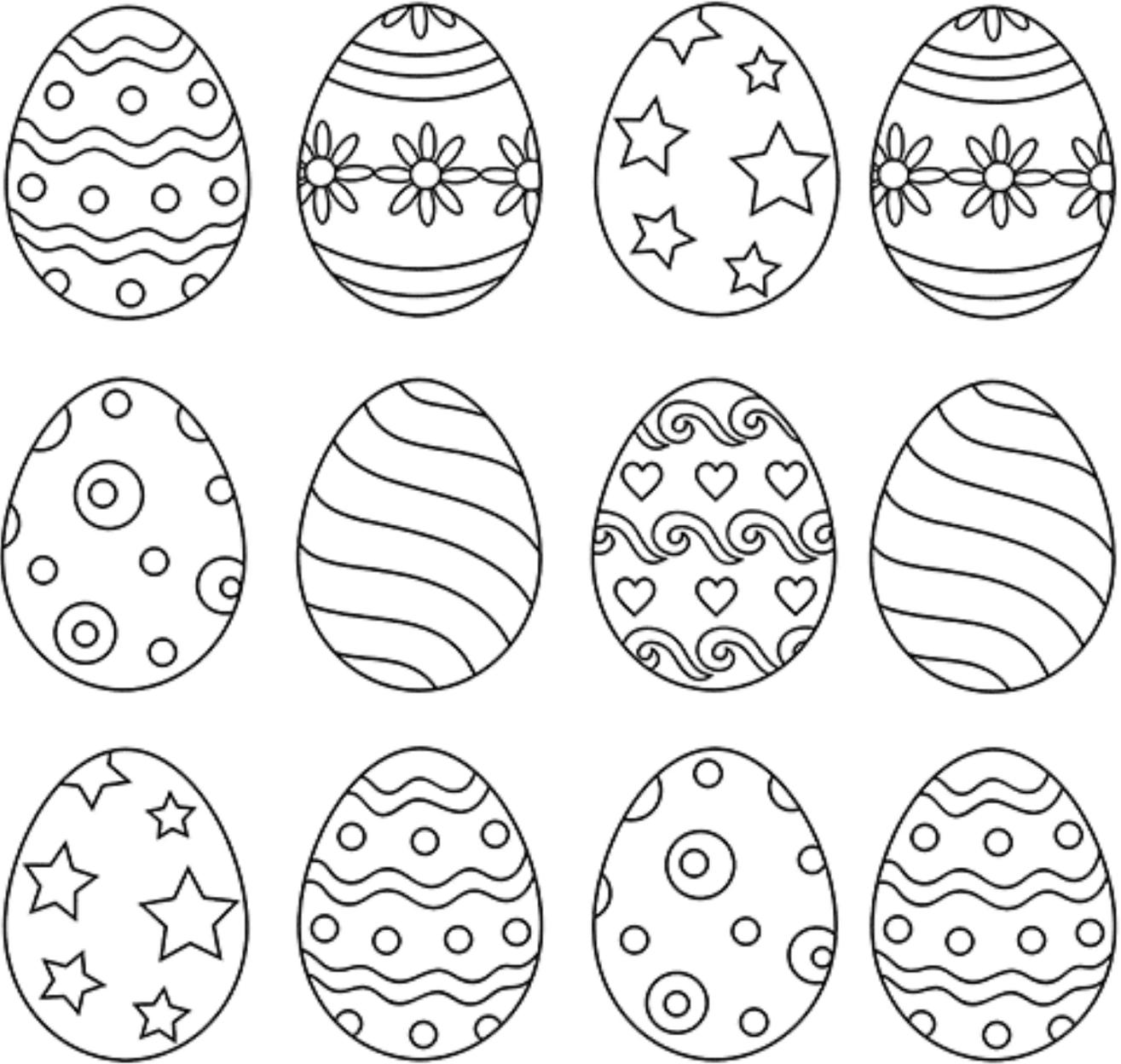
# Jesus is Alive





## *Easter Memory Verse*

Print out the eggs, colour them in and then cut them out. On the back of each egg write a word from the memory verse "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29 finishing with the bible reference. Muddle the eggs up and see who can put them into the right order. Then turn over one egg at a time until you can say the whole verse.





## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

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Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



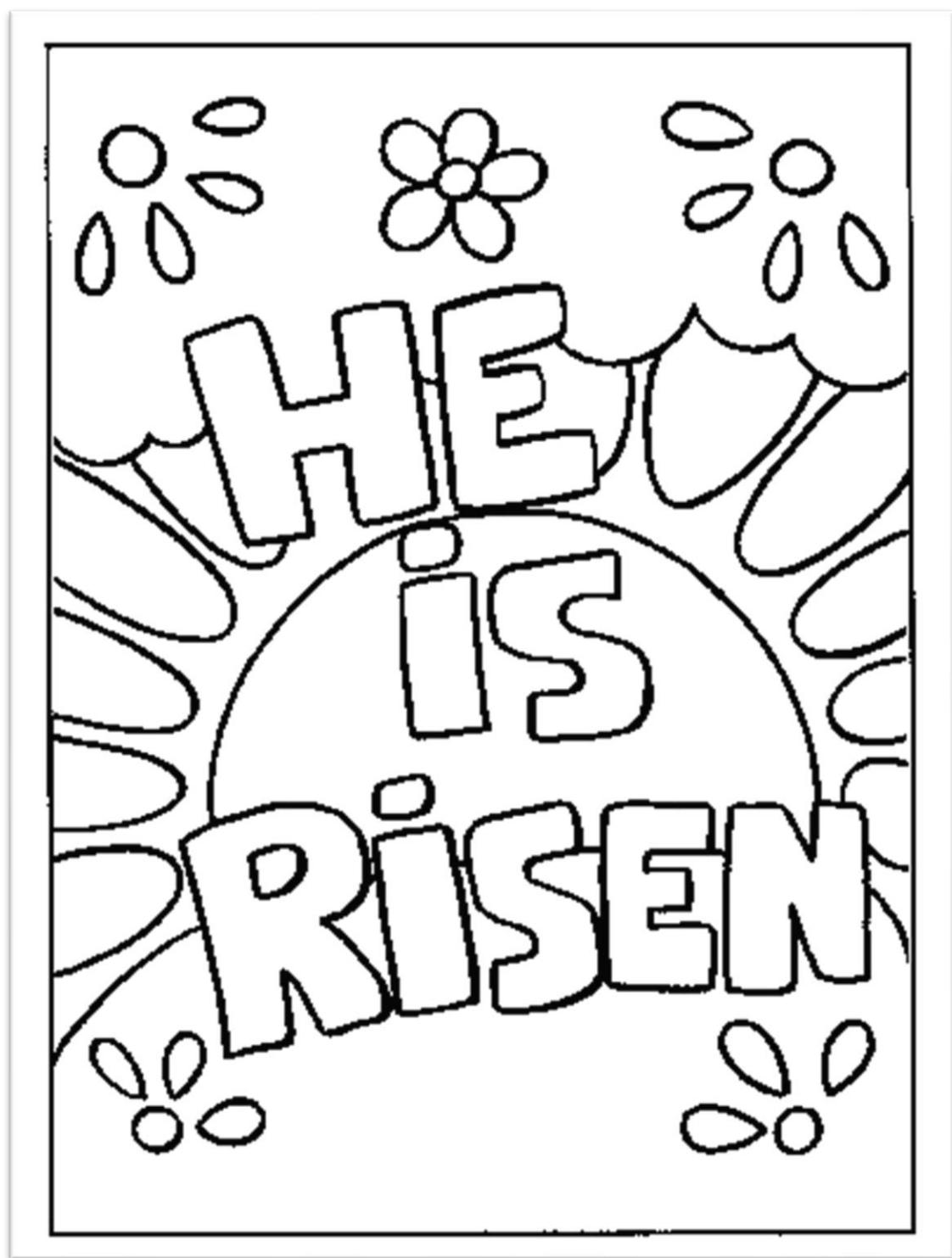
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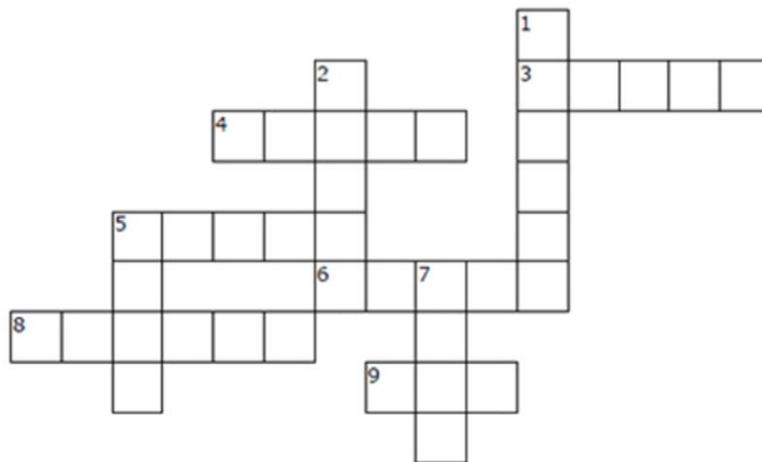
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## ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

## DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE	DOOR	HANDS	FAITH	HAPPY
NAIL	THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	DOUBT