

UNIT 2: SHARE • SESSION 5:

"Resurrection"

MATTHEW 28:1-10



SHARING THE GOOD NEWS:

Happy Easter! In today's story the Easter message of good news is completed. A few women go to Jesus' tomb after he is crucified on the cross and buried. They arrive to find the stone that seals the tomb has been rolled away and Jesus' body is not there. An angel appears. The angel insists that the women participate as faithful followers of Jesus and tell the good news that Jesus has been resurrected - he is alive again! The women are called to **share the good news**.

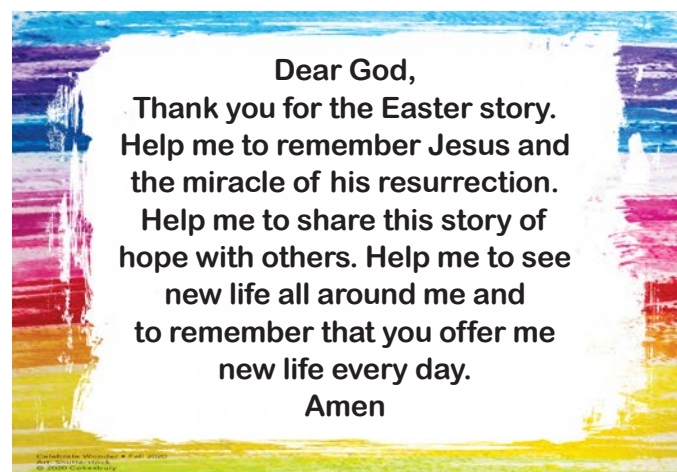
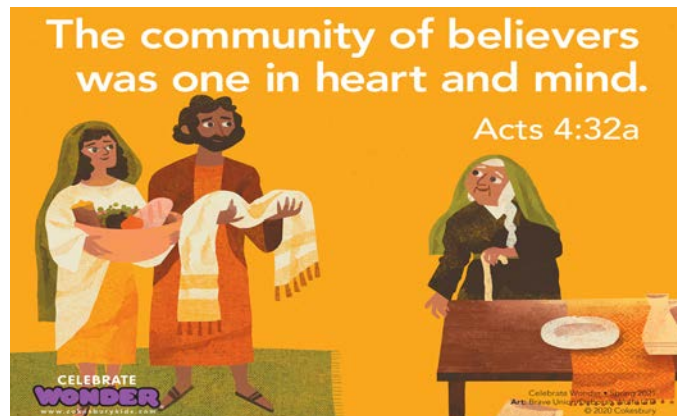


BIBLE STORY: Matthew

28:1-10 Three days after Jesus was killed, two of Jesus' followers, Mary Magdalene and Mary, went to the tomb where Jesus was buried very early in the morning. The flowers in the garden smelled sweet, but the followers were too sad to notice. A strong earthquake shook the ground, and the followers saw an angel from

heaven. The angel moved the giant stone away from the entrance to the tomb and sat on it. The angel said, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, but he isn't here! Jesus is alive!" The angel said, "I have come to tell you to go to the rest of Jesus' followers. Tell them that Jesus has risen to life." Mary Magdalene and Mary were excited, scared, and happy to hear the angel. They ran down the garden path to tell the disciples. Suddenly, the women ran into Jesus. Mary Magdalene and Mary knelt down to worship Jesus. Jesus said, "Do not be afraid. Go to the rest of my followers and tell them to meet me in Galilee."

Easter reminds us that the story isn't over. Even after pain, there is joy. Jesus brings hope and new beginnings. Each day we get a chance to celebrate and to be resurrected. The pain will not last forever. There is joy coming in the morning. During spring look for new life all around you as a sign of the Easter story. You can have new life in Jesus and we can share that good news with others.



WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:

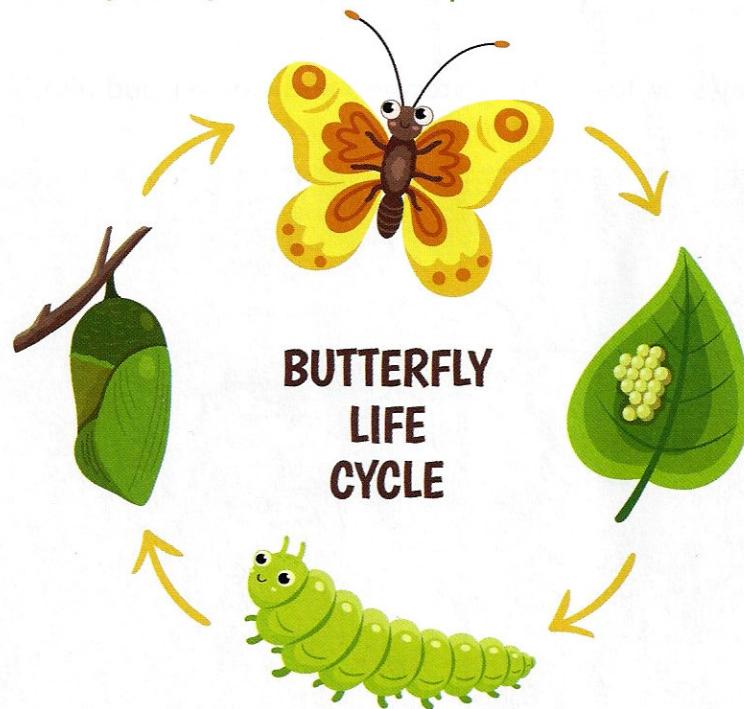
- How do you think the women felt when they saw the angel at the tomb? Can you make that expression on your face?
- Why do you think the angel asked the women to tell the disciples that Jesus had been raised from the dead?
- What does it mean to share? Is it hard or easy?
- How can you share the love of Christ with others? Why is it important to share the story of Jesus?
- Resurrection means to come to life again in a new form. How do you see this in the life cycle of the butterfly?
- Why do you think butterflies, flowers, eggs and bunnies are symbols of the Easter story? How do they all show new life?
- **Take a Resurrection Walk outside and look around for signs of new life. Make a drawing of what you saw.**
- **Make the attached 3-D egg and put it in a special place as a reminder to you to keep the Easter story of hope alive all year long.**

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Butterflies

Read these facts about butterflies.

- Butterflies are insects.
- A butterfly's life cycle is made up of four parts: egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis), and adult (butterfly).
- A fully grown caterpillar attaches itself to a twig or leaf before shedding its outside layer of skin to show the hard skin underneath, which is known as a chrysalis. A butterfly will come out of the chrysalis.
- Butterflies have four wings.
- Butterflies often have brightly colored wings with patterns made up of tiny scales.
- Butterflies flap their wings about five times every second.
- Butterflies can see the colors green, red, and yellow.
- Most butterflies feed on nectar from flowers.
- Butterflies can taste through their feet.
- Scientists think there are between 15,000 and 20,000 different species of butterfly.
- The fastest a butterfly can fly is twelve miles per hour.



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3-D Egg

Follow the instructions to create a 3-D paper egg.

Instructions

1. Cut out all 5 egg shapes.
2. Fold each egg in half, with the solid color inside.
3. Glue one back side of one of the eggs to one back side of another egg.
4. Then glue one back side of an egg to the free side of one of the two attached eggs.
5. Continue gluing eggs to the free sides of the eggs you've already glued together until all the eggs are attached.

