

TRIDUUM

# Garments of Salvation

The final days of Holy Week are called the triduum, from the evening of Maundy Thursday, through Easter Sunday. During these days we see our Lord lay aside his garments as he lays down his life for the sake of our salvation.

## Maundy Thursday

Gathered with his disciples to share the Passover meal, Jesus "laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist" (John 13:4). The Master took on the role of a servant and washed his disciples' feet. He gave them, and us, a new command, "just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).

## Holy Saturday

On that dark Friday when Jesus died, two of his followers, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, "took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews" (John 19:40). Wrapped not in the garments of a king, but in a linen burial shroud, the body of Jesus lay sealed in the tomb.

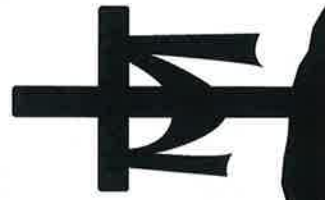
## Good Friday

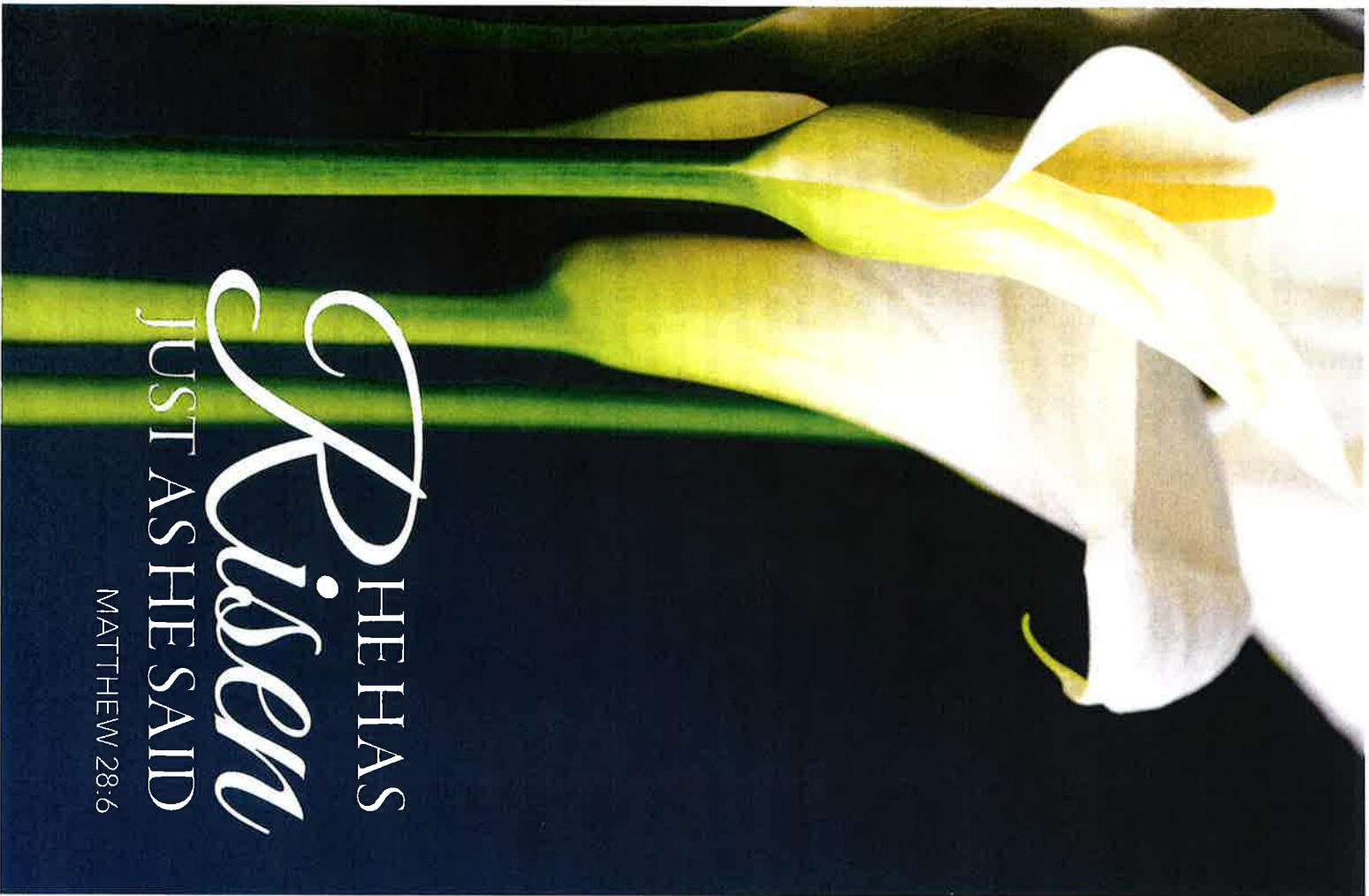
Jesus was arrested and condemned to death. He was stripped of his garments and dressed in a scarlet robe and ridiculed as the King of the Jews. Then, dressed once again in his own clothing, Jesus was led out of the city to the site of execution. There he was stripped of his garments and nailed to the cross. "When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic" (John 19:23). This was done to fulfill the Scriptures: "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots" (Psalm 22:18).

## Easter Sunday

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early on Sunday morning and found Jesus' tomb open and empty! She ran to tell the disciples. Peter and John ran to the tomb to see for themselves what had happened. Peter looked into the tomb and "saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself" (John 19:7). Jesus Christ had risen from the dead!

Baptized into Christ, we "put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). Our crucified and risen Lord laid aside his garments so that we might be dressed in his righteousness and clothed for eternity in the garments of salvation: "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness" (Isaiah 61:10).





HE HAS  
*Risen*  
JUST AS HE SAID

MATTHEW 28:6

## PRAYER FOR EASTER

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**RESURRECTED JESUS**, you  
underwent the greatest torture  
and passion so that we may have a  
path to return to you, our corner-  
stone. Strengthen us, we pray, that  
we may spread your Good News,  
building communities that are  
based on what is above rather than  
the ways of the world. You have  
conquered sin and death! Alleluia!  
Let us rejoice and be glad as we  
celebrate your great victory with  
all our heart! **AMEN.**

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TREASURE  
IN JARS OF  
CLAY

Family Devotions  
& Activities  
*for Lent*

*Mawrky (Hty) Thursday*

## Wash My Feet?

**LISTEN** « ...he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." **JOHN 13:12-14**

It is the day before Jesus knew he was likely going to die and he has some work to do. He gathers his friends around him one more time and teaches them a very important lesson about how they (and we!) are supposed to act in the world. Because they are the people who will begin to build his Church after he is gone, Jesus teaches them that the very best way to make new friends and followers for Jesus is simple: *We just need to love them.* We need to show them that, above all else, Jesus was about love and serving one another.

**BE STILL** « What is Jesus saying to you today?



**ACT** « Bring a basin or a dish pan to the table, along with a pitcher of water and a towel. Maybe put a trash bag or two on the floor underneath. Take turns washing each other's feet! Then write down on a piece of paper three things you can do in the coming year to serve your family, your church and your community. Put your list in the jar along with a drop or two of the water as well.

**PRAY** « Jesus, walk beside me. Live in me. Help me find you today. Forgive me. Fill my life with everything you know I need, for that will always be enough. Amen.

# For GOD So Loved

A children's  
bulletin for  
the fifth  
week of  
Lent

God so loves, he gave his Son.  
Jesus came for everyone,  
Jesus died so we might be  
Given life eternally.

Fill in the missing words  
from John 3:16.

For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world, that he gave  
his only \_\_\_\_\_, that whoever \_\_\_\_\_  
in him should not \_\_\_\_\_ but have eternal  
\_\_\_\_\_ . John 3:16



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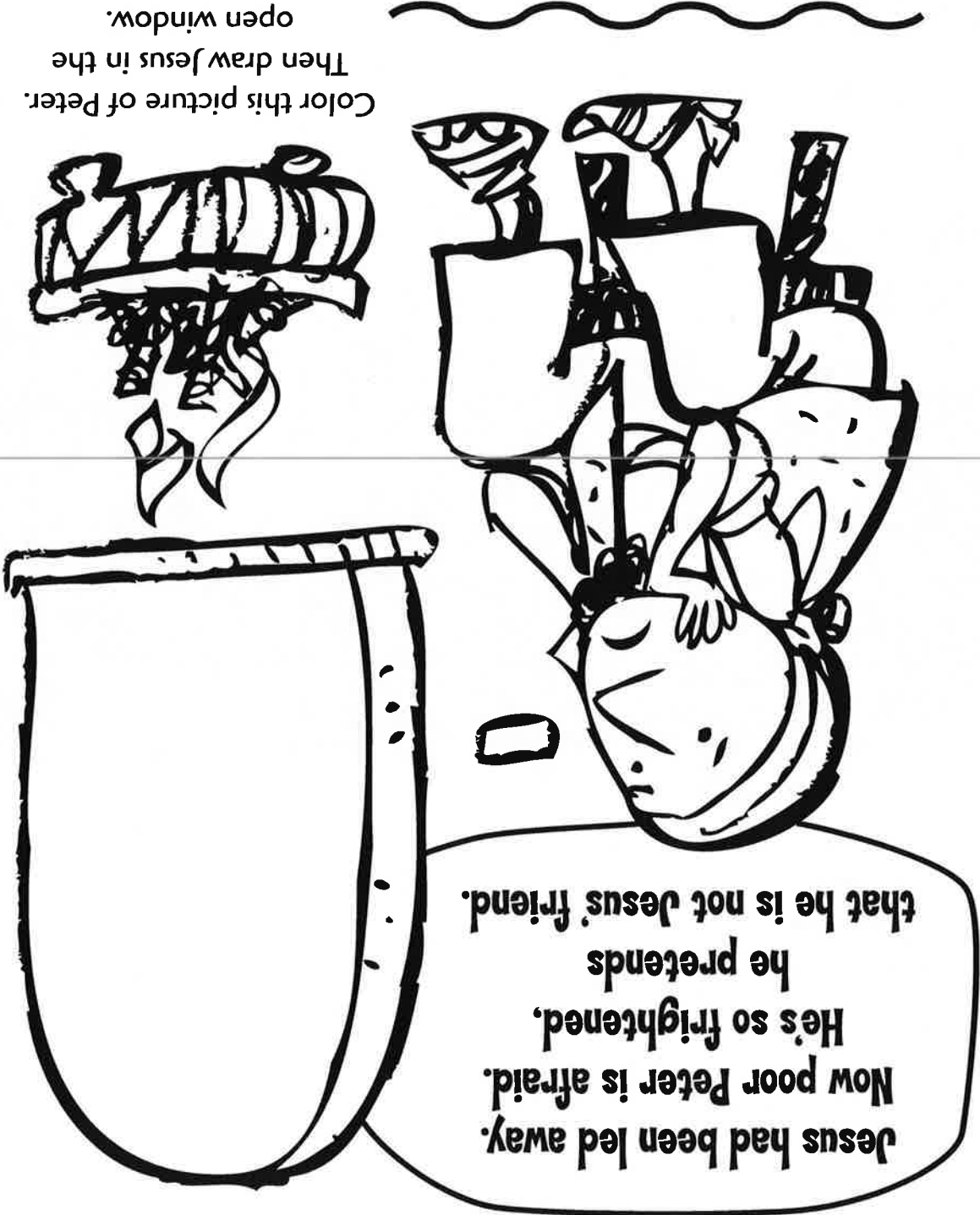
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# C O U R T Y A R D

How many words can you make from the word courtyard?

Color this picture of Peter.  
Then draw Jesus in the  
open window.

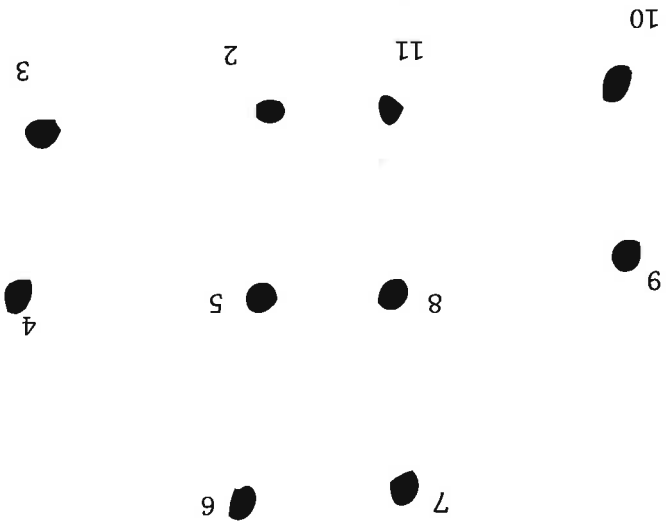


Jesus had been led away.  
Now poor Peter is afraid.  
He's so frightened,  
he pretends  
that he is not Jesus' friend.



Then a soldier  
standing there  
kneelt right down  
and said a prayer.  
"I know this is  
God's own Son."  
Jesus died  
for everyone.

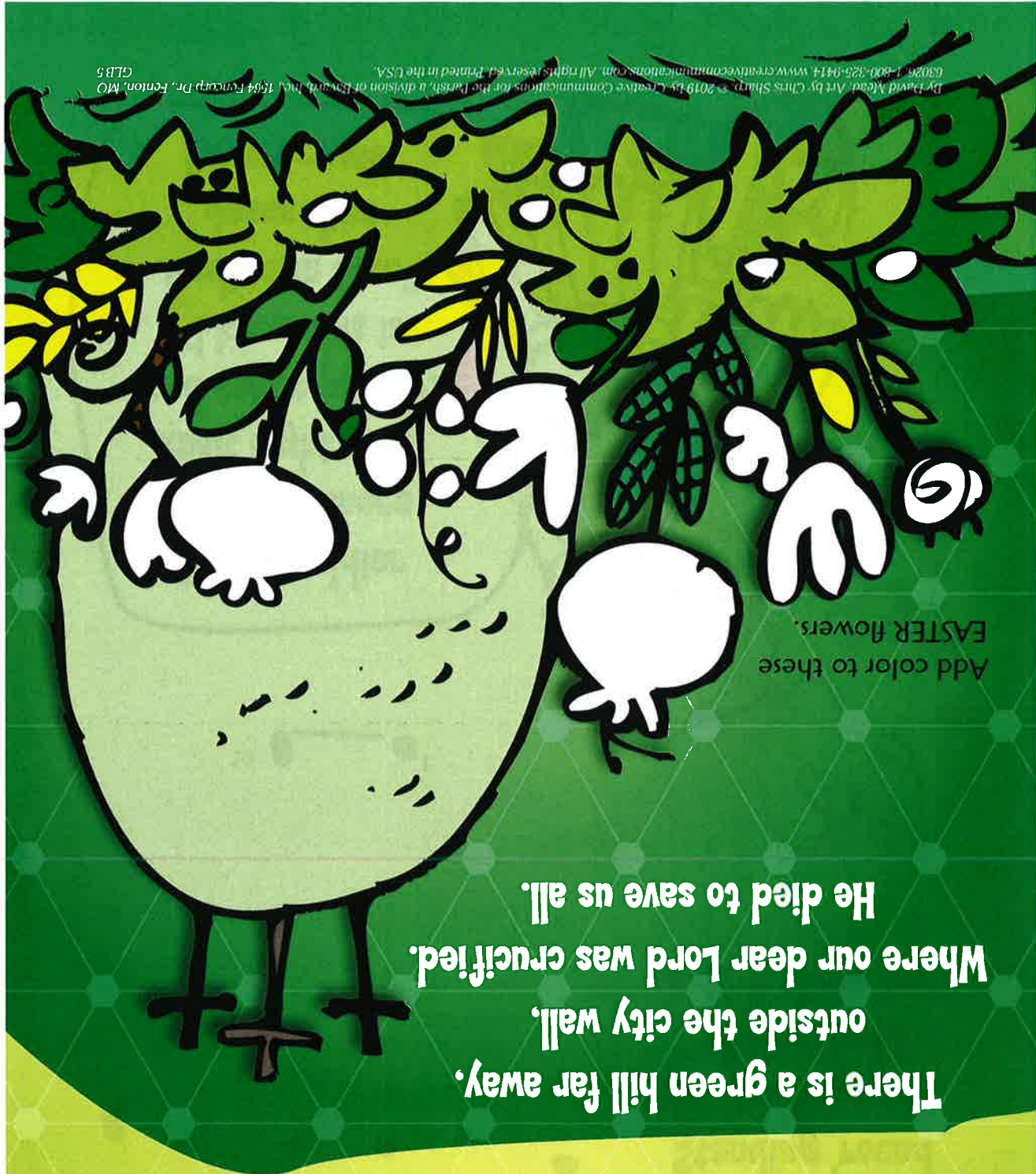
Men and women  
stood and cried  
on the day  
that Jesus died.  
Standing 'round  
the wooden cross,  
all the world  
could feel the loss.



If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, God is  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to  
 \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins" - 1 John 1:9

There is a green hill far away,  
 outside the city wall,  
 Where our dear Lord was crucified.  
 He died to save us all.

Add color to these  
 EASTER flowers.







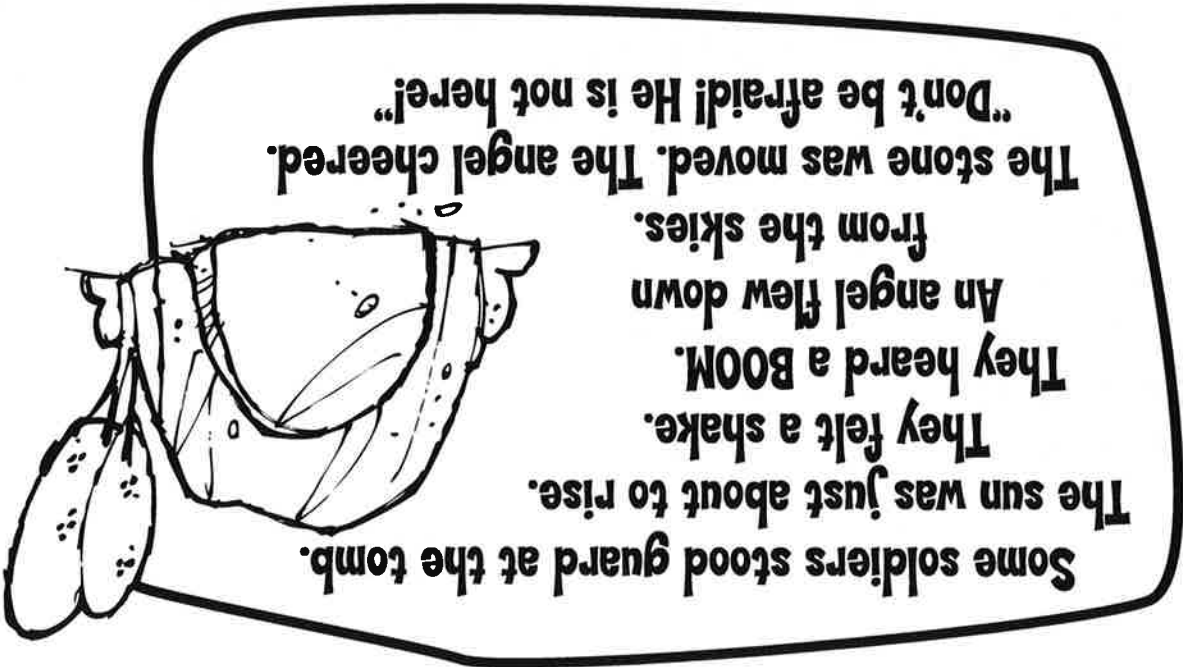
Color in this picture  
of Mary arriving at  
the tomb on Easter  
morning.

God so loves the world he made,  
Sent his Son so we'd be saved,  
On the cross our Savior died,  
But on Easter he did rise!



A children's  
bulletin for  
the sixth  
week of  
Lent

# For GOD So Loved



Some soldiers stood guard at the tomb.  
 The sun was just about to rise.  
 They felt a shake.  
 They heard a BOOM.  
 An angel flew down  
 from the skies.  
 The stone was moved. The angel cheered.  
 "Don't be afraid! He is not here!"

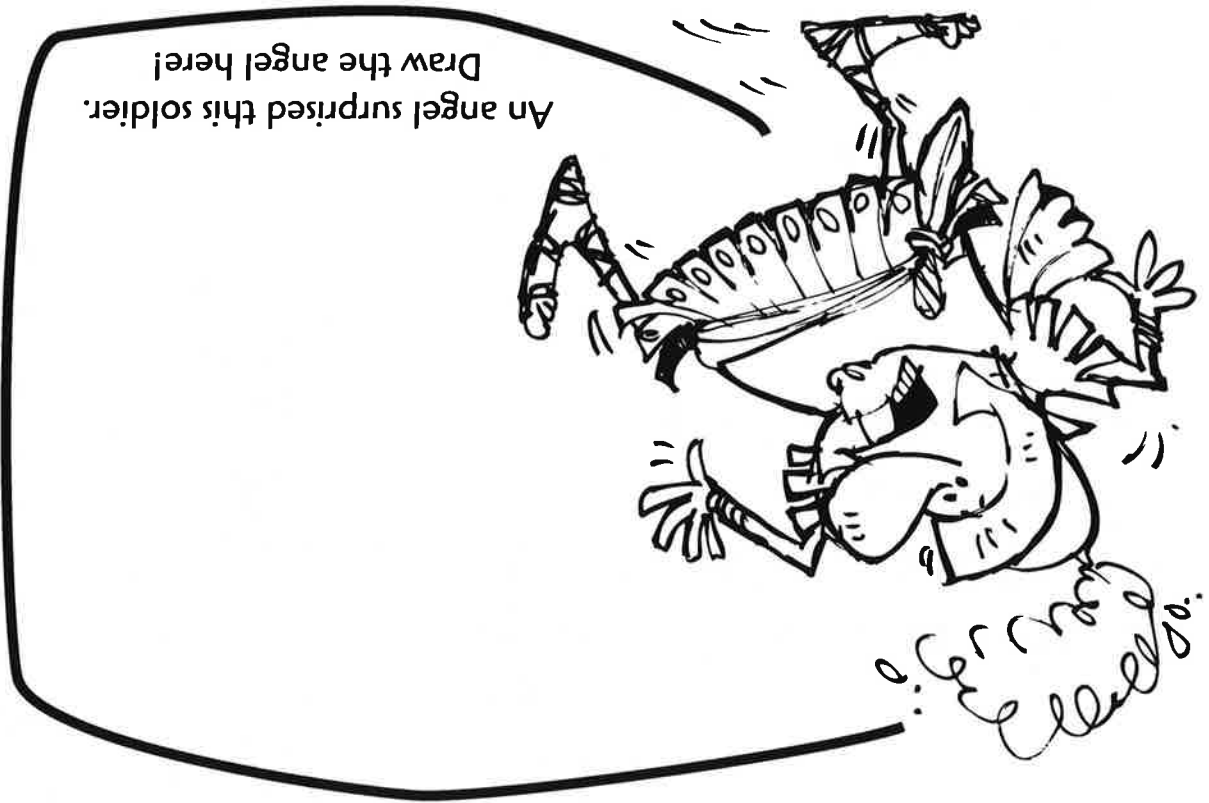
How many words can you make from the word earthquake?

E A R T H Q U A K E

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An angel surprised this soldier.  
 Draw the angel here!

just as he said."

Use this key to discover the angel's message.

● = I  
 ⊕ = E  
 ☉ = H  
 ☺ = N  
 ⊕ = S  
 ● = R

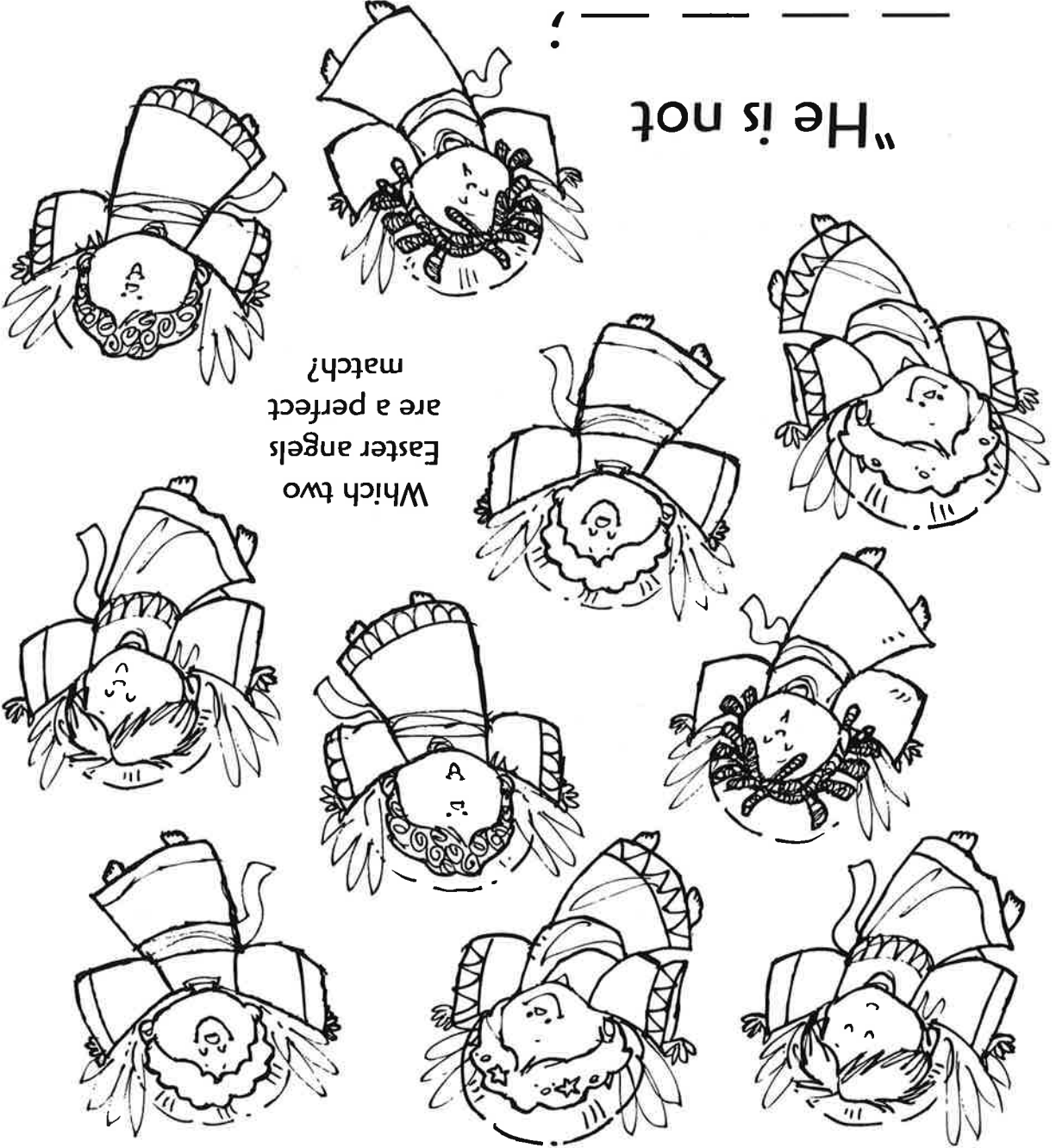
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"He is not

Which two Easter angels are a perfect match?



The sun was up.  
The day was new.  
The garden tomb  
was open wide.



But Mary still was feeling blue.  
Her friend was no longer inside.

Then Mary heard  
her Savior say,  
"Tell everyone  
I'm risen today!"

He is  
risen  
indeed!  
Alleluia!

