

# *The true meaning* *of* **EASTER**



A story of God's  
love, which  
blooms just like  
spring.

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## A Message to Parents,

I was searching for a book about Easter that I could read to my almost four-year-old and my recently turned two-year-old and was having a hard time finding something appropriate for young children.

I wanted graphics that were warm and friendly and I wanted the story to be told in such a way as to fit with the springtime activities occurring in our modern age.

I used a parable of God's love being like a flower in spring because it gives me a tangible living thing that I can use to symbolize the message of God's love to my children. I used the illustration of a flower being planted and growing to full bloom to help my children visualize God's love and the true meaning of Easter.

To create this children's book, I reviewed the four gospels from the bible. For the parts of the story that may be harder to find, I included the scripture reference. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John each share a unique perspective of the Easter story and preparing this story was a wonderful experience for me in the study of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in scripture.

May the love of God and the joy of spring fill your heart.

~ Monica



This book, "The True Meaning of Easter" was created to go with the Easter Activity Book and Printables (see picture).

The entire printable pack is over 60 pages and includes:

- 24 Coloring Pages that mirror the story in the book, "The True Meaning of Easter" - not word for word but very similar
- 5 Easter Basket decorating strips with characters and scenes from the story
- 42 Easter egg stuffers with scenes and characters from the story
- 5 Pages of characters that can easily be glued to popsicle sticks to create decorations for the Easter grass or finger puppets for an animated story-time
- Cutting, matching and gluing basic shapes - circle, heart, square, rectangle, hexagon, triangle
- He loves the world Lace-up Card
- Cutting practice and align and count with Easter images
- Cutting Practice with Easter Eggs
- Match and memory games with Easter eggs
- Counting, numbering, tracing, and even an Easter Egg hunt basket for math games (adding and subtracting)
- 5 Do-A-dot coloring sheets - use do-a-dot paints, stockers, q-tips, glitter and more to color and decorate
- 3 Trim, print and fold easy-to-make Easter cards - perfect for family and friends

To learn more about this Easter Activity Book and Printables, go to:

<http://www.happyandblessedhome.com/2014/03/easter-activity-book-and-printables.html>

The printable pack is on sale for \$4.00 and includes tons of games and activities for hours of learning and fun.





# Enriching Easter books, gifts and activities for the whole family!

Click the blue affiliate link to learn more.



## [The Story of the Resurrection Eggs - Benjamin's Box](#)

What are the treasures in Benjamin's Box? Come along with Benjamin and see. Like all boys and girls, Benjamin is very, very curious. When Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Benjamin decides to follow him and find out who he really is. At first, Benjamin thinks Jesus is a teacher, then a king. At last, he learns the good news---news that every child (and grown-up) in conjunction with Resurrection Eggs from Family Life.

[Resurrection Eggs by Family Life](#) - Help children understand Easter in a fresh, new way with Resurrection Eggs! Spanish/English bi-lingual version now available. Twelve colorful eggs, meaningful objects, and a devotional booklet bring the story of the death and resurrection of Christ to life--a great way to tell children "Jesus is alive!"



## [Lily's Easter Party: The Story of the Resurrection Eggs Hardcover](#)

This Easter, Lily's mom and dad plan an egg hunt that goes beyond chocolate bunnies, and you can, too! Based on the bestselling teaching tool from FamilyLife, this special neighborhood egg hunt leads Lily, her friends, and young readers on a search for the greatest prize of all: the miraculous story of Jesus' death and resurrection, as discovered through symbols presented in the twelve eggs from the Resurrection Eggs. An explanation of each egg and accompanying scripture reference is included.

## [He Is Risen!, Christian Easter Gift Basket](#)

This christian Easter basket celebrates the rise of our lord and satisfies the sweet tooth at the same time.

Features two large ceramic coffee mugs with raised cross and Matthew 28:6 verse. Loaded with enough unique, decadent chocolates and gourmet munchies to satisfy any sweet tooth.



## [Religious Easter Gift Eight \(8\) Piece Resin Figurine Resurrection of Jesus Christ Home School Chapel Statue Set Decoration](#)

Made of Resin

Figures 3 - 4" height, Tomb: 12 x 5 1/4" height

Includes story card

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## [Easter Activity Set \[Children 3-6\]](#)

Set of 3 Activity Books are 8 pages each and is 4-1/4" x 5-1/2". For ages 3 - 6.

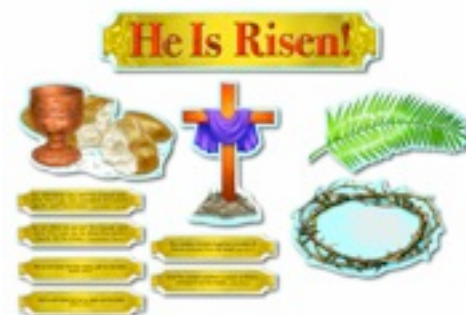
Cross-shaped bubble necklace has 15" cord Bottle holds 0.5 ounces.

Bible Picture Story Cards: 4 cards on a ring measure 3-1/2" x 2-3/8".

## [Carson Dellosa Christian He Is Risen! Bulletin Board Set \(210017\)](#)

5 die-cut Easter images, largest approx. 19.25" x 12"

includes: 10 Scripture cards, "He Is Risen!" banner, and Activity Guide



## [Holy Week Colour-in Calendars \(Pack of 3\)](#)

Learn about the events surrounding the resurrection of Christ with this color in Holy Week Calendar.

Assemble the pre-printed pieces then open a section each day during Holy Week to reveal the relevant Bible verse. Size 13 inches x 6.3 inches.

## [VeggieTales: A Very Veggie Easter Collection \(2012\)](#)

The perfect gift for Easter, the Very Veggie Easter Collection contains our popular Easter DVDs "Twas the Night Before Easter" and "An Easter Carol." Also, this set includes 2 of our most popular CDs - "A Very Veggie Easter" and "Hosanna!"



## [Veggie Tales: An Easter Carol](#)

Cavis and Millward (Bob & Larry) and Hope the Music Box Angel voiced by Grammy Award winning artist Rebecca St. James must convince Nezzzer that Easter is about much more than candy and eggs. Inspired by Dickens' Christmas classic, this very special film explains why millions of Christians around the world celebrate Easter past, present and future.



In spring, the grass grows and the flowers bloom.



# Spring

is a season  
for planting.





For flowers  
to bloom,  
they need  
water, sun-  
shine, and  
loving care.



Flowers start as tiny seeds, but with  
love and nurturing...



They blossom into beautiful flowers.



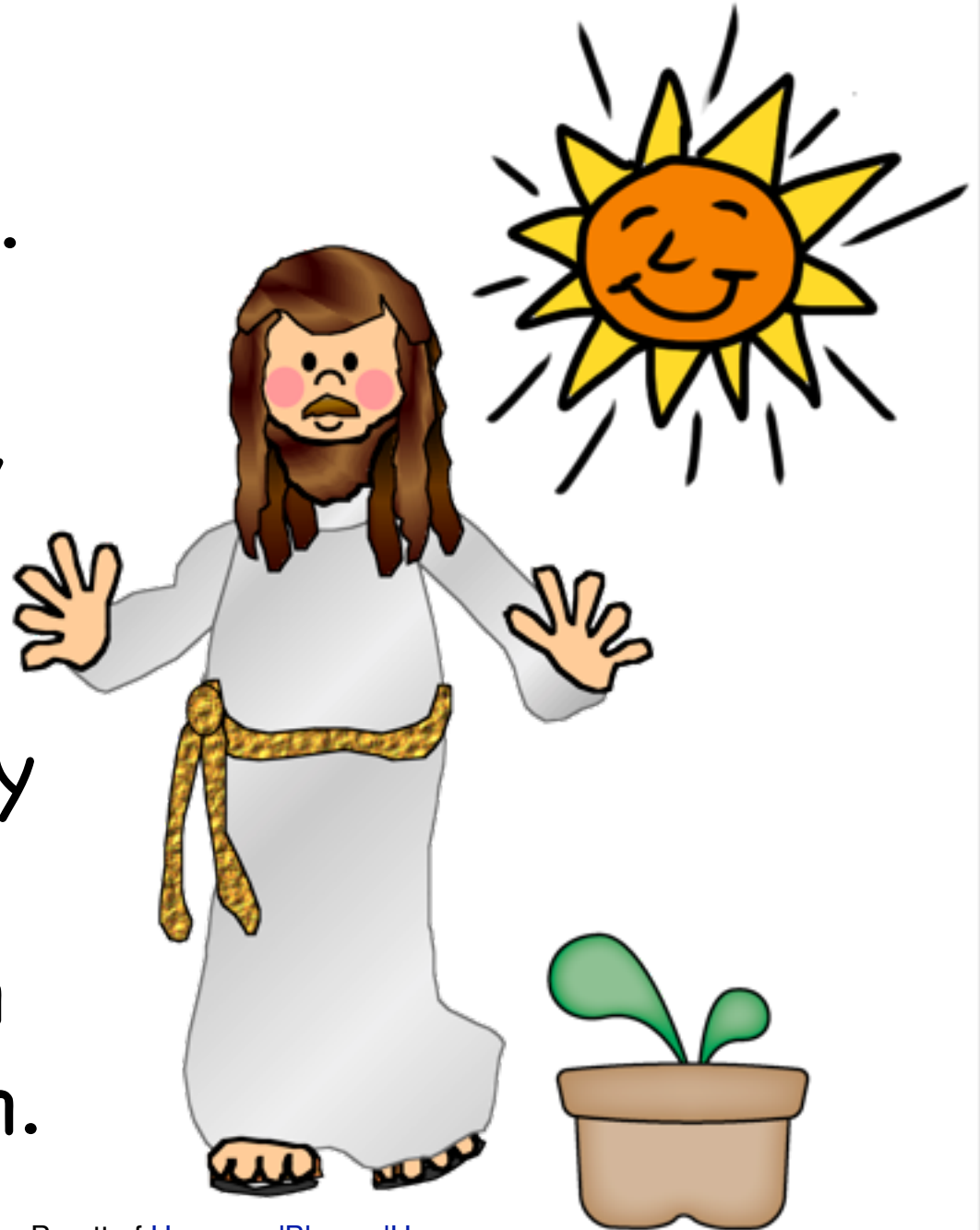


God sent his love into  
the world in much the  
same way. The tiny  
seed was a  
baby named  
Jesus.





Jesus was just  
like me and you.  
He needed  
sunshine, water,  
and loving  
care to  
grow from a tiny  
baby into  
a boy, and then  
into a young man.



Jesus represented God's love for us.  
His love bloomed like a flower.  
He healed the sick.  
He fed the hungry.



He showed his  
love for people  
by teaching  
others how to  
love one another  
by serving the  
needy and the  
poor.

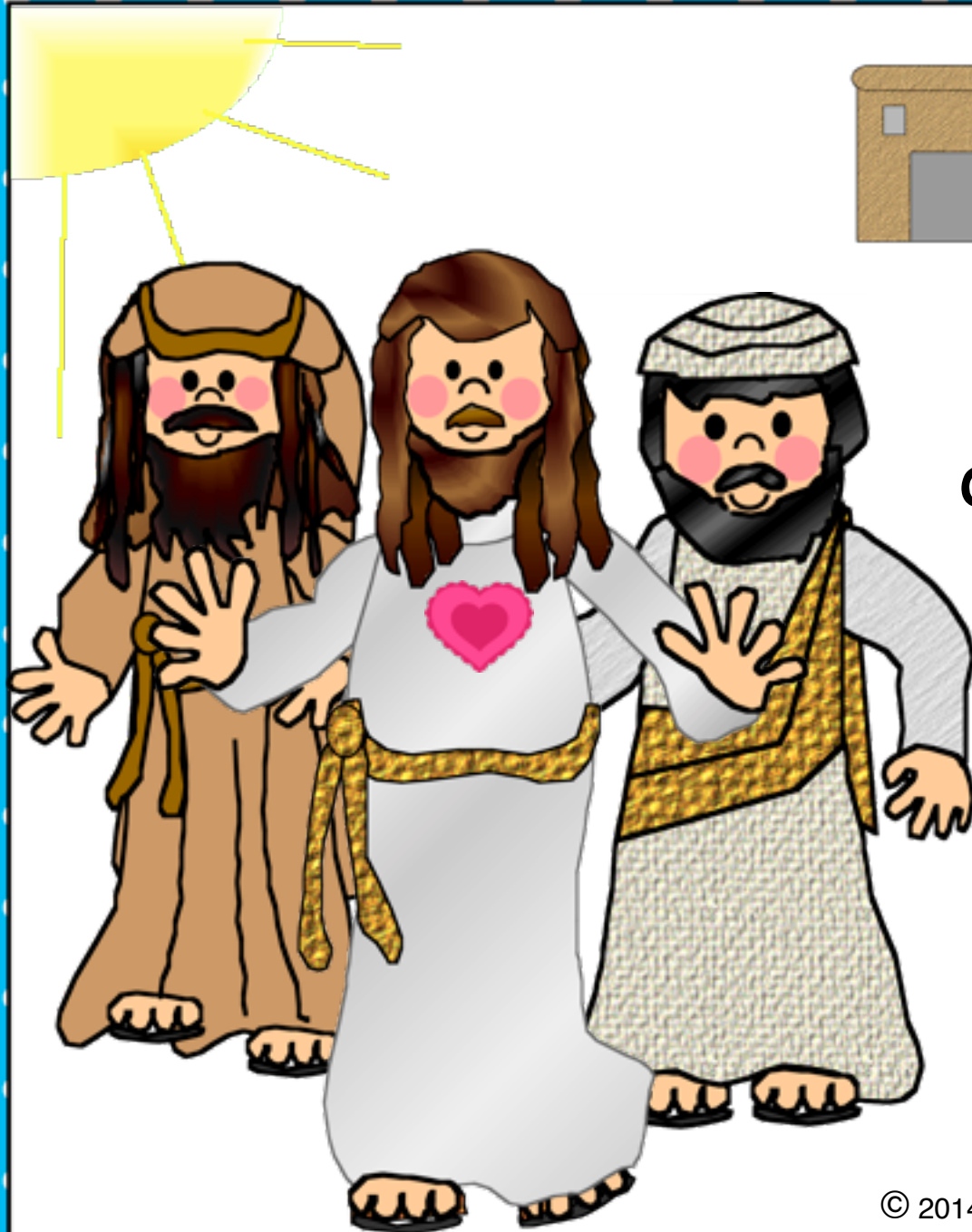






Because his love was so strong, twelve  
🌸 men decided to follow Jesus. 🌸





Jesus and his  
disciples traveled  
to Jerusalem to  
celebrate the  
Jewish holiday  
known as  
Passover.

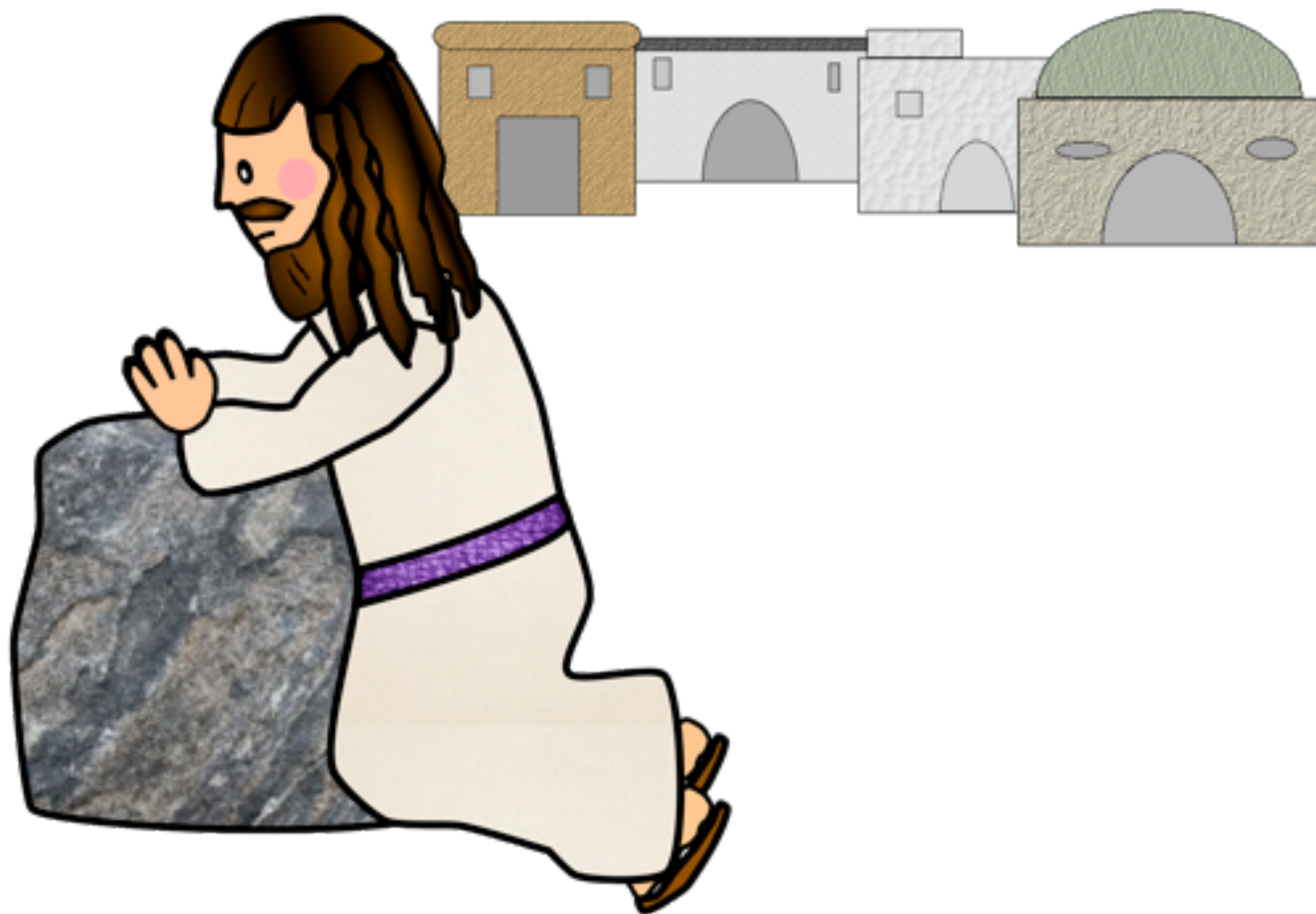


Jesus and the 12 disciples entered the city and were celebrated by the people who knew he was the son of God.





One of the things Jesus did while in Jerusalem was to celebrate with the disciples by having supper together.

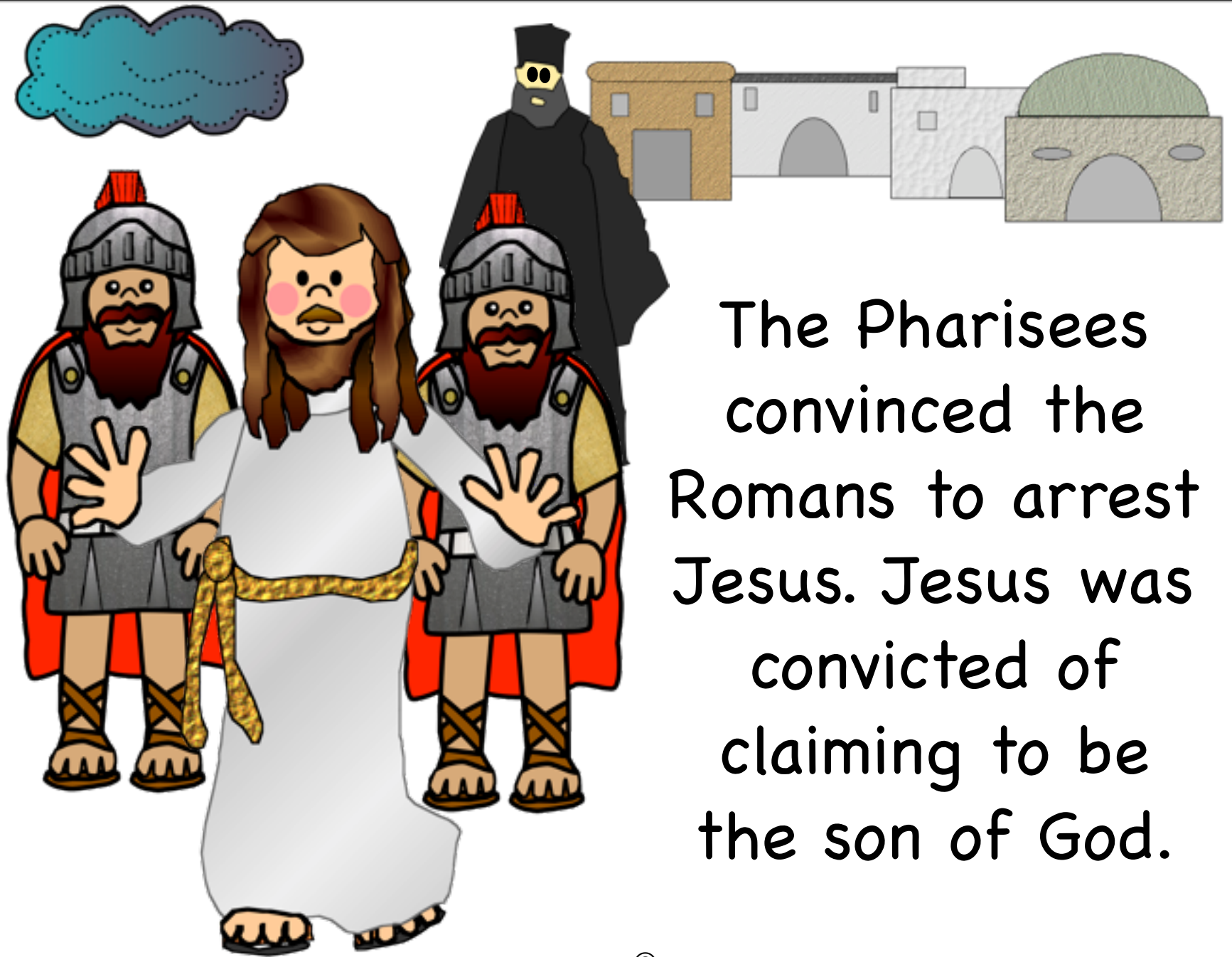


Jesus prayed for you and for me. He asked God to show us the same love that God had for Jesus, his son. ~John 17:23



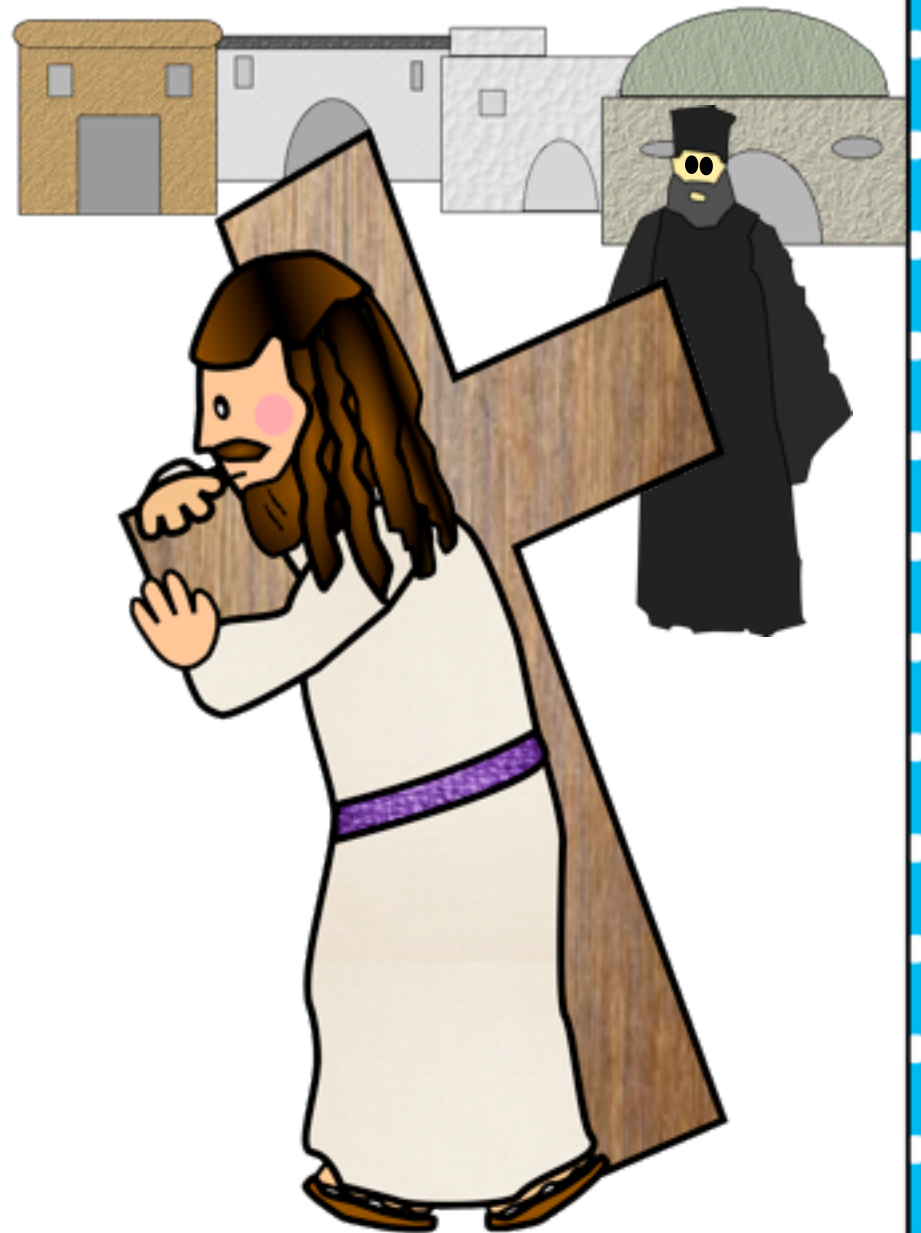


Some men, known as Pharisees, did not like Jesus. These men were Jewish priests and they feared that Jesus would take over. Jesus had told the people he was the son of God.

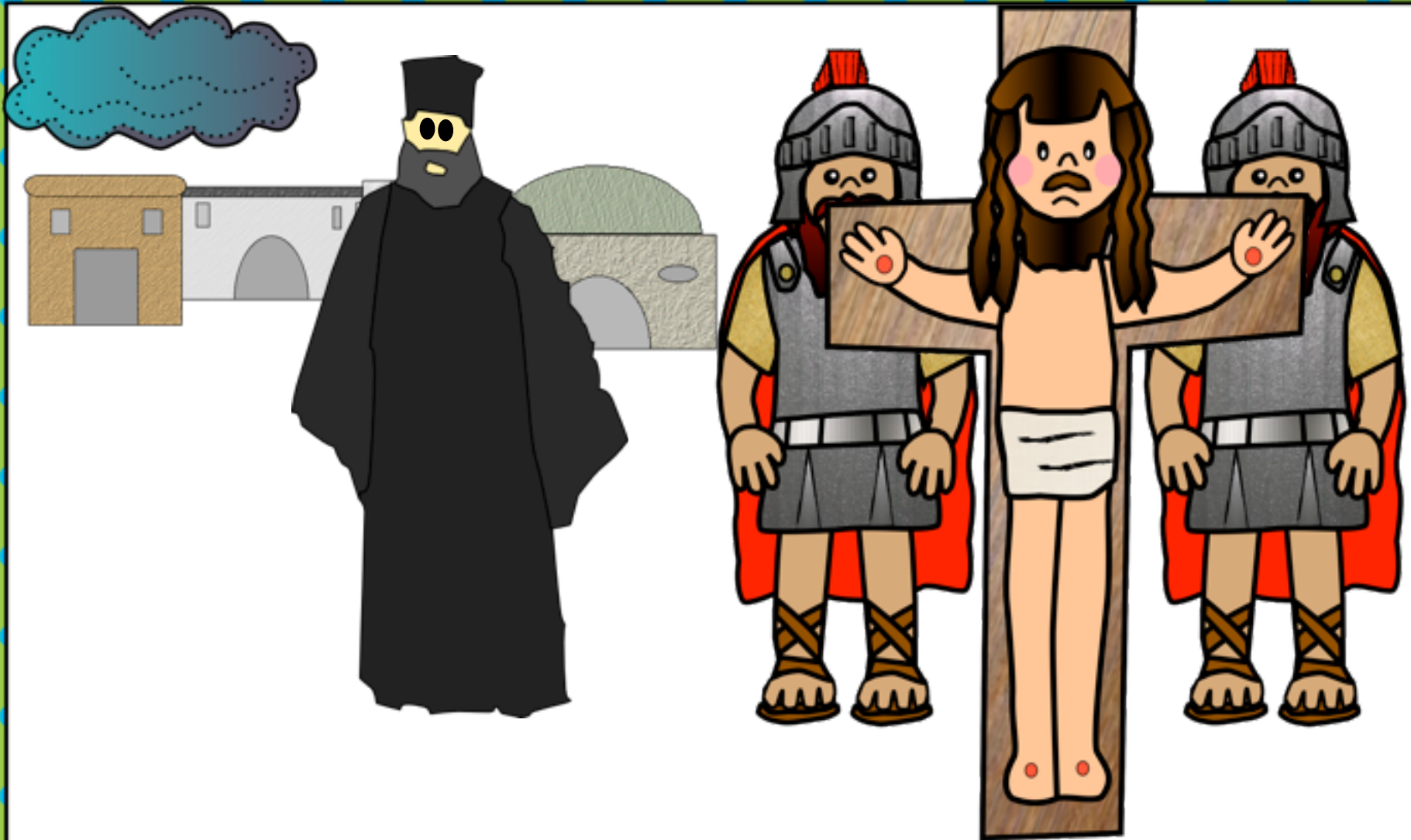


The Pharisees convinced the Romans to arrest Jesus. Jesus was convicted of claiming to be the son of God.

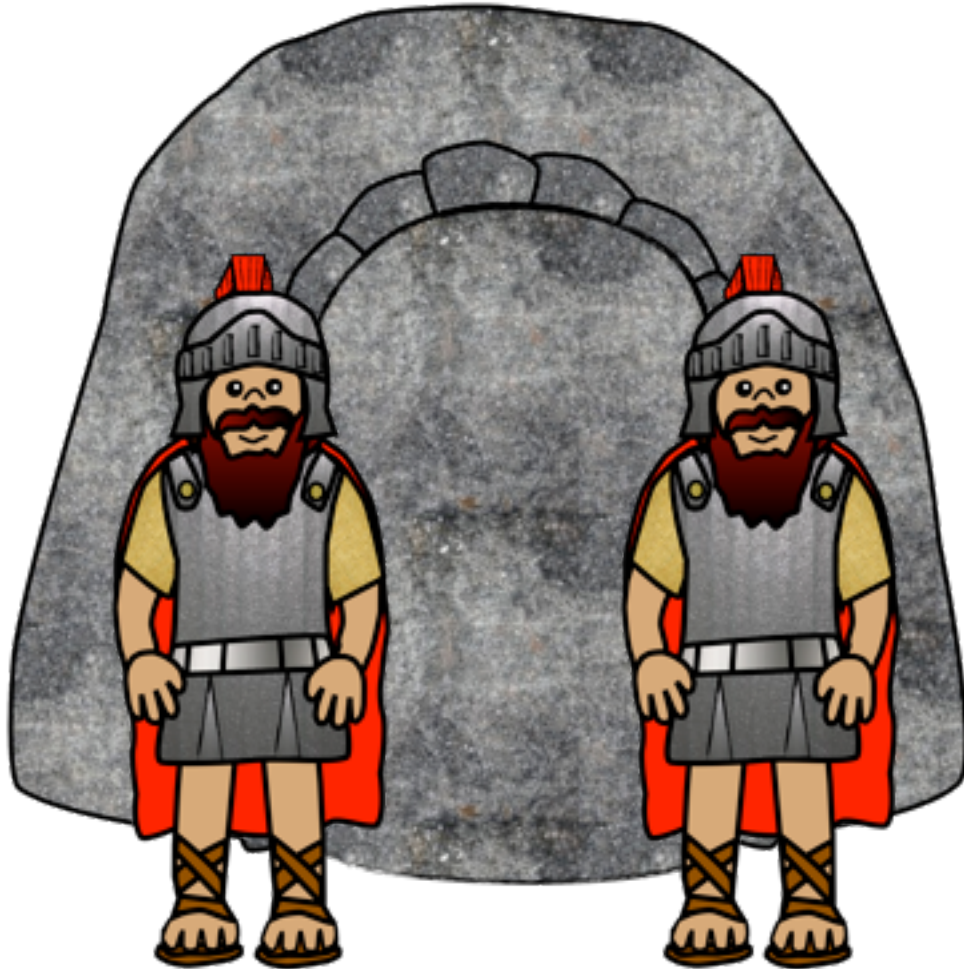
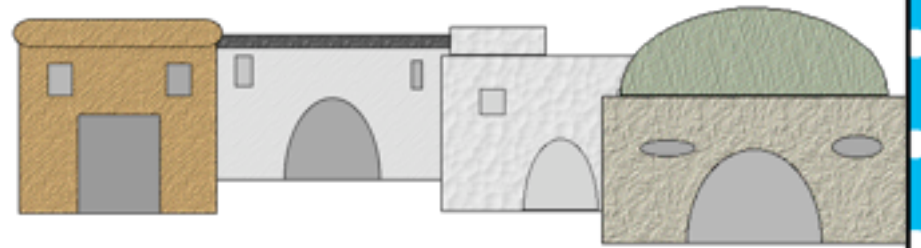
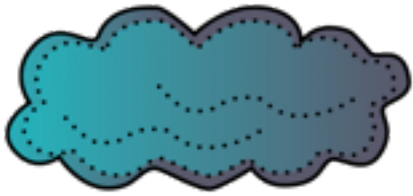
Jesus was  
treated badly. He  
was punished  
because the  
Pharisees did not  
believe he was  
the son of God.  
He had to carry  
a cross.





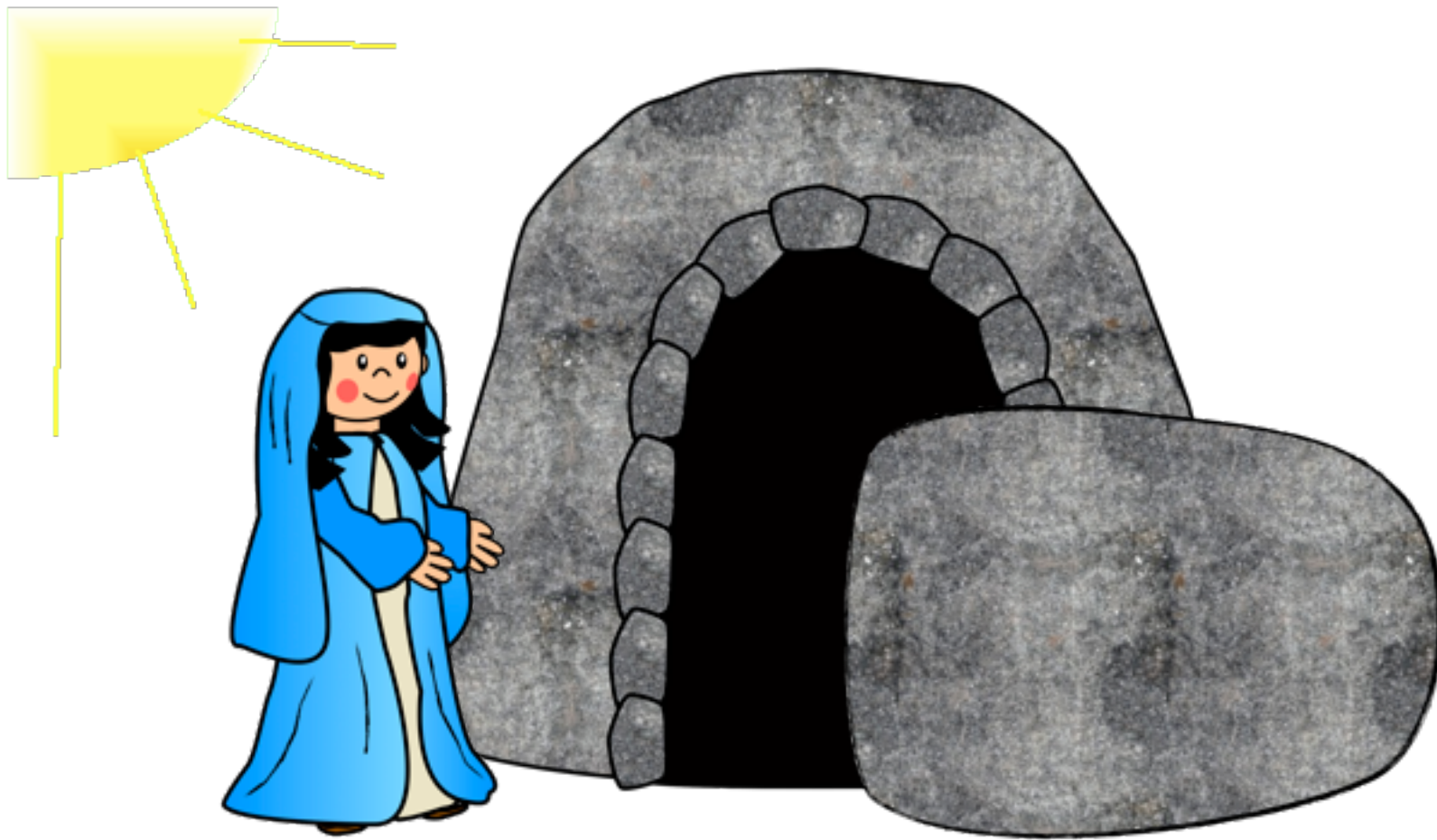


The Romans and the Pharisees hung  
Jesus on the cross.



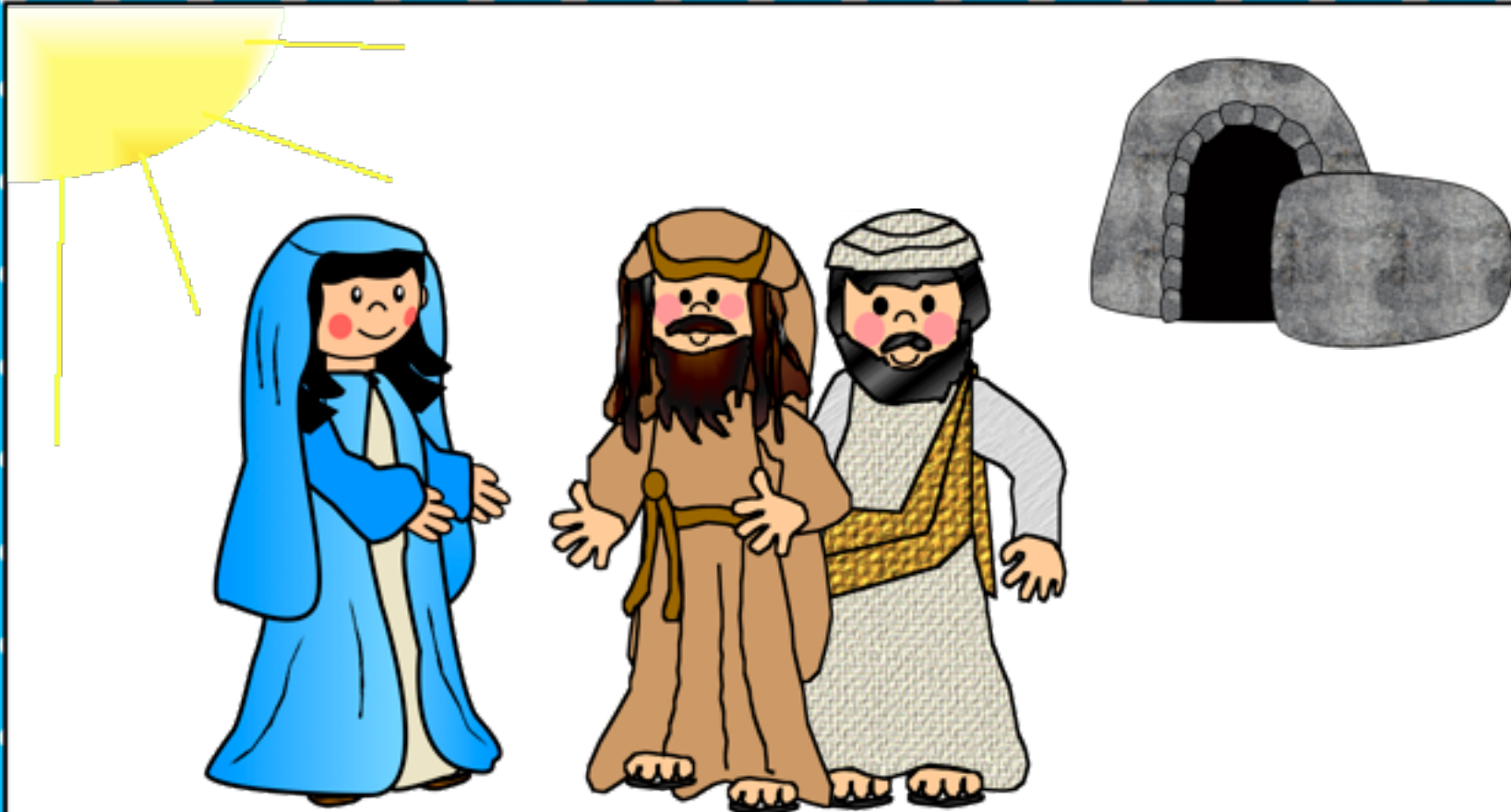
Jesus died. He  
was buried in a  
tomb. His disciples  
and the people  
who followed and  
loved him were  
very sad.



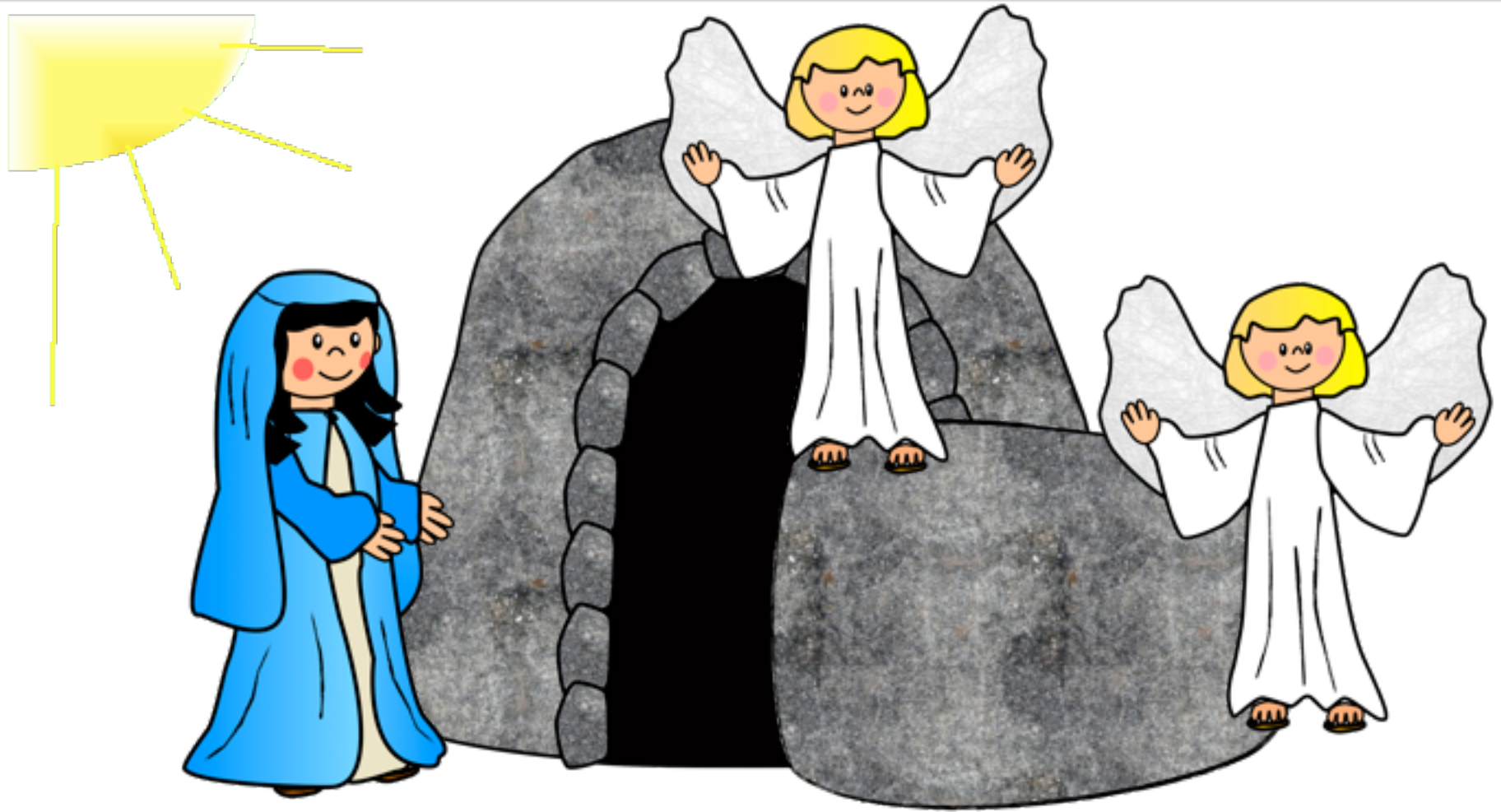


On the third day following his death,  
Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and  
found the stone rolled away.



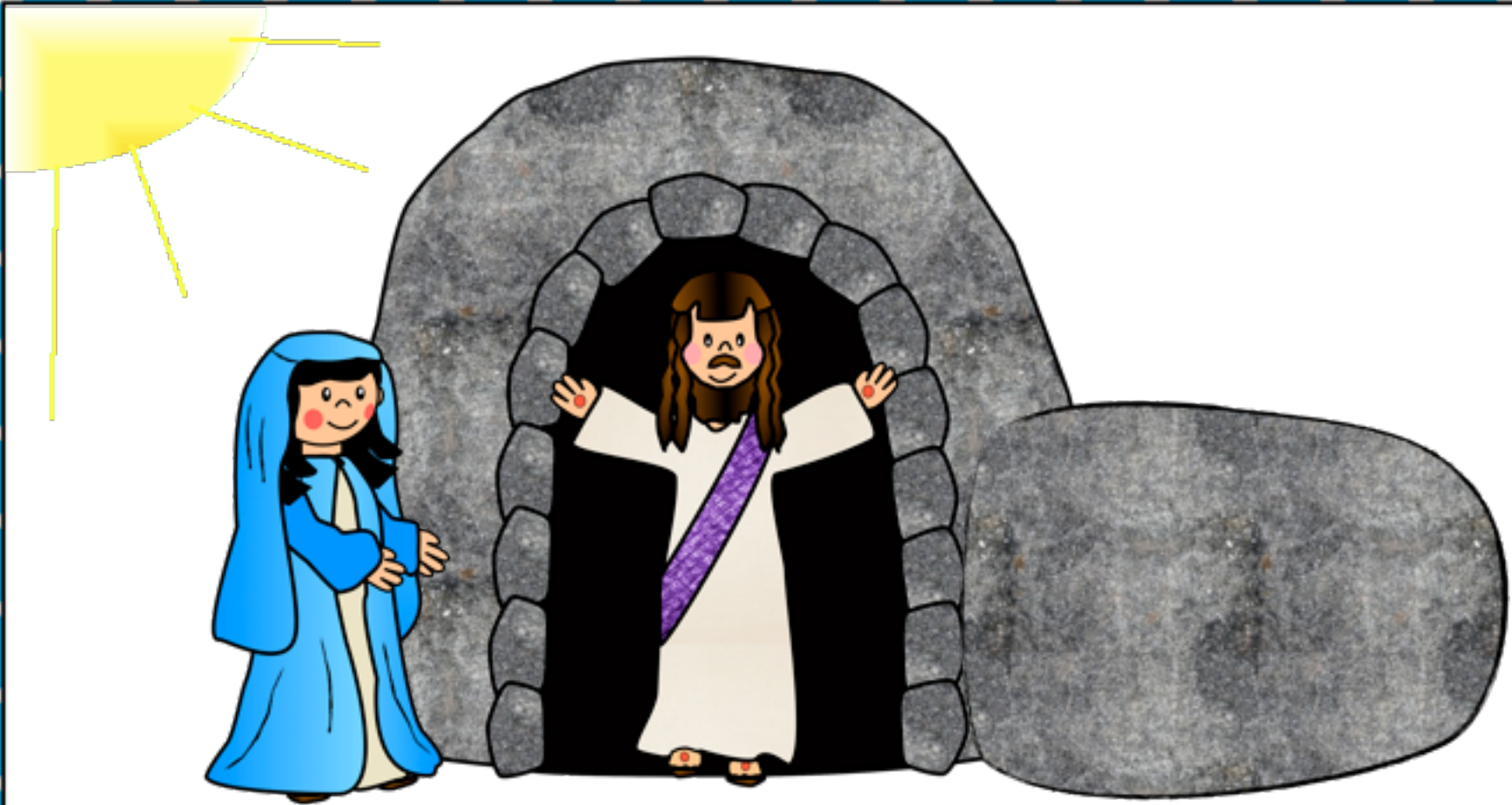


Mary ran to Simon Peter and John and told them about the tomb. They ran to the tomb and saw Jesus was gone.



Mary stood at the tomb crying and when she looked inside she saw two angels – right where Jesus had been.





When Mary turned around, she saw  
Jesus and he told her to tell the  
disciples that he was returning to God.






Jesus appeared to his disciples and said  
"Peace be with you." He said, "As the  
father is sending me, I am sending you."



Jesus appeared to over 500 people and did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples proving he was the son of God. ~1 Cor. 15:6





Jesus blessed his  
followers and  
was taken up  
into heaven. He  
sent his love in  
the form of the  
Holy Spirit to live  
in our hearts.

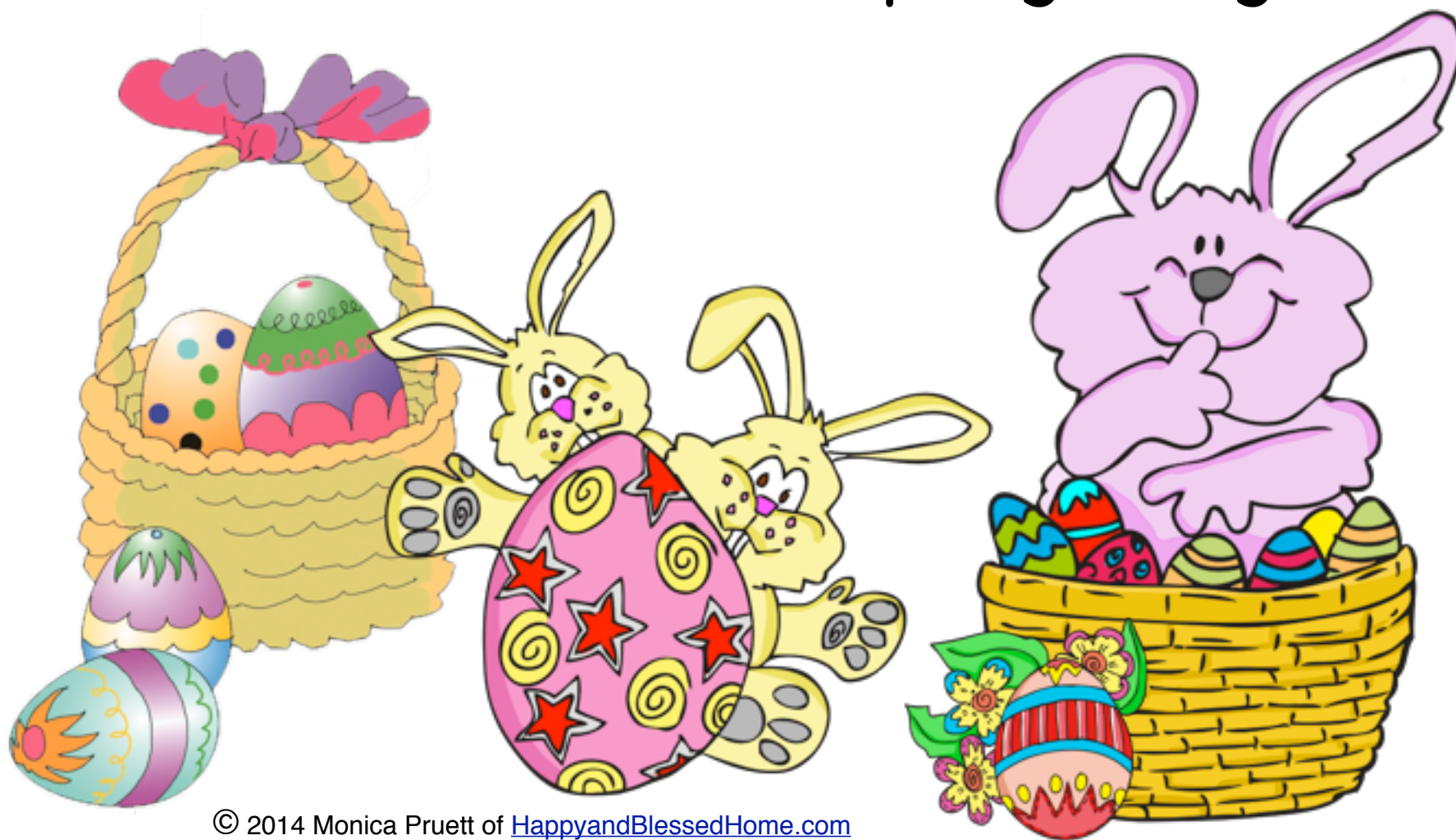




God created many beautiful animals  
and plants that bloom and are born in  
spring. – rabbits, butterflies, chicks  
from eggs, frogs, and flowers.



We enjoy Easter egg hunts and chocolate Easter bunnies to celebrate the new life that spring brings.





The most important thing to remember,  
is that just like a seed, God sent baby  
Jesus to bring us new life.





God brought Jesus back to life after he hung on a cross. He rose into heaven and is waiting to welcome all who believe in Him. Easter is about having new life through God's son, Jesus.



Jesus loves us and he wants us to plant  
God's love, like seeds, in our hearts.



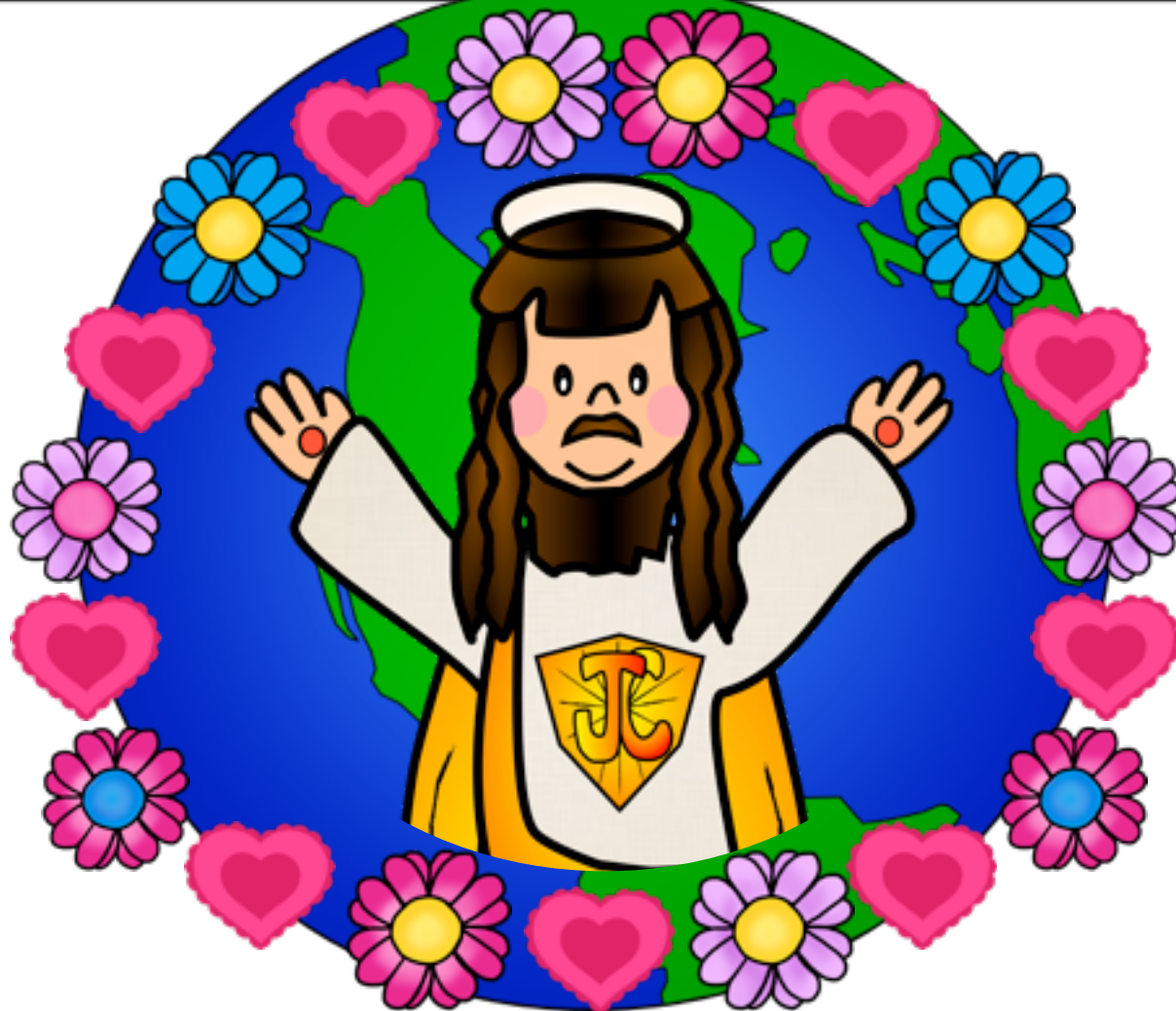
Just like a seed, we need to care for  
and nurture God's love in our hearts so  
it can blossom and grow.





When we spend time with God  
by reading the bible and  
praying to Him, the love in our  
hearts will grow.






With His love in our hearts, we can deliver  
the message of God's love, through the life  
of his son Jesus, to the whole world.



The true meaning of Easter is that God loves us so much that he sent his son Jesus to live in our hearts.





Happy Easter!  
May the love of God and the joy of  
spring fill your heart! 



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