

He is not here!
He has risen,

just as he said
he would!
Matthew 28 v 6

To make a bigger hunt, cut lots of eggs from a piece of paper and hide them as well. Or you can download a sheet of coloured eggs from www.thegoodbook.co.uk/eggs

Eggs eggsplained

So what does this have to do with eggs?

Think about an egg. Not a chocolate egg. Or a painted egg. Just a hen's egg.

After the egg has been laid, it simply lies there. Not moving. Not making any sound. Nothing to show it's alive. It looks dead.

But a few weeks later...

Cracks appear. Then a hole. A head pops out. And the body. New life – a baby chick – is born.

The egg isn't strong enough to keep the chick inside it. New life bursts out.

And the tomb wasn't strong enough to keep Jesus in it. He really died. But now he really was alive again. The stone was rolled away. The tomb was empty. New life had burst out.

And that's why we have eggs at Easter.

Eggciting news

After Jesus came back to life, he gave his friends a job to do. He said they must tell everyone about him.

So they did just that. They told people what happened at that first Easter. They explained that Jesus is God's **Son**, God's **Rescuer**, and...



Jesus is God's _____.

Jesus didn't die a second time. He is still alive today and is King of everything. And the Bible says that one day Jesus will come back again. On that day, the world as we know it will end. Then there will be a new and perfect place where everyone who trusts in Jesus will live with him for ever. It will be fantastic!

If you would like to find out more about Jesus, ask the person who gave you this leaflet, or see if you can join a group at a church where they teach the Bible.

And if you want, you might like to pray this prayer:

*Dear Jesus, thank you for everything you did at the first Easter.
Please help me to learn more about you. Amen.*

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The eggcellent egg hunt



Have you ever been on an Easter egg hunt?

You search through the grass. Lift up stones. Look under trees. Hunting for those hidden eggs. Hoping to find them all.

We're going to have our own Easter egg hunt. Search inside for clues about the very first Easter...

Eggstraordinary Jesus

Jesus lived on earth 2000 years ago. He looked like an ordinary man, but he wasn't. *Find the matching eggs (hidden in this leaflet) to see who Jesus really is. Copy the letters from each egg into the spaces below.*



Jesus is God's _____

Jesus' friends saw him do amazing things. Stuff no ordinary man could do. Healing people. Stopping storms. Walking on water! Jesus could do these things because he is the Son of God.

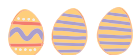
But then Jesus told his friends that something unexpected would happen:



His enemies would arrest Jesus and have him _____.



But three days later Jesus would _____ again.



He would _____ his friends again.

But his friends didn't understand...

Did you know?

- Risen • Raised
- Resurrected

These words all mean
a dead person coming
back to life.

Eggsactly as Jesus said

Jesus had told his friends exactly what would happen – *and he was right*. His enemies arrested him, told lies about him and had him killed.

They thought they had won – *but they were wrong*. Jesus didn't die because his enemies hated him. He died because:



Jesus is God's promised _____

Jesus **came** to die. He came to rescue us from a huge problem.

All the wrong things we say and do and think get in the way between us and God. They stop us being his friends. And that's a problem we can't fix ourselves.

So Jesus came to die, to take all the punishment for the wrong things we do. That means everyone who trusts in Jesus can be forgiven and be friends with God.

This is so important that Jesus died to make it happen.

But that's not the end of the Easter story...

Uneggspected messenger

After Jesus died, he was buried in a tomb – a cave cut out of solid rock. Then a big stone was rolled across the entrance.

Jesus' friends were left alone – and went home very sad.

But on the first Easter Sunday some of his friends went back to the tomb. They wanted to put sweet-smelling spices on his body... But it wasn't there!

The big stone had been rolled away! The tomb was empty!

Then they saw an angel – a messenger from God – with some amazing news for them:



He is _____ here! He has _____,



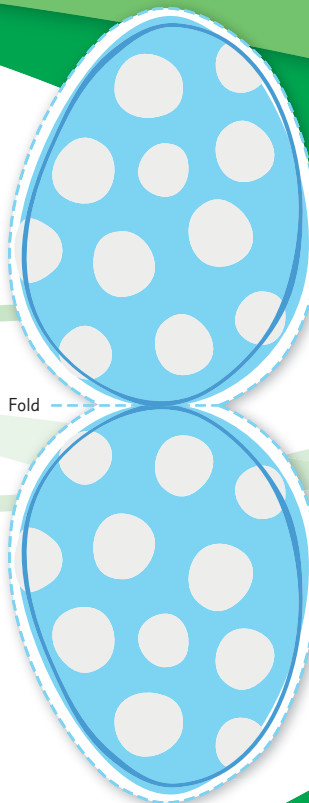
just as he _____ he would!

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Later, his friends saw Jesus again – just as he had said they would. They talked to him. Touched him. Ate with him.

He really was alive!

Fold



Make your own egg hunt

Cut out this double egg; then fold in half to hide the Easter message. Hide the egg; then challenge a friend or your family to find it!