

In-Home Discipleship Guide

Our hope is that you would continue to both be disciplined, and disciple those around you during these days. Below is a guide to help prepare you (and your small group or family) for the sermon to be delivered via livestream on Sunday. We encourage you to take advantage this as you are able, and let us know if there are other ways we can serve you at this time.

THEME: He is Risen!

MEMORY VERSE: John 11:25-26

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

SONGS: Click [HERE](#) for Sunday's worship set. *Be sure to **subscribe** to our channel!*

TEACHING PASSAGE: Acts 2:22-39

*See the **next pages** for additional resources and a couple activities that can be done with young children.*

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Mark 14:66-72. How is Peter different from when he denied Jesus the night Jesus was arrested?
2. What other way, besides giving him courage and boldness, did the Holy Spirit help Peter that day? How could the Holy Spirit help you?
3. David prophesies in Psalm 16:8-11 about the Savior how do we know that he is not referring to himself in verses 25-28? (refer to verses 29-31)
4. Why was the promise of the Holy Spirit (vs.33) essential for those that had come from different nations to hear this message about Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection?
5. Does the crowd's response to this message surprise you, why or why not?

On April 8, Junior high students (JHM) are invited to join a Zoom meeting to further discuss the sermon from 4/5/2020. Follow this [link](#) to join.

Meeting ID: 578 872 002

Email abowman@commfell.org for password

High school students (HSM) will not be discussing this coming Sunday's sermon do to Easter! Happy Resurrection Day!

Additional Resources

Teaching Passage: Acts 2:22-39

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

“ ‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Activities:

1. For kids that enjoy art! How to draw the empty tomb: <https://youtu.be/rILMvW-QW4>
2. How to create a Resurrection Garden, from Lifetree Kids: <https://youtu.be/plOIG-jlGI0>
3. Bake some EMPTY TOMB ROLLS for Sunday Morning

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 25 minutes

Yield: 8 rolls

Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce or 12 ounce) package refrigerated crescent rolls (the bigger size makes it a little easier to wrap around the marshmallow)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 8 large marshmallows
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Instructions

1. Separate rolls into eight triangles. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each marshmallow into butter, roll in cinnamon-sugar and place on a triangle. Pinch dough around marshmallow, sealing all edges. Make sure to seal well or all the marshmallow will escape.
2. Dip tops of dough into remaining butter and cinnamon-sugar. Place with sugar side up in greased muffin cups. It helps to use jumbo muffin tins so that the juice doesn't overflow.
3. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes or until rolls are golden brown. Allow to cool slightly then eat warm.

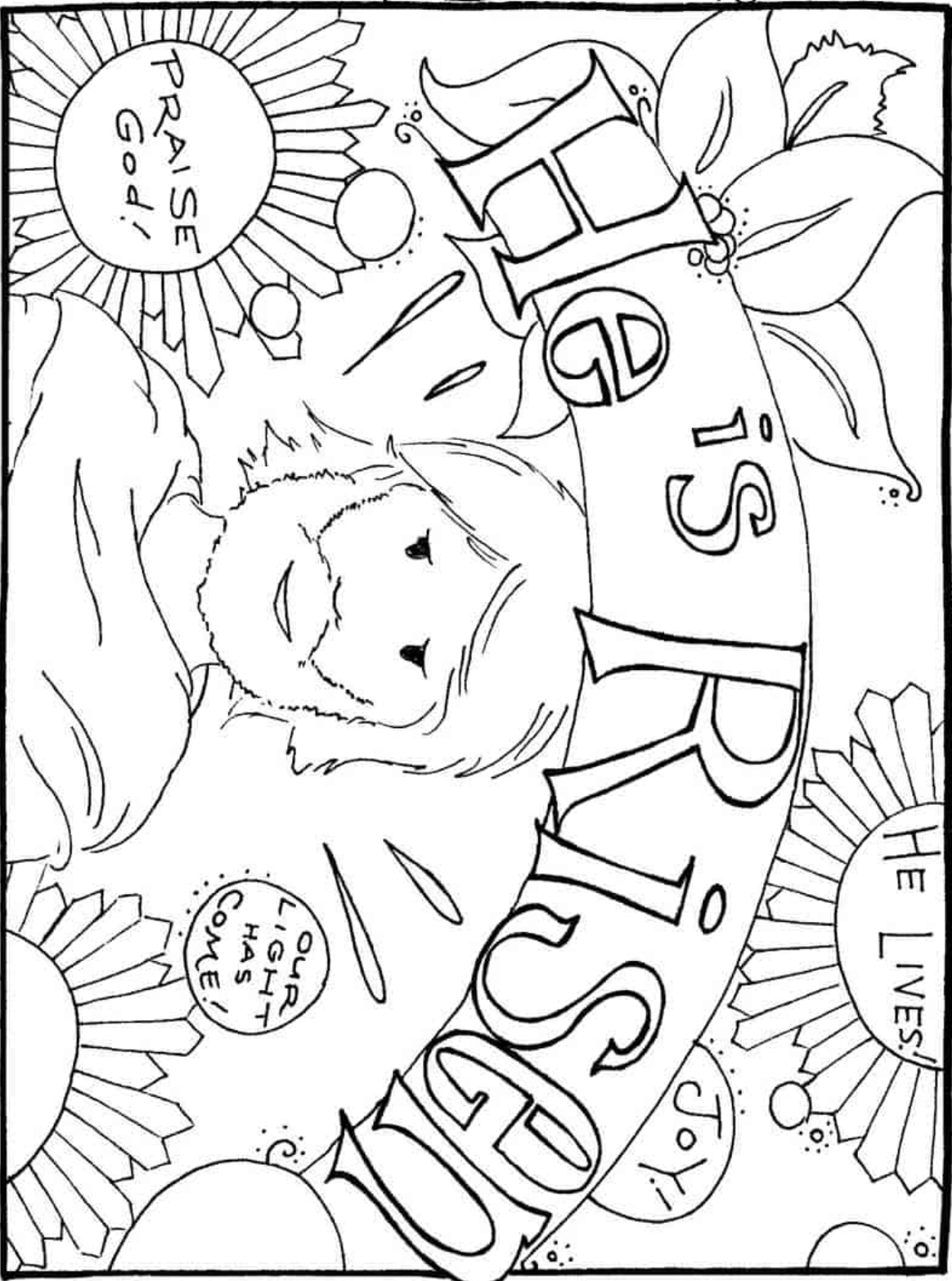
Symbolism: **Large Marshmallows** – body of Jesus. **Crescent Roll** – the wrapping of Jesus' body or the tomb. **Melted Butter** – oils of embalming. **Cinnamon and Sugar Mix**- spices used to anoint Christ's body. **Oven** – the tomb. **Cavity in bun** – the empty tomb or the empty cloths

Additional Questions for Younger Children

- Read verses 22-24.
 - Who planned that Jesus would die on the cross? (*Peter said that Jesus was killed according to God's definite plan*).
 - What happened to Jesus after he died? (*Jesus was raised from the dead. Since Jesus was God, death had no power over him. God is the one who gives life and takes it away. Jesus had the power to give up his life and take it up again [John 10:17-18].*)

Additional Questions for Anyone

- Read what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, what do we see as similarities to the verses that Peter spoke in Acts 2:22-24?
- What is the importance of the crucifixion and resurrection to be saved?



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