



# The Eggspected Surprise!

## What are resurrection eggs?

Resurrection eggs are a great way to tell the Easter story. It is like an advent calendar for Easter, where you count down the days to Easter Sunday retelling the story of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. It is so important to know the real reason behind Easter, that we are forgiven because Jesus died to save us from our sins.

You will start on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March opening one egg a day and read the bible passage that goes with the item and discuss it as a family all the way up until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday.

Along with the bible verse, each day there will be 3 questions for you to discuss as a family.



## What you will need to get

- Empty 12 large egg carton
- Marker pen
- 12 coloured plastic eggs
  - Baker ross, pack of 12 £1.99 (or amazon)
- An alternative for filling the eggs for those who have older children who like to be creative, you can use some wooden eggs and get the children to paint one each day. There are some on Amazon called ADXCO 16 Pieces Wooden Eggs for £9.99.
- Small chocolate egg (optional)



## What to do

- *Decorate your egg carton (label supplied if you want to use)*
- *Number the eggs 1-12 with a marker pen*
- *Fill the eggs that are listed on the Resurrection egg items' page. You can cut out the images if you do not have the items.*
- *Print the Bible verse & questions for each day (this is numbered in the instruction pack for you).*
- *You may also want to put a little chocolate/mini egg in for each day.*

## Extra Challenge

*For those who have older children, you may want to do a scavenger hunt on Easter Sunday. Hide the eggs in places that represent the items that are in there.*

*For example:*

- *First egg (palm leaf) hide in the garden*
- *Second egg (perfume) hide on dressing table*
- *Third egg (coin) hide in wallet/purse*
- *Fifth egg (crown of thorns) where you store hats/dressing up*

*Read out each clue to see what they have remembered.*

## Resurrection Eggs – Scavenger Hunt

1. The people waved these and laid them in the streets when Jesus entered into Jerusalem. (Matthew 21:1-11) **Answer: (Palm) leaf**
2. Mary poured this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:2-8) **Answer: Perfume**
3. Something Judas was willing to betray Jesus for. (Matthew 26:14-15; 27:3) **Answer: Coins**
4. Jesus broke and shared it with His disciples. (Matthew 26:26) **Answer: Bread**
5. They made a sharp one of these for Jesus to wear. (John 19:2-4) **Answer: Crown (of thorns)**
6. Jesus carried this Himself for a time. (John 19:17) **Answer: Wooden cross**
7. If the crucifixion had happened during our time, the soldiers might have used this to compete for Jesus' clothes. (John 19:23) **Answer: Dice**
8. They gave this to Jesus, soaked in vinegar, to drink on the cross. (John 19:28-30; 20:25) **Answer: Sponge**
9. What was used to prepare Jesus for burial. (John 19:40) **Answer: Spices**
10. The marks caused by these helped Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25-29) **Answer: Nails**
11. What was rolled away when Jesus rose. (Matthew 27:59-60 & John 20:1) **Answer: Stone**
12. What remained in the tomb after Jesus rose. He has risen! (Matthew 28:6 & John 20:6-7) **Answer: Strips of linen**

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1



*A leaf from the garden that can represent the palm branches that the people of Jerusalem spread on the road as they welcomed Jesus. (Matthew 21.1-11)*

2



*Perfume, to represent what Mary used to pour on Jesus' feet. Perhaps you can use a miniature perfume bottle. (John 12:2-8)*

3



*Three coins to represent the 30 pieces of silver that Judas Iscariot received to betray Jesus. You could use some foreign coins that you might have to make it look different. (Matthew 26:14-15;27:3)*

4



*Small piece of bread to represent the last supper where Jesus shared bread with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)*

5



*Crown of thorns that Jesus was made to wear on the cross. You can use a twig from the garden. (John 19:2-4)*

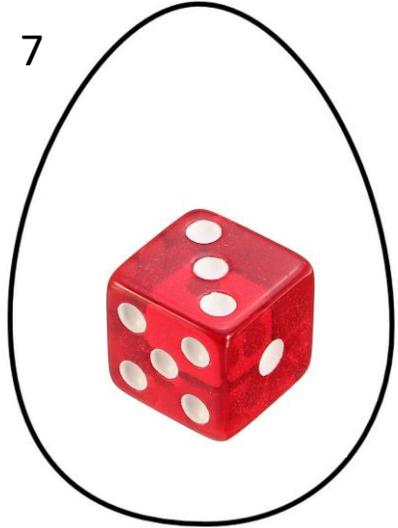
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*Wooden Cross to represent the crucifixion. You could put a cross you have at home, or make a wooden cross using sticks. (John 19:17)*

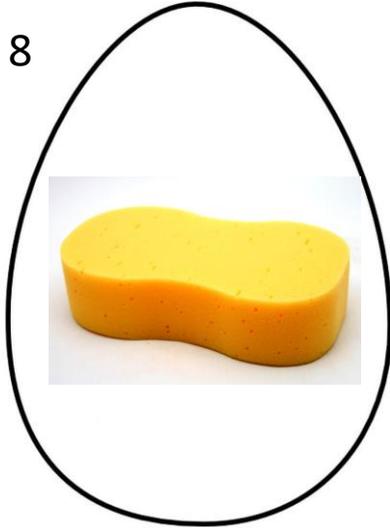
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Dice could have been something the soldiers might have used when they competed for Jesus' clothes. (John 19:23)

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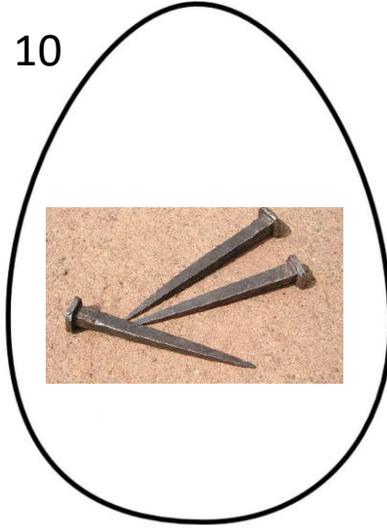
*Piece of a sponge for when they soaked vinegar for Jesus to drink on the cross. (John 19:28-30; 20:25)*

9



*Spices, for when they prepared Jesus' burial. You can maybe use some cloves. (John 19:40)*

10



*Nails. The marks caused by these to help Thomas identify Jesus. You can use some toothpicks and colour them in grey. (John 20:25-29)*

11



*Stone, to represent the stone that rolled away when Jesus rose. (Matthew 27:59-60, John 20:1)*

12



*Strips of linen. These were remaining in the tomb after Jesus rose. He has risen! (Matthew 28:6 & John 20:6-7)*

**Resurrection Egg 1 (Palm leaf)**



21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” 4 This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet: 5 “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”  
(Matthew 21:1-1)

**Questions:**

- 1) *How do you think the crowds of people felt seeing Jesus walk past them?*
- 2) *What makes you so excited? How do you react?*
- 3) *Would you expect a king to ride on a donkey?*

**Resurrection Egg 2 (Perfume)**



2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. 3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 5 “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.” (John 12:2-8)

**Questions:**

- 1) *How do you think the disciples felt when they saw Mary wiping Jesus’ feet?*
- 2) *Why do you think Mary used expensive perfume?*
- 3) *Would you wash someone’s feet with your hair?*

### Resurrection Egg 3 (Silver Coins)



14 Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests 15 and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So, they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. 3 When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. (Matthew 26:14-15; 27:3)

#### Questions:

- 1) *How do you think Judas felt after he betrayed Jesus?*
- 2) *How do you think Jesus felt to have been betrayed by his friend?*
- 3) *How would you feel if a friend hurt you?*

### Resurrection Egg 4 (Bread)



26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” (Matthew 26:29)

#### Questions:

- 1) *How can we be forgiven by Jesus?*
- 2) *Have you ever forgiven someone? How easy was it to forgive?*
- 3) *What do you Jesus is talking about when he says in verse 29 ‘I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until the day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.’*

### Resurrection Egg 5 (Crown of Thorns)



2 The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe 3 and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face.( John 19:2-3)

#### Questions:

- 1) *What kind of crown do you think royalty should wear?*
- 2) *Do you think it would hurt wearing a crown of thorns?*
- 3) *Why do you think they gave him a crown of thorns to wear?*

### Resurrection Egg 6 (Cross)



17 Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).(John 19:17)

#### Questions:

- 1) *How heavy do you think the cross that Jesus was carrying was?*
- 2) *What do you think the crowds might have said when they saw Jesus?*
- 3) *Why do you think Jesus carried His own cross rather than getting someone else to carry?*

### Resurrection Egg 7 (Dice)



24 “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So, this is what the soldiers did. (John 19:24)

#### Questions:

- 1) *Why do you think the soldiers wanted Jesus’ clothes?*
- 2) *What do you think they wanted to do with it?*
- 3) *How do you think they decided who got what?*

### Resurrection Egg 8 (Sponge)



28 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. 30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:28-30)

#### Questions:

- 1) *Do you think drinking vinegar soaked in a sponge would taste nice?*
- 2) *What do you think Jesus meant when He said, ‘It is finished’?*
- 3) *How does it make you feel that Jesus died on the cross?*

### Resurrection Egg 9 (Spices)



40 Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. (John 19:40)

#### Questions:

- 1) *Why do you think they put spices in Jesus' strips of linen?*
- 2) *How do you think the disciples felt when they wrapped Jesus' body?*

### Resurrection Egg 10 (Nails)



25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "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." 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:25-29)

#### Questions:

- 1) *Can you think of something that exists but you can't see it?*
- 2) *How do you think Thomas felt when he realised Jesus was alive?*
- 3) *How do you think Jesus must have felt about his friend doubting him?*

### Resurrection Egg 11 (Stone)



59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. (Matthew 27:59-60)

#### Questions:

- 1) *Why do you think Joseph rolled the stone?*
- 2) *How do you think Joseph felt when he put Jesus' body in the tomb?*

### Resurrection Egg 12 (Sheet/Linen)



6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. (John 20:6-7 & Matthew 28:6)

#### Questions:

- 1) *How do you think Peter felt when he realised Jesus wasn't in the tomb?*
- 2) *Can you think of anything more powerful than coming back to life?*

# Easter Colouring Book





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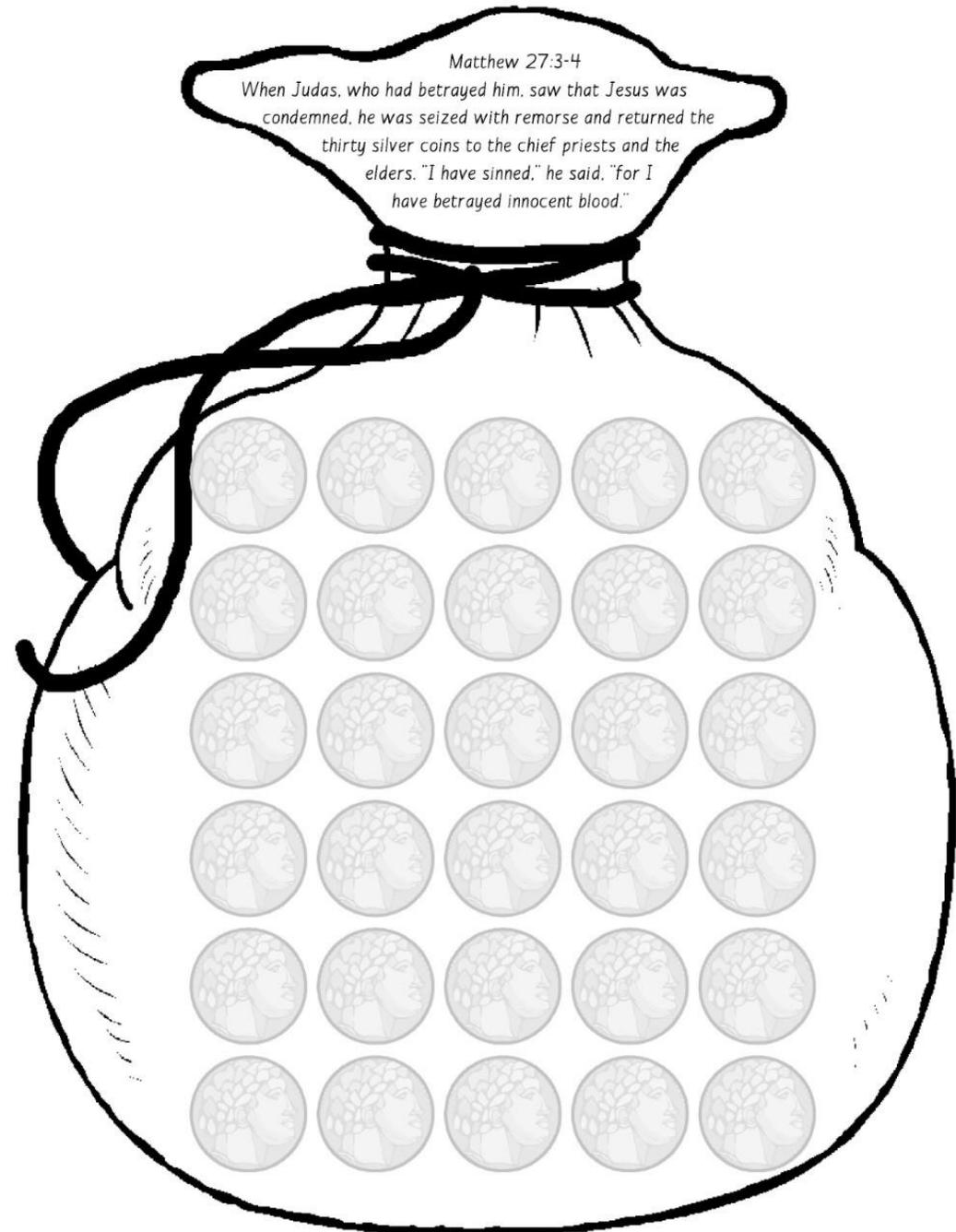
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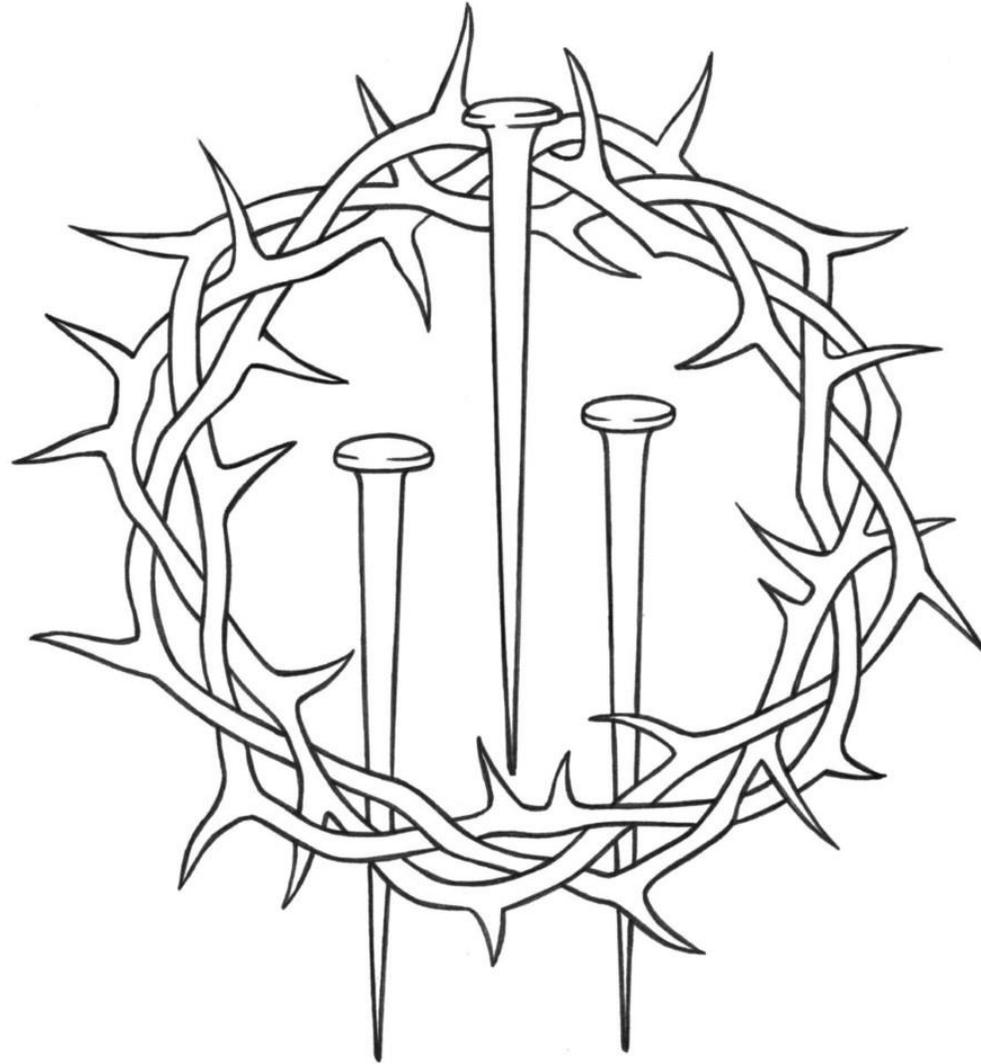
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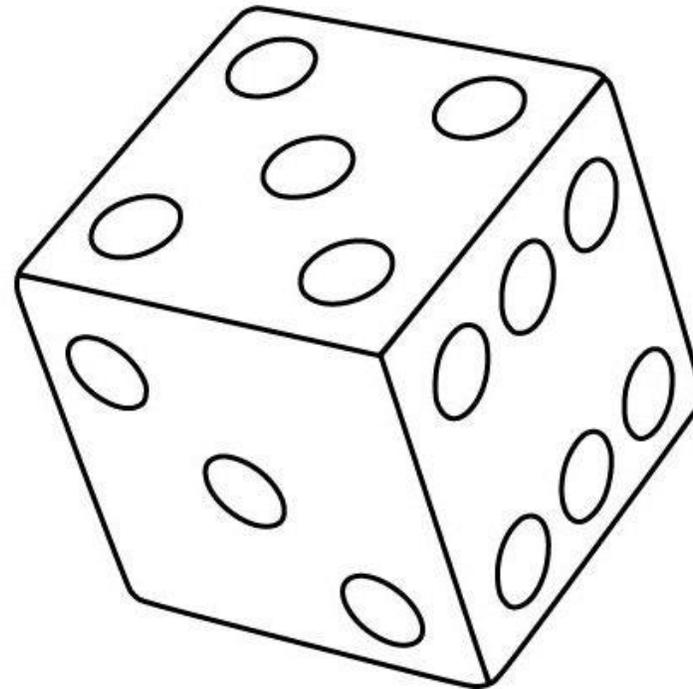
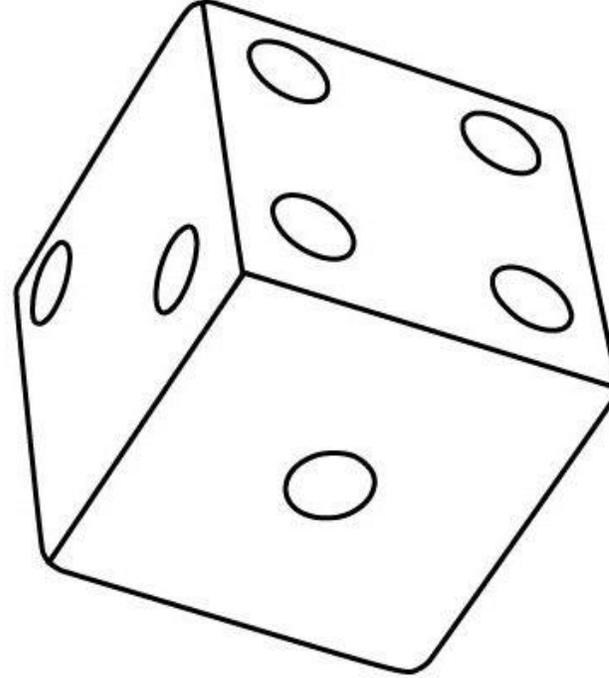




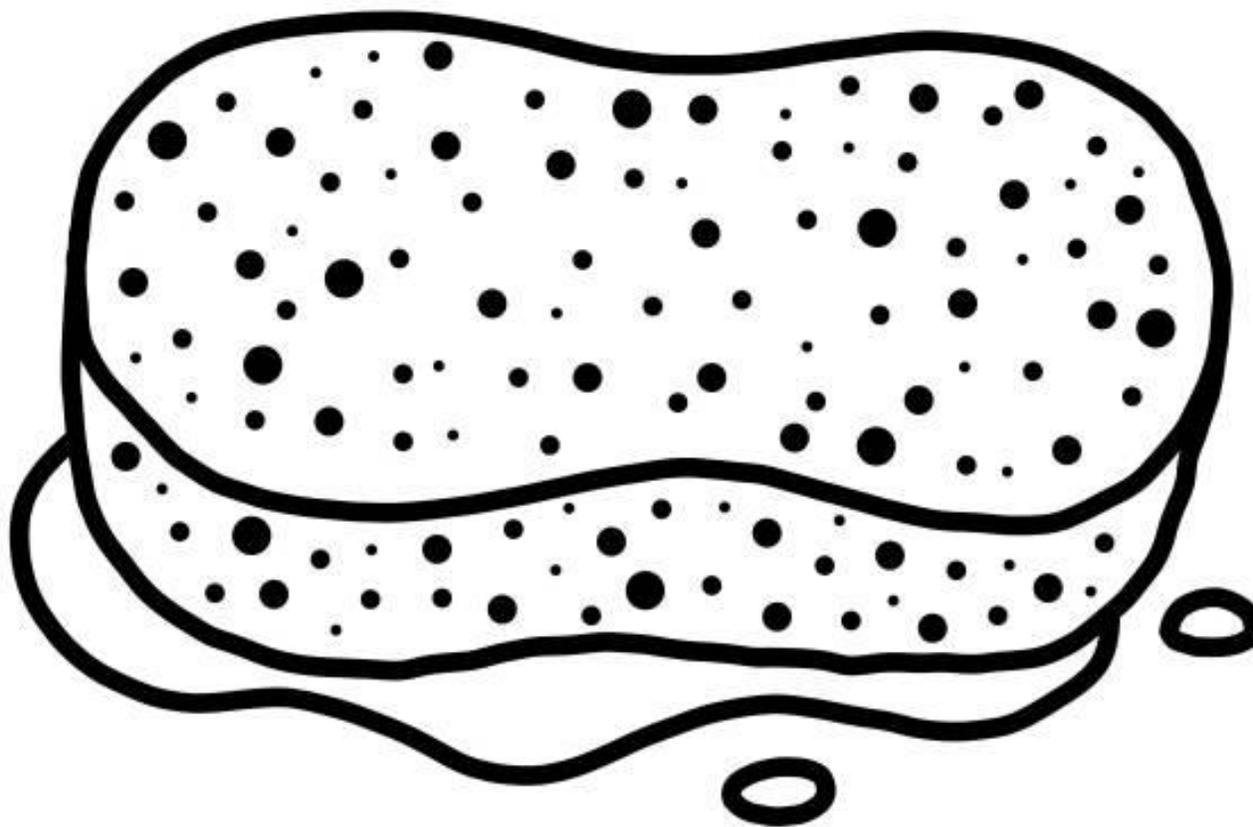
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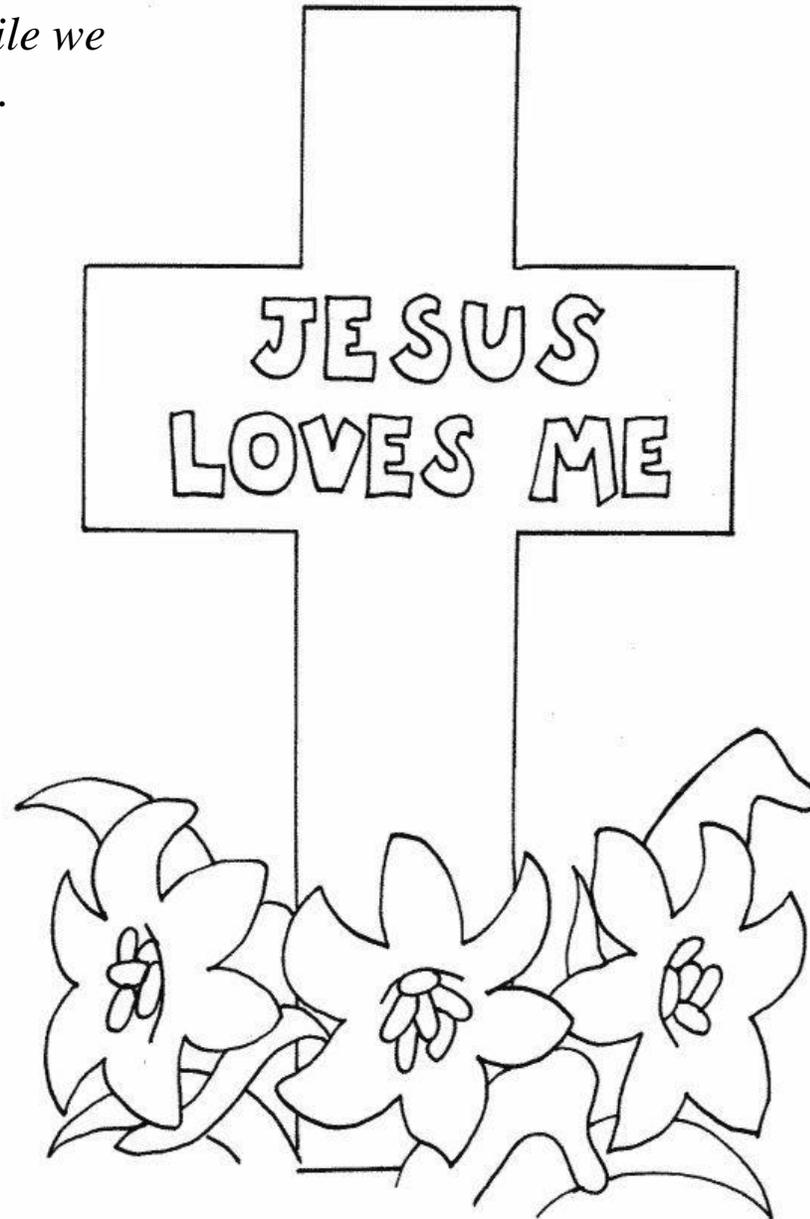
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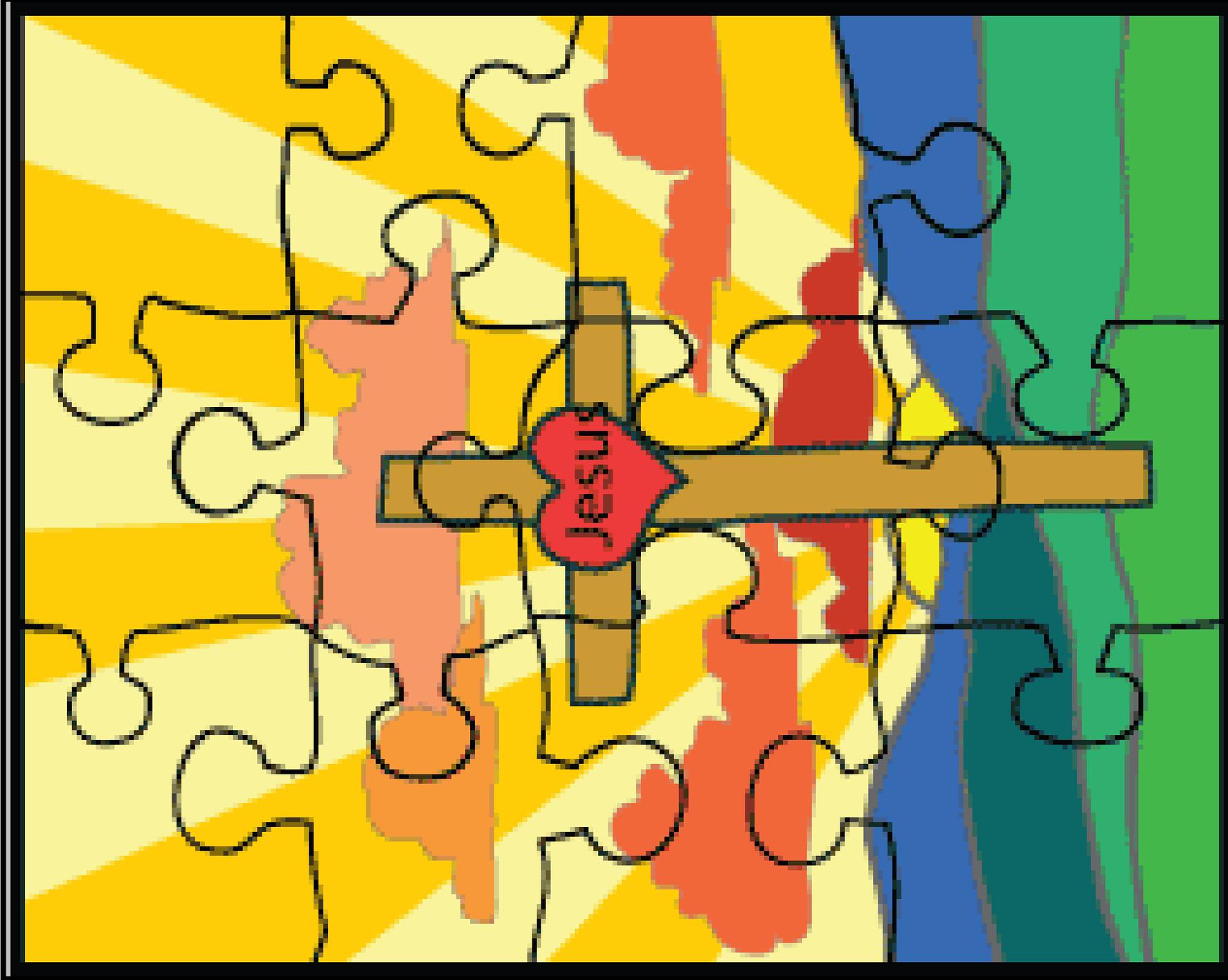




*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."  
(John 10:10b)*

*But God shows his love for us in that while we  
were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
(Romans 5:8)*





12 piece jigsaw