

Dear Parents,

I hope you and all your families are keeping well. As Holy Week approaches your children will unfortunately be unable to learn about and prepare to celebrate Easter in the usual way. Because of this I thought it might be helpful to include the two lessons from the "Grow in Love" religion programme which you are all familiar with. It may be a useful resource to dip in and out of during the two weeks which would have been holiday time. I've included the teacher's resource pages for your information and also some pages from the children's workbook. This is purely a suggestion and in no way is obligatory.

God bless,

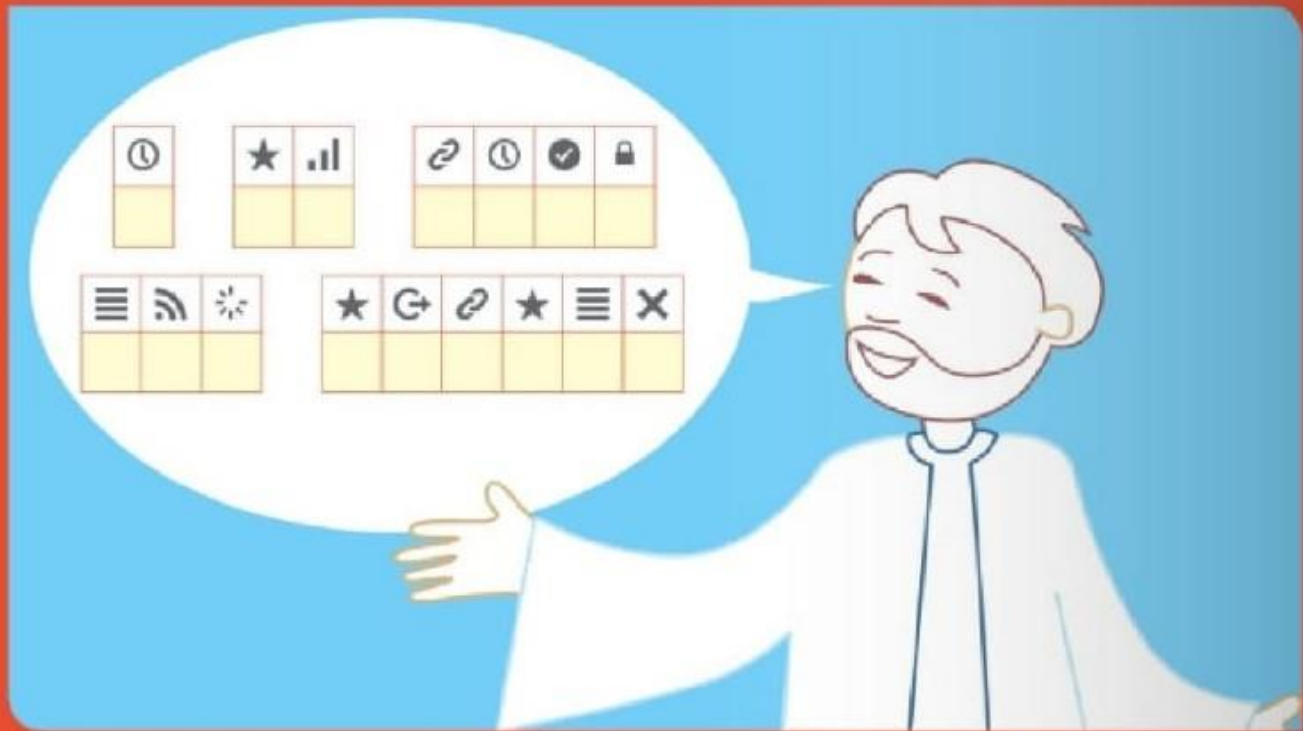
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IN SCHOOL

# Jesus' Promise

Crack the code to read Jesus' promise to his friends.

When Jesus' friends found out that he had risen from the dead, they couldn't have been happier. Then Jesus told them that he was going away to be with the Father in heaven. Jesus' friends were sad to hear that. They felt very lonely again. But before Jesus left, he made a promise to his friends. He said ...












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AT HOME

## Mary Magdalene meets the Risen Jesus

Read this story with your family.

*This week, the children have been learning about how Mary Magdalene found out that Jesus had risen from the dead. We call the day on which we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead Easter Sunday.*

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark,  went to the  where  was buried, and saw that the  had been taken away.  stood outside the , crying. Then  turned around and saw  standing there, but she did not realise that it was him.  said to her, 'Mary!', and she knew that it was him. 'Teacher!' she said.

 told  to go to his , to tell them that he had risen from the dead.  did as  asked.

### Chat Together

About how Mary must have felt when she realised Jesus had risen from the dead. Then chat about how your family might celebrate Easter this year: by going to Mass, by visiting the church, etc.

### Invitation to Pray

**Adult:** Lord Jesus, you were raised from the dead.

**Child:** Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Adult:** And now you are at home with God in heaven.

**Child:** Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Adult:** But Risen Jesus, we know you are still with us.

**Child:** Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Adult:** You live among us today in a new and different way.

**Child:** Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Adult:** One day, we will see you again.

**Child:** Alleluia! Alleluia!



**IN SCHOOL**

## The Easter story: Who's who?

Answer these questions about Easter.

1. Who went to the tomb early on Sunday morning?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Who was standing outside the tomb?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who did he say to tell the Good News to?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Who will you tell this news to?

\_\_\_\_\_



### We celebrate Easter by ...

My name is Christopher.  
My family and I  
celebrate Easter by  
wearing our best clothes  
and going to Mass.



My name is Amelia.  
My Granny takes me to  
Mass the night before  
Easter Sunday.



My name is Niamh. My  
family celebrates Easter  
by giving eggs to each  
other. These are a sign  
of new life.



How does  
your family  
celebrate  
Easter?

**AT HOME**

## Holy Week crossword puzzle

Use the word bank below to fill in the blanks and complete the crossword.

*This week, the children have been exploring the story of Jesus' suffering and death, beginning with his entry into the city of Jerusalem on the day we now call Palm Sunday, and ending with his death on the day we now call Good Friday.*



**Down**

1. Jesus and his friends went to \_\_\_\_\_ for Passover.
2. The soldiers gave Jesus a \_\_\_\_\_ to carry.

**Across**

3. The people waved \_\_\_\_\_ at Jesus.
4. Jesus rode into the city on a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus' friends placed his body in a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Chat Together**

About why the people were so excited to see Jesus on Palm Sunday. What would you and your child say to Jesus if you saw him?

**Invitation to Pray**

*Sanctus*  
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.



**WORD BANK**  
 Jerusalem palms  
 tomb donkey  
**CROSS**

IN SCHOOL

## Jesus comes to Jerusalem

Draw the pictures to complete the story.



Lots of people went to the city of Jerusalem for the Passover festival.



Jesus and his friends went there too.



As they saw him, the people took branches off the palm trees and waved them at Jesus.



They cheered and shouted.



Jesus found a donkey and rode it into the city.



The people were delighted to see him.