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Hopeful EASTER

Family Guide



The season of Easter is filled with many moments—both sad and celebratory—that are important to honor and remember. This Minno Easter Family Guide will help you journey through Holy Week with stops at every sacred moment along the way. We pray these activities and conversation starters help your family share experiences that connect your hearts to the hope we have because of Jesus.



Watch Minno Hopeful Easter: Palm Sunday

to remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and make a Palm Branch craft together.

Complete the Hosanna word game

then watch Yancy's Little Praise Party: Hosanna Rock on Minno!

Color the Laugh and Grow Bible Palm Sunday coloring page.

Watch the Minno Easter Week 5 Minute Family Devotional

to learn about each important moment of Holy Week.

1 Peter 1:3 tells the Good News of Easter.

Use the Bible verse game to memorize it together.

Go on an Easter egg hunt to learn all about the symbols of the season. **Watch Owlegories, The Egg** on Minno!

Jesus' life gave us a glimpse of the beautiful forever we hope for because of our Savior.

Color the flower and talk about God's kingdom.

The family of Jesus, our long-awaited Savior, goes all the way back to Abraham.

Fill in Jesus' family tree to learn more!

Jesus and His friends gathered for a meal to remember the Passover.

Use the guide to host your own family Passover meal.

Watch Minno Hopeful Easter: Good Friday and talk about the great sacrifice Jesus made because He loves us!

Complete the John 3:16 coloring page and talk about Jesus' love for us.

Create your own Hide and Seek Play Set while you watch this fun show on Minno!

Watch Minno Hopeful Easter: Easter

and celebrate Resurrection Day as a family!

Complete the Because He is Risen cross activity to thank Jesus for what He did for YOU!

Watch NEW episodes of VeggieTales on Minno to learn about Easter and the joy of following Jesus!

Aren't you glad the story doesn't end with Jesus' death?! We're making our way toward Sunday when we get to celebrate the greatest news ever!

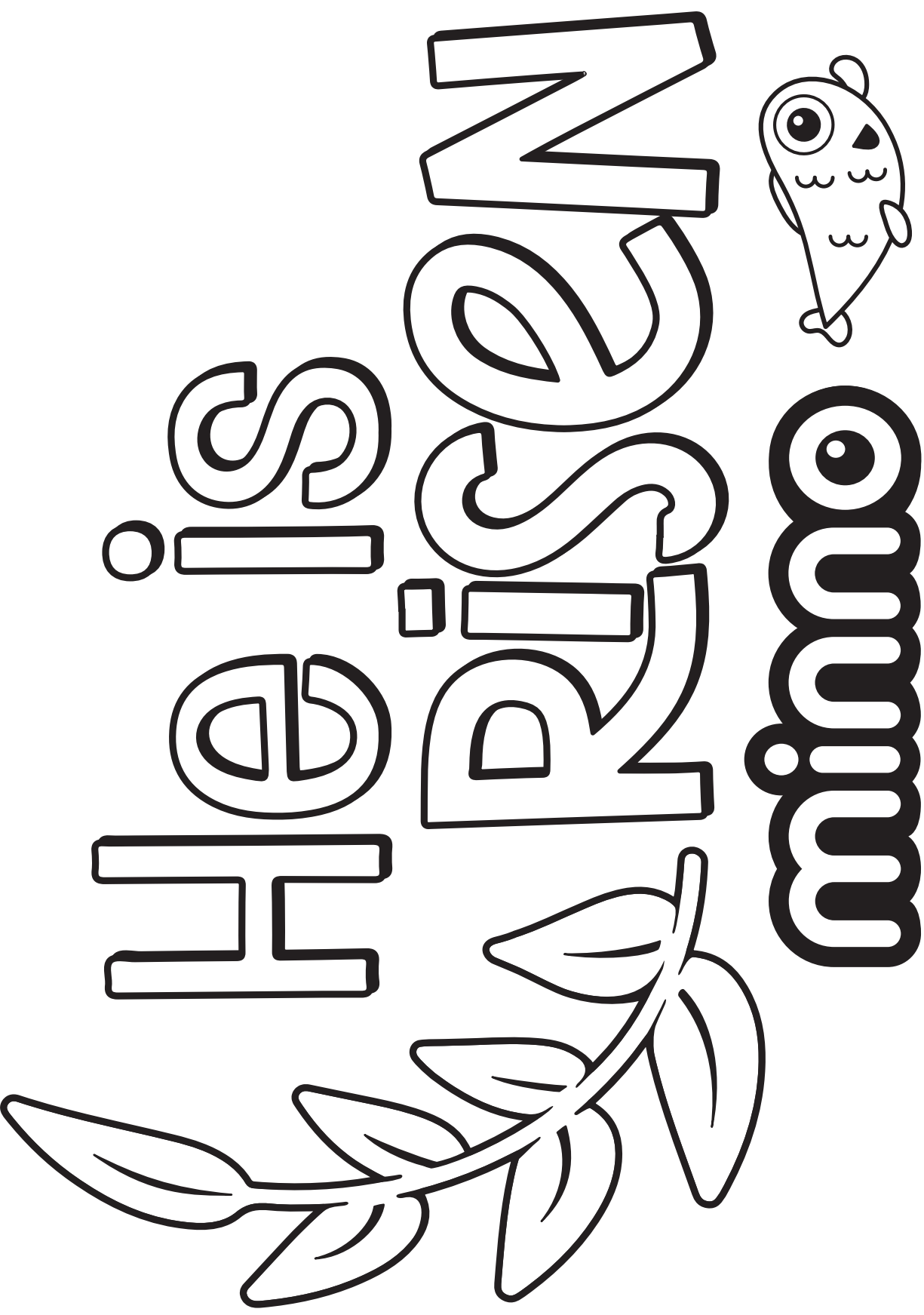
Complete your Happy Easter! He is Risen! coloring page to remember the Good News!

Now that you're almost finished with your Easter journey **complete your Good News Newspaper** to tell others about Jesus!

Watch Yancy's Little Praise Party: One, Two, Three on Minno to celebrate the resurrection!

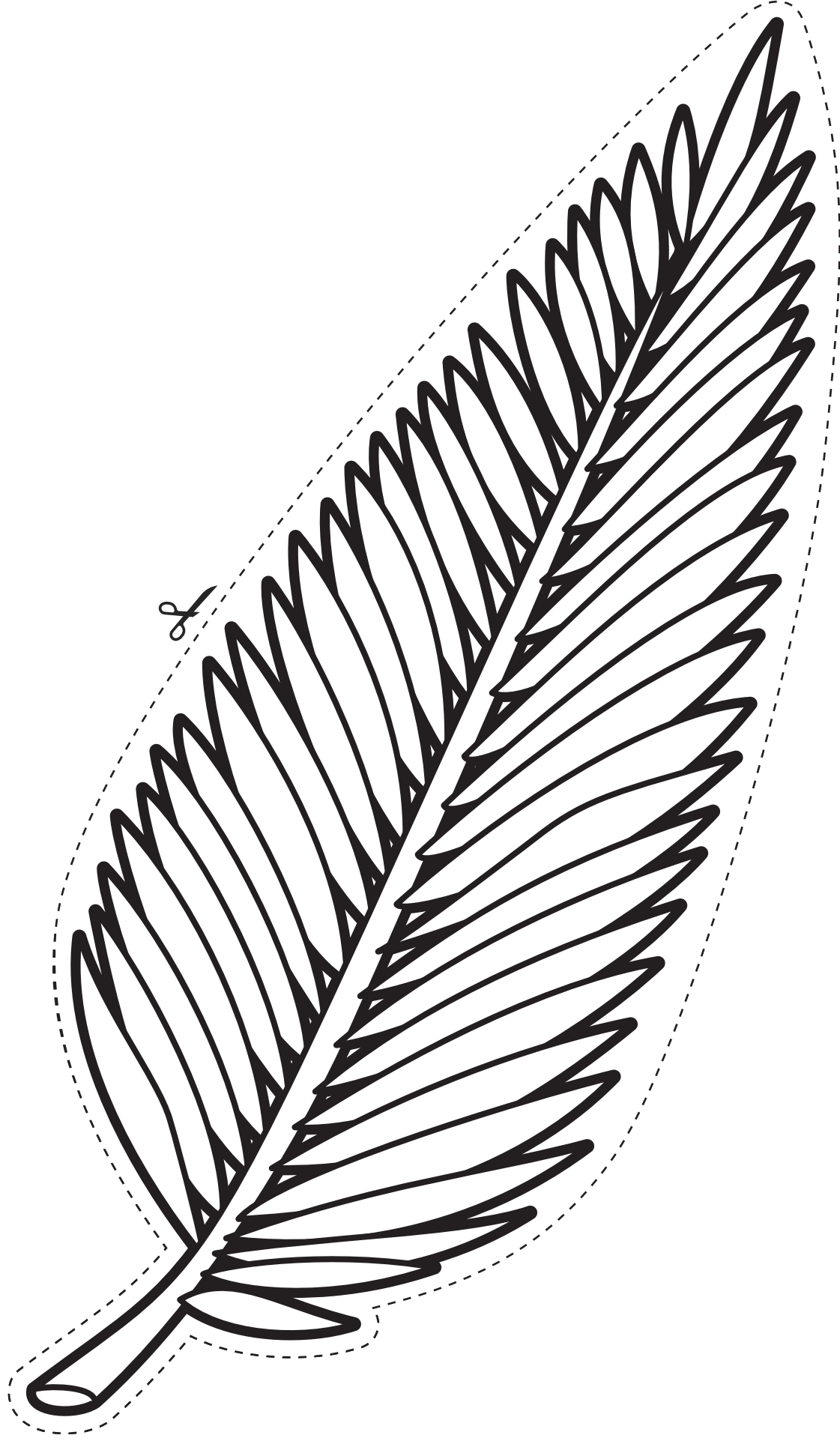
Use the Easter Egg Gospel to talk about everything you've learned about Jesus, His sacrifice, and His great love.





Palm Branch Craft

Cut and color your own palm branch to wave as you watch the Minno Hopeful Easter Palm Sunday Special.



Word Scramble

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! John 12:13 ESV

Unscramble these words and write the letter from each box in the corresponding line at the bottom to spell a secret word that is an expression of joy and adoration!

1. UHOTS

— — — —

2. OJY

— —

3. SIPEAR

— — — — —

4. TANRDOOAI

— — — — — — — —

5. SPNAOSI

— — — — —

6. OSGN

— — —

7. RYHAUR

— — — — —

— — — — — — —
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

PASSION

HURRAY

PRAISE

JOY

SONG

ADORATION

SHOUT

**BLESSED IS HE WHO
COMES IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD!**



Bible Memory Verse Game

Cut out each section of the verse and mix them up. Keep trying to put it back together until you can say the verse from memory.

Through Jesus, God has given us new life and a hope that lives on.

1 Peter 1:3b CEV adapted



Through Jesus,

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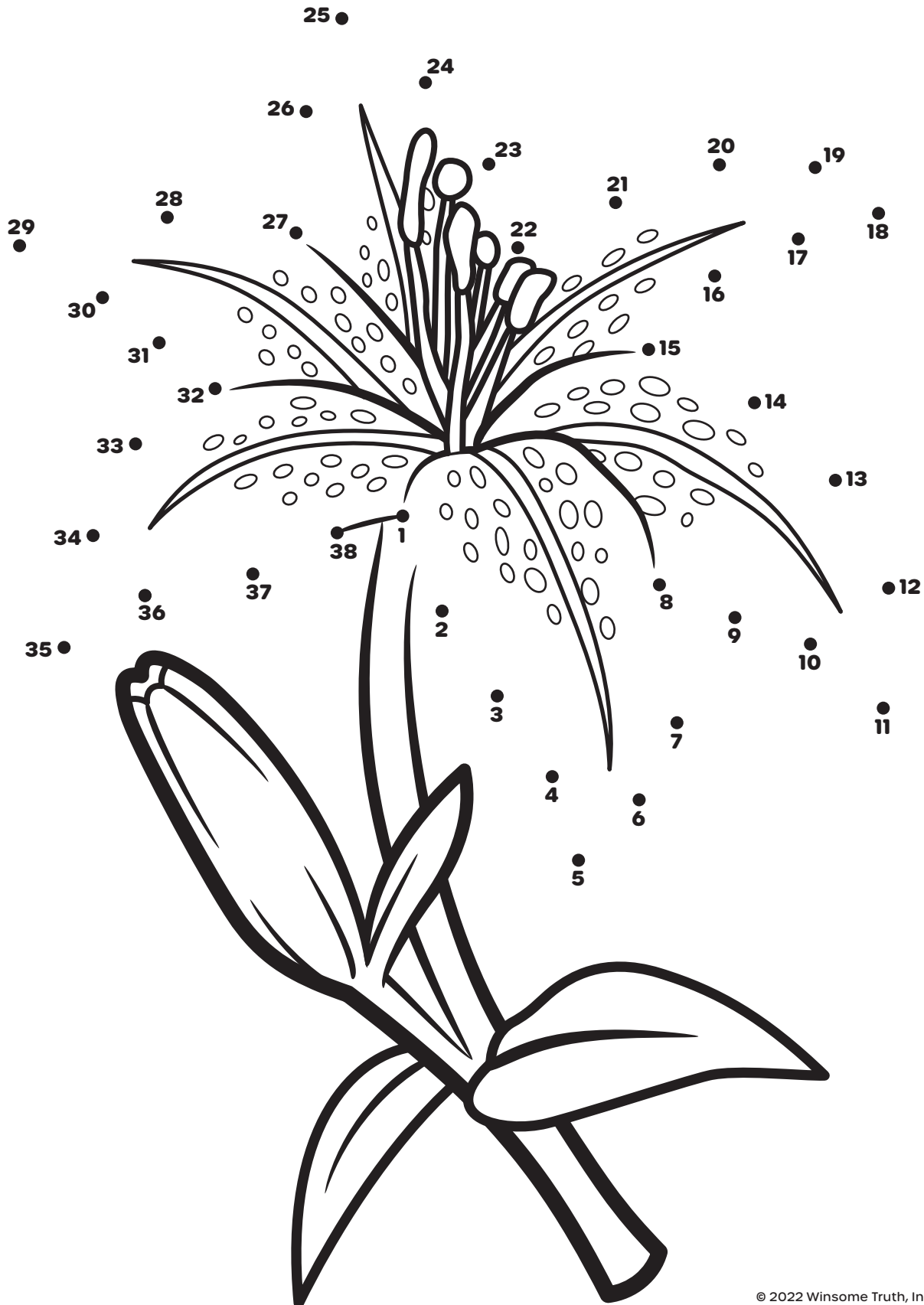
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In Full Bloom

Connect the dots, color the picture, then talk about the beautiful forever we look forward to when God's Kingdom is in full bloom!



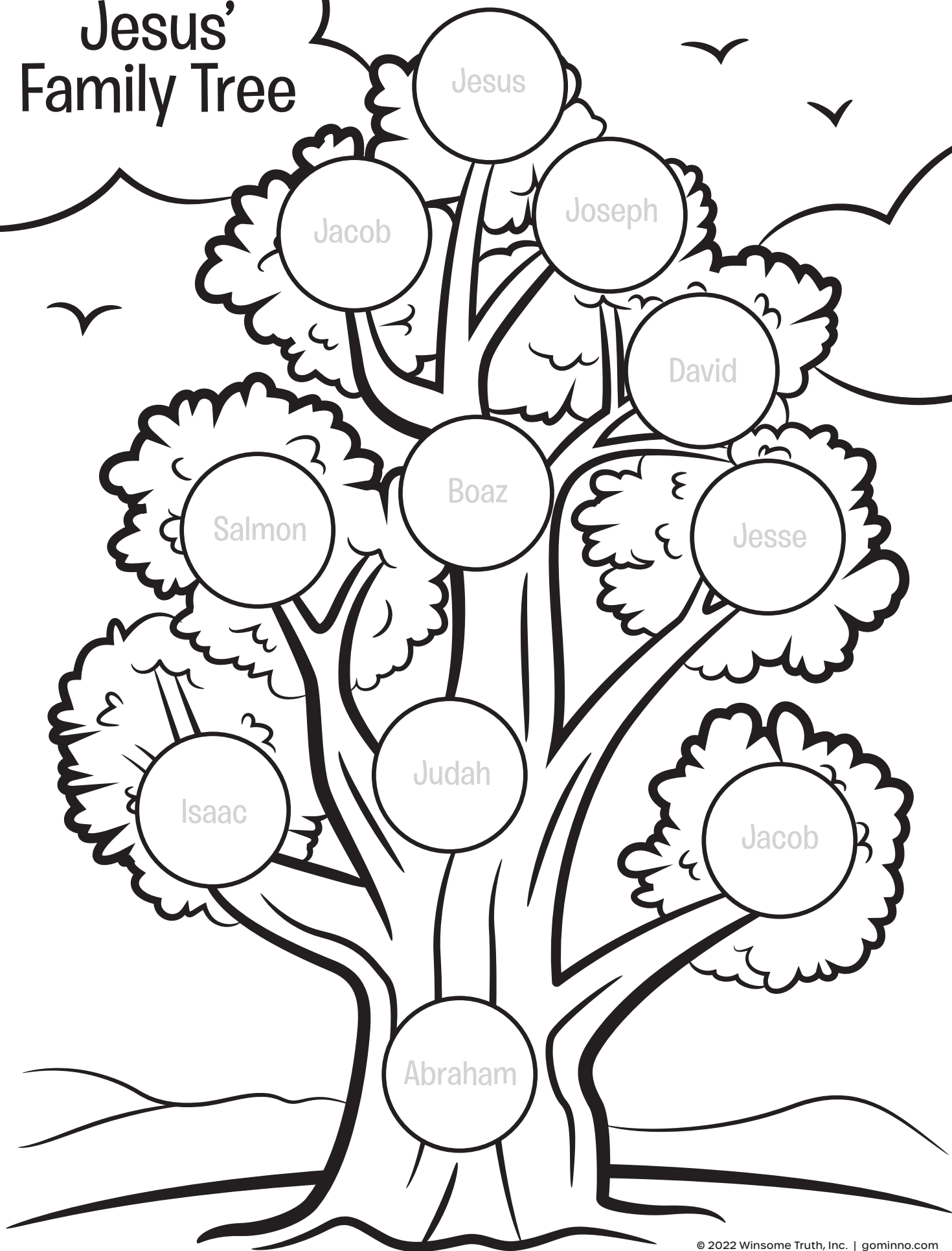
Jesus' Family Tree

***Did you know we can trace Jesus' family tree all the way back to Abraham?
God promised Abraham that from his family would come a blessing
for the whole world—Jesus, our Savior!***

Cut out each family member and place them on Jesus' family tree.



Jesus' Family Tree



Host a Family Passover Meal

The Passover Meal includes symbols of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt. While this plan doesn't include all of the traditional Jewish customs, sharing in this simple Passover (or Seder) meal is a way of honoring the people of Israel and their journey to freedom, while remembering how the story points to the freedom we experience because of Jesus.

Shop the Menu

You will need:

- ☐ Matzoh
- ☐ Bitter Herbs (Horseradish)
- ☐ Romaine Lettuce
- ☐ Apples
- ☐ Chopped Walnuts
- ☐ Cinnamon
- ☐ Eggs
- ☐ Celery and/or Parsley
- ☐ Grape Juice/Wine
- ☐ Lamb
- ☐ Salt



Charoses Recipe

- ☐ 1 cup Diced Apples
- ☐ 1 cup Chopped Walnuts
- ☐ 1/2 cup Grape Juice
- ☐ 1 tsp Cinnamon

Mix all ingredients together. You can mix until mushy or leave solid. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Prepare the Food

Most items are simple to prepare. Use the recipe below to prepare the Charoses (fruit and nut mix). Use your favorite recipe to prepare the lamb.

Set the Table

The atmosphere is important for any family dinner but especially one with as much sacred meaning as a Passover meal. There are traditional ways to set a Seder table which you can find online. Most importantly, arrange each menu item on your table, ready to be shared. Fill four glasses with wine (or grape juice for the kids) and place them in the center of the table.

Cut out the Symbol Cards

Cut out the menu Symbol Cards and assign each family member a menu item to read about before you partake.

The Passover Meal

Pray together and ask God to make His presence known as you share this special meal together. Talk about each item using the Symbol Cards as you eat them.

Symbols are things that represent or stand for something else.

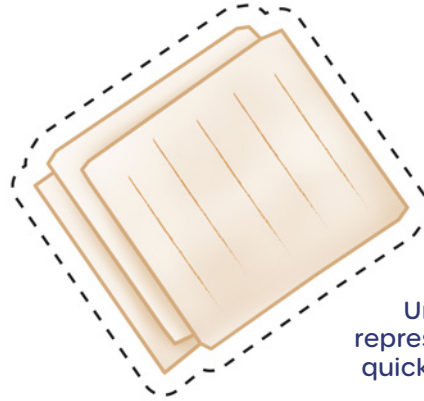
The Passover Plate

Cut out each menu item and place it on your passover plate.
You can use the one provided or a paper plate.



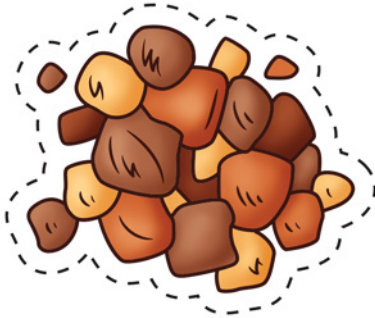
Beitzah

A roasted egg, a symbol of life.



Matzoh

Unleavened bread, representing the Israelites' quick exodus from Egypt.



Charoses

A sweet paste of fruit and nuts, representing the mortar used by the slaves to build in Egypt.



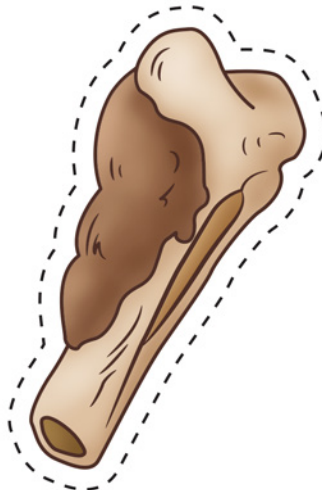
Karpas

A vegetable, such as celery or parsley, symbolizing hope, dipped in salt water to represent the tears shed by the Israelites.



Grape Juice/Wine

Representing the four-fold promise found in Exodus 6:6-7.



Zeroah

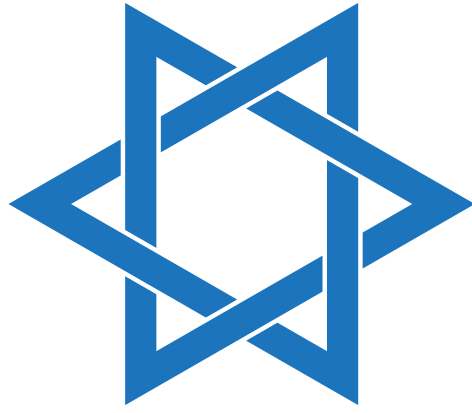
A roasted lamb, representing the sacrifice.



Maror and Chazeret

Bitter herbs and romaine lettuce, representing the bitterness of slavery in Egypt.

The Passover Plate



Passover Symbol Cards

Cut out the symbol cards and assign one or two to each family member to read before you partake.



Karpas

This vegetable represents hope because vegetables are good for our body and offer healing and health. We dip it in salt water to represent the tears shed by the Israelites along their journey out of slavery.

Matzoh

When God's people left Egypt, they had to go quickly! Matzoh is called "unleavened" bread because it is made without yeast which helps traditional dough rise over time. Since Matzoh is made quickly, the bread represents the haste with which the Israelites left Egypt.

Maror and Chazeret

These bitter foods represent how hard it was to be a slave. Just like God used Moses to deliver the Jewish people from slavery, He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so we could be His friends and experience true freedom in Christ.

Beitzah

The egg represents life and the hope that God's people would continue to live and thrive after He delivered them out of slavery. Because of what Jesus did for us on the cross, we also share the hope of life today.

Charoses

While they were slaves, the Jewish people did a lot of building. This food represents the mortar or paste God's people used to put bricks together as they worked hard to build in Egypt.

Wine (Grape Juice)

The wine (juice) represents four promises that were given to Moses that offered God's people the hope of redemption. In Exodus 6:6-7 we read that God told Moses "I will bring you out . . . I will rescue you . . . I will redeem you . . . I will take you as my own."

Zeroah

This lamb represents the offering made as a remembrance of Passover. In the Old Testament, God required animal sacrifices as repentance for sins and reminders of important occasions. When Jesus died on the cross, He became the ultimate and last sacrifice! This lamb represents the last offering and reminds us of the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross for us.



A Walk Through the Passover Meal

PRAY: Ask God to open your heart and your understanding as you share this special meal.

READ: Share the Passover story from a children's Bible such as the Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids story, Let My People Go!

SAY: We are going to share a special meal that honors this important event when God rescued His people from Egypt. Each item in this meal represents or stands for a part of the story. God told Moses long after they were rescued from Egypt to celebrate the Passover.

READ: Numbers 9:1-5 NIV

The LORD spoke to Moses in the Desert of Sinai in the first month of the second year after they came out of Egypt. He said, "Have the Israelites celebrate the Passover at the appointed time. Celebrate it at the appointed time, at twilight on the fourteenth day of this month, in accordance with all its rules and regulations." So Moses told the Israelites to celebrate the Passover, and they did so in the Desert of Sinai at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month. The Israelites did everything just as the LORD commanded Moses.

SAY: Some of the items in this meal may seem odd but each one serves a purpose to help us remember how God helped the Israelites.

Each of the four glasses of **WINE/JUICE** on the table represent one of the promises God made to Moses in Exodus 6.

READ: Exodus 6:6-7 NIV

*Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and **I will bring you out** from under the yoke of the Egyptians. **I will rescue you** from being slaves to them, and **I will redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgement. **I will take you as my own people**, and I will be your God.*

SAY: Now, let's put each food on our plate. Each of these items will help us remember part of the story.

We start with **MATZOH** (instruct whomever has that card to read it aloud). Let's partake together.

Next is **KARPAS** (instruct whomever has that card to read it aloud). Let's partake together.

Now we'll share **MAROR** and **CHAZERET** (instruct whomever has that card to read it aloud). Let's partake together.

Next is **CHAROSES** (instruct whomever has that card to read it aloud). Let's partake together.

Then we have **BEITZAH** (instruct whomever has that card to read it aloud). Let's partake together.

And finally, **ZEROAH** or the lamb (instruct whomever has that card to read it aloud). Let's partake together.

READ: John 1:29 NIV

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

SAY: It is because of Jesus that we are free to be God's friends and enjoy a new and hope-filled life.

SAY TOGETHER: Through Jesus, God has given us new life and a hope that lives on. 1 Peter 1:3b CEV adapted

PRAY: Dear God, Thank You for sending your Son to be the ultimate and last sacrifice. Thank You for the freedom, forgiveness, and hope we have because of Jesus. Amen.

**BECAUSE
HE IS RISEN,
I AM...**

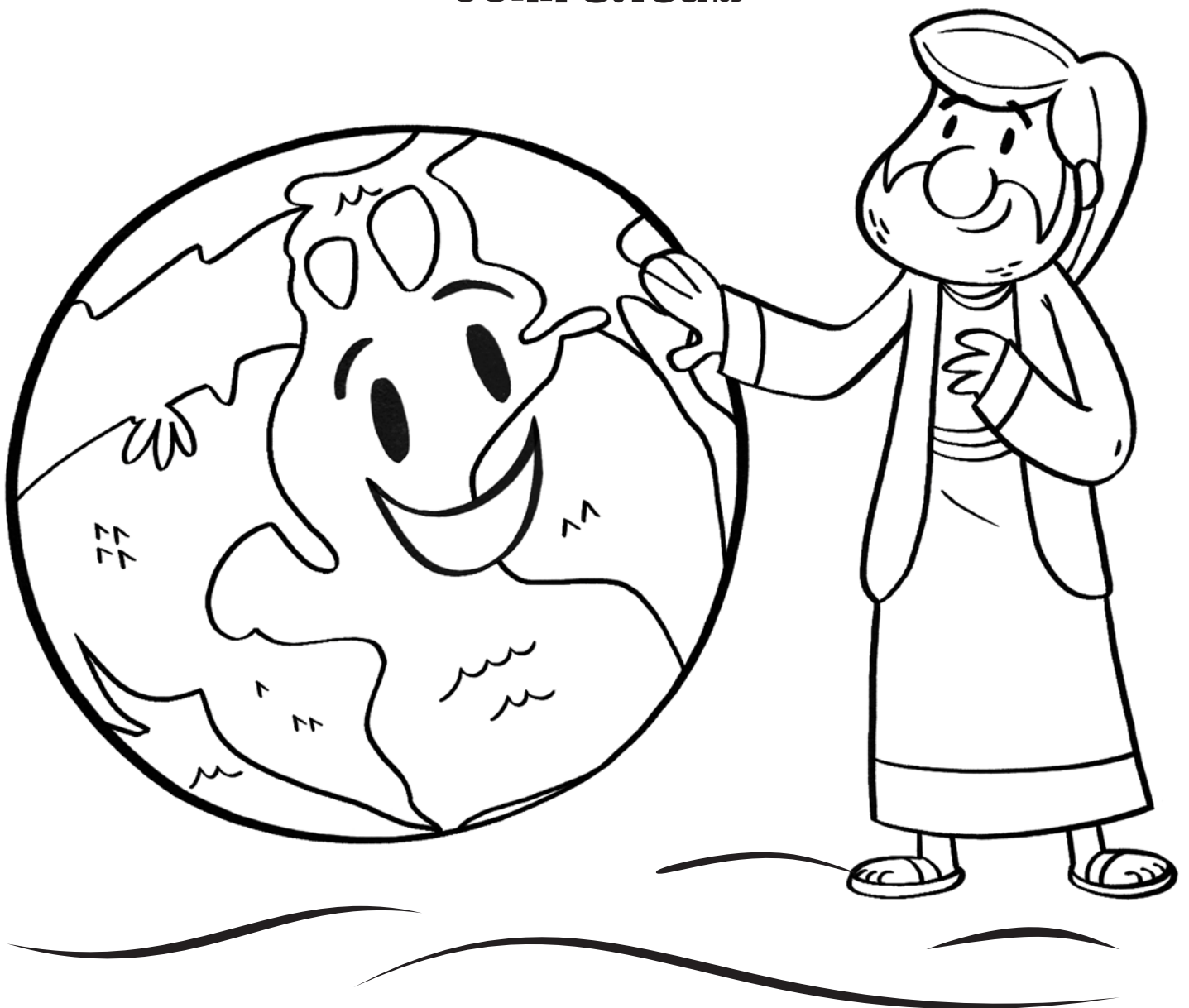


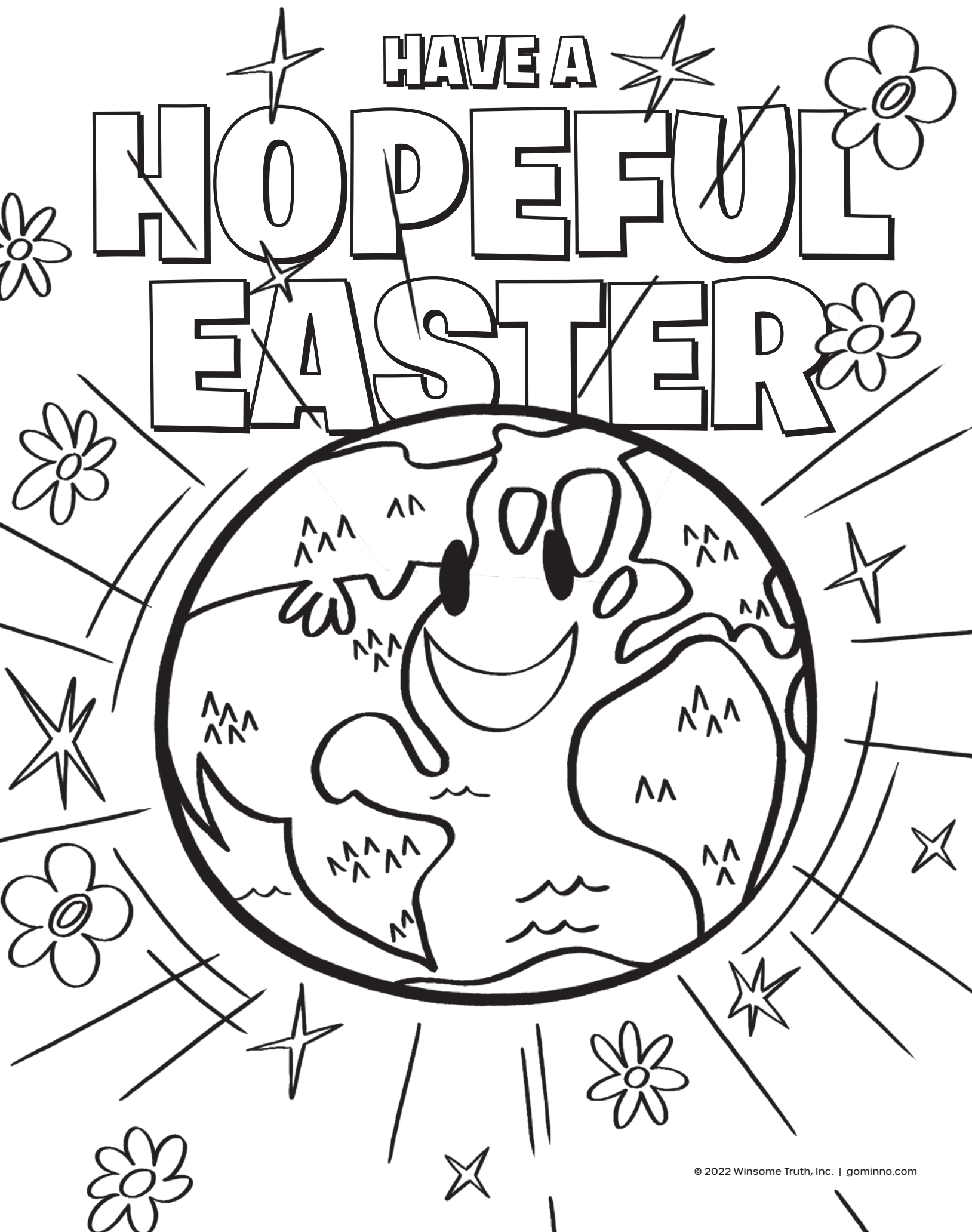
JESUS CAME TO HEAL OUR BROKEN WORLD!



**FOR GOD LOVED THE WORLD
SO MUCH
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON.**

John 3:16a ICB



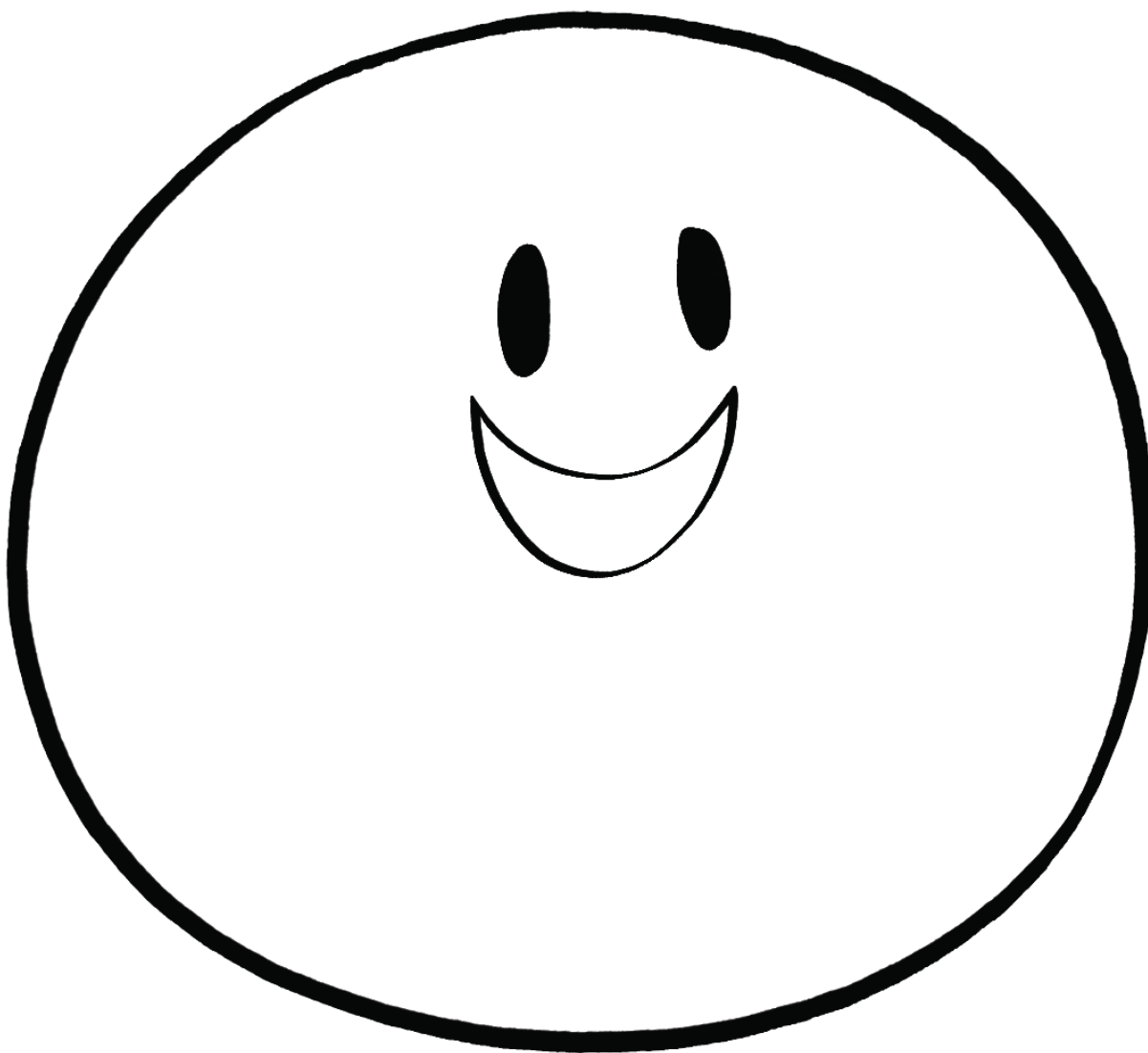


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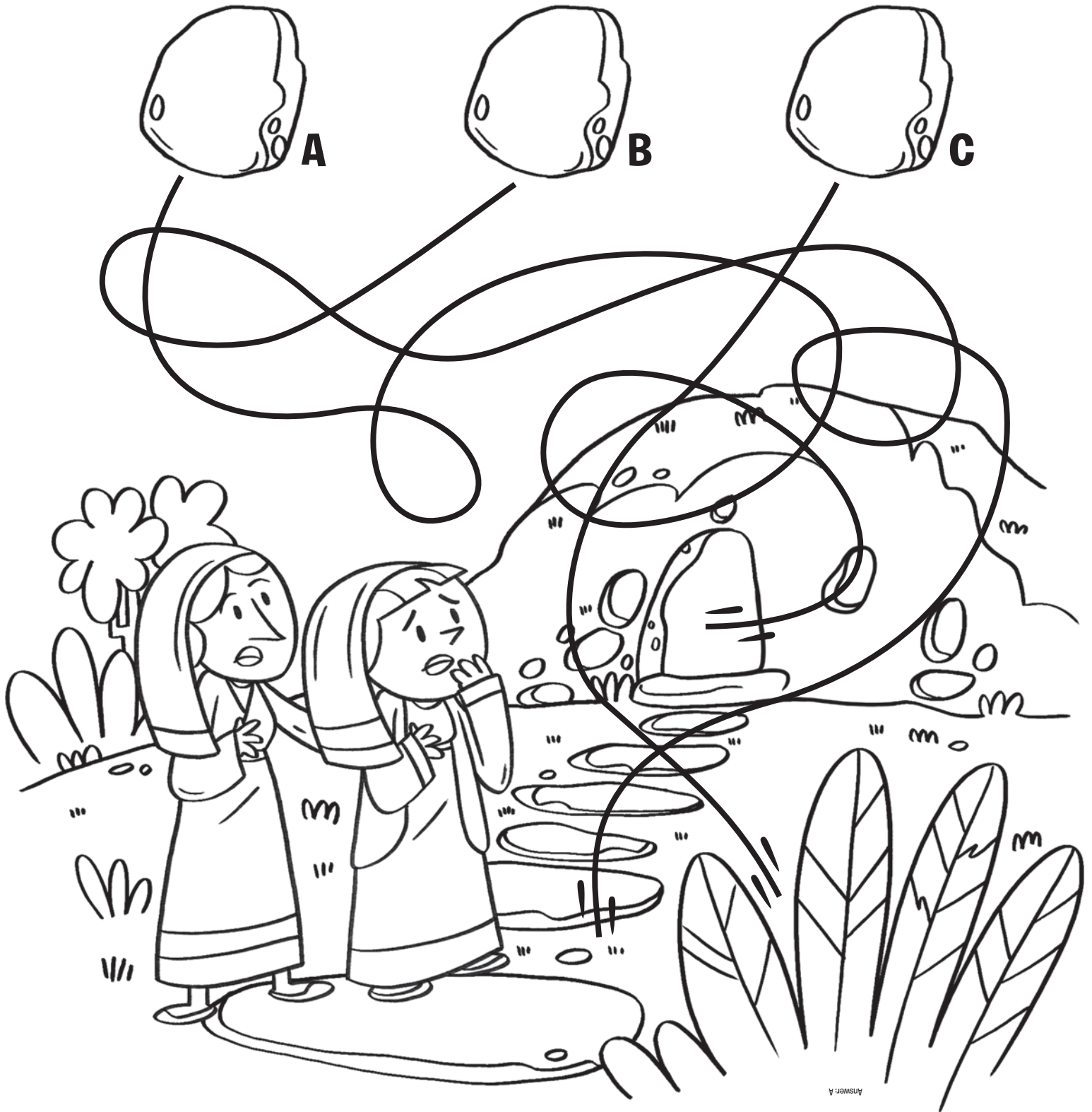
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Finish the Drawing

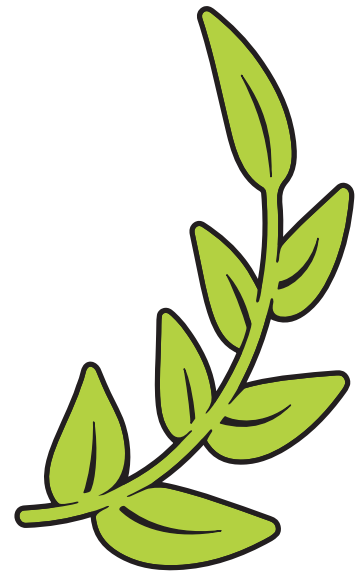
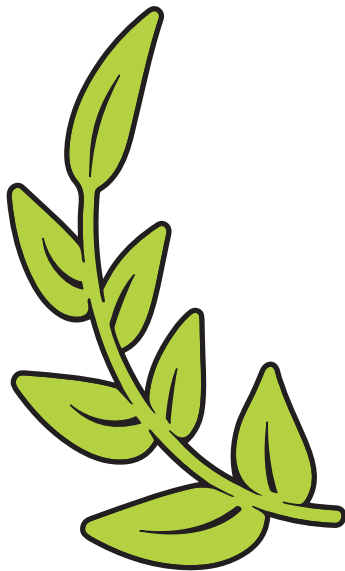
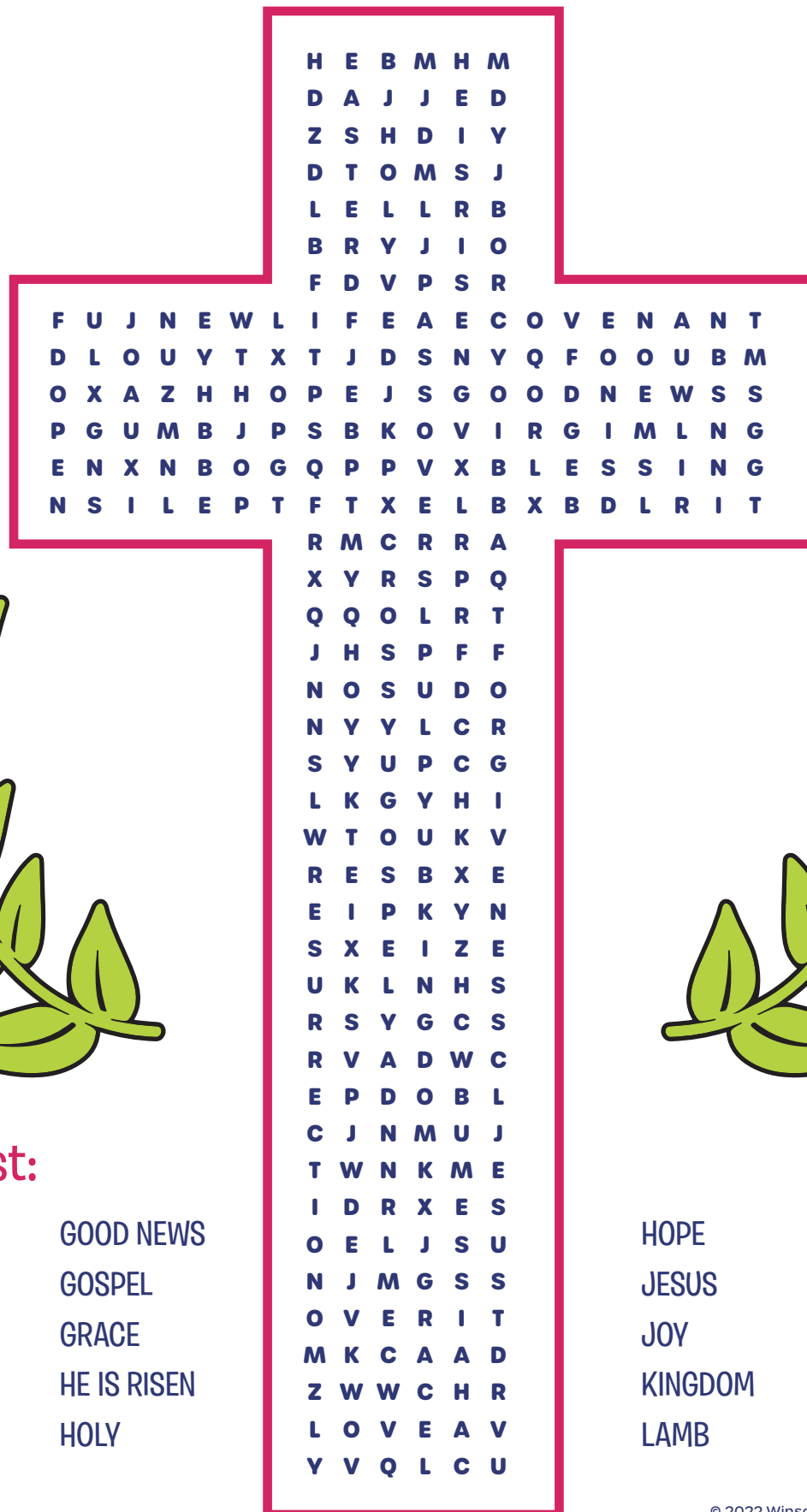
Draw and color what YOU think a Hopeful World looks like!



Which rock was rolled from the tomb?



Easter Word Search



Word List:

BLESSING
COVENANT
CROSS
EASTER
FORGIVENESS
GOOD NEWS
GOSPEL
GRACE
HE IS RISEN
HOLY

HOPE
JESUS
JOY
KINGDOM
LAMB
LOVE
MESSIAH
NEW LIFE
PASSOVER
RESURRECTION

Find Your Way to Jesus . . .

**Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (NLT)**



Easter Egg Gospel



Black represents our sin, which separates us from God.
"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." Romans 3:23 NLT

Red represents the blood of Jesus, shed for us on the cross.
"[God] is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins."
Ephesians 1:7 NLT



Blue represents the clean, new life we receive through God's gift of forgiveness.
"If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins . . . he will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done."
1 John 1:9 ICB

White represents the pure life we experience as we follow God's way.
"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light . . . the blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin."
1 John 1:7 NIV



Green represents our growing friendship with Jesus and the grace He gives.
"Now you are my friends . . . I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit . . ."
John 15:15-16 NLT

Yellow represents the hope of Heaven, where we will one day live with God forever.
"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life." John 3:16 ICB



Date:

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

JESUS IS ALIVE!

Story by: _____

Who saw Him first?

Some of Jesus' friends came to see Him and found His grave empty! Who saw Him first?

Savior Spotlight

Did you know?

Grace is _____

A Bible Verse about Grace:

Good News Gazette

Can you imagine if there were newspapers or the internet back when Jesus rose from the dead?! I'm pretty sure He would have been all over the front page! Let's create a newspaper with headlines about Jesus' resurrection to tell the world how important He is! Add pictures or write Bible verses and stories to share the Good News!

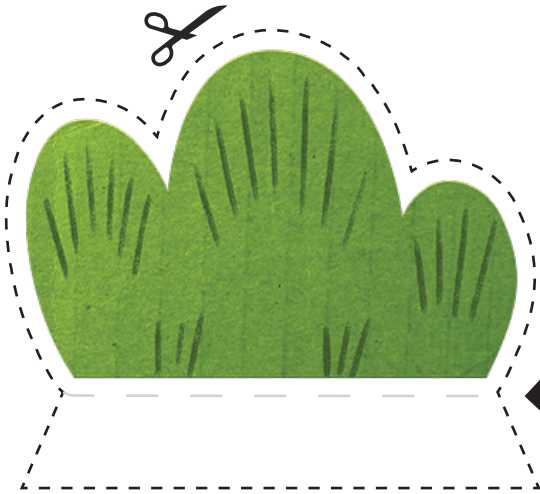
Use these pictures or draw your own to decorate your newspaper and tell the Good News!



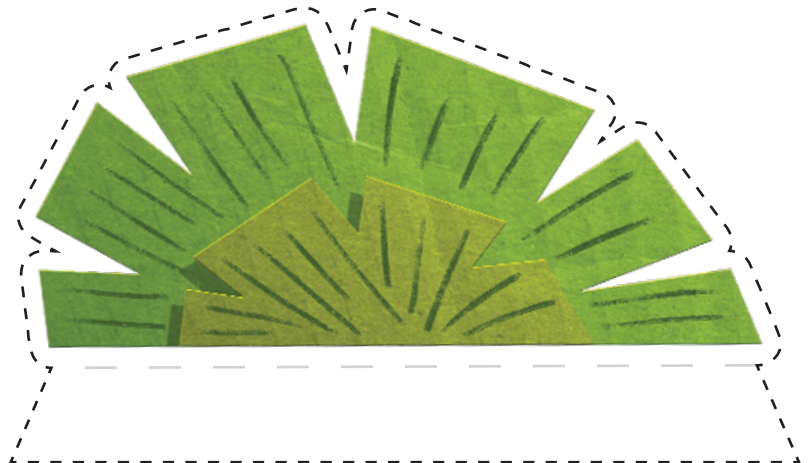
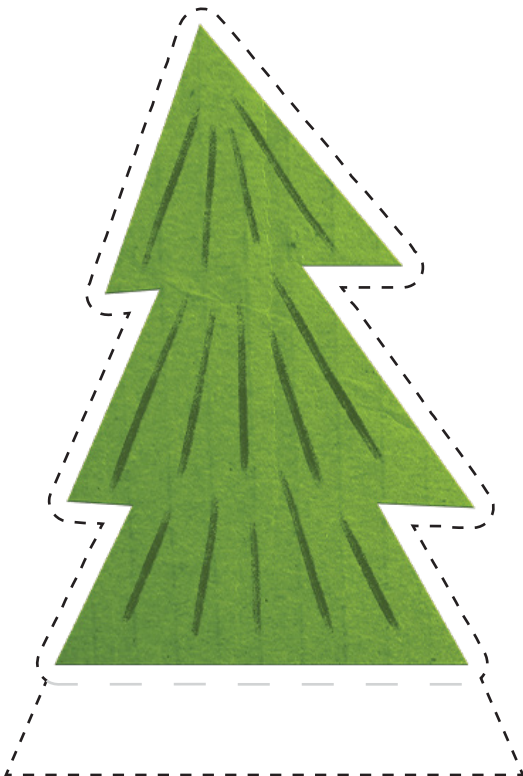
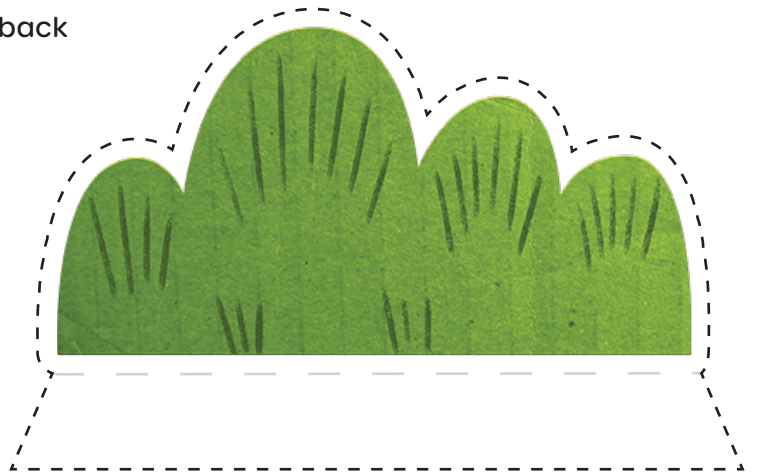
Hide and Seek Play Set



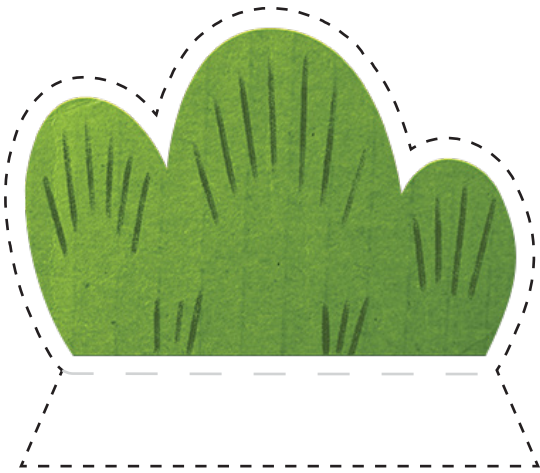
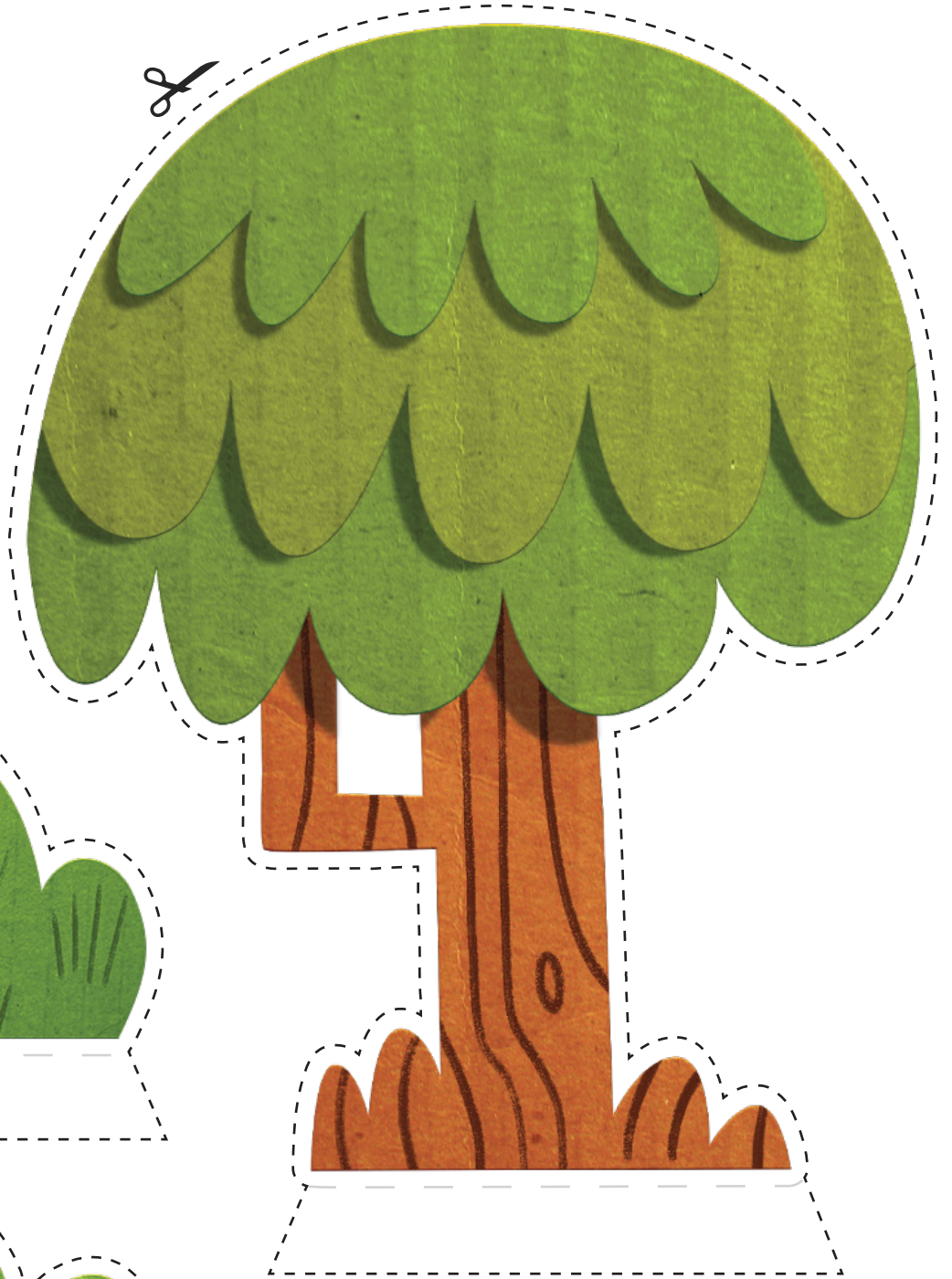
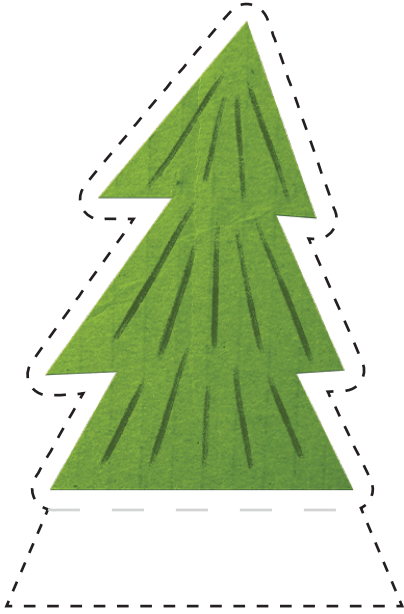
Watch Hide and Seek on Minno and then use these cut outs to create your own play set! Hide plastic Easter eggs (or real ones—just make sure they are hard boiled!) behind the trees or make up and act out a story. Don't forget to add faces to your eggs! Use the cut outs or draw them on yourself. There are many ways to join in the Hide and Seek fun!



Fold back



Hide and Seek Play Set



Share a video of your
Hide and Seek play set.
Tag @gominno and
#MinnoHideAndSeek

Family Discussion Guide

Read:

Through Jesus, God has given us new life and a hope that lives on.

1 Peter 1:3b CEV adapted

Talk:

The Easter season is full of so many important moments—some full of sadness and others full of joy. As we journey through the story of God's great rescue plan and the sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus, we can talk about the hard parts of Easter with hope in our hearts because we know how the story ends!

1 Peter 1:3 reminds us that because of Jesus, we have new life and a hope that lives on!

What does it mean to have a new life? Does it mean we move across the country, change our name, and become someone else? No! It means that all of our sin and sadness is replaced with love and joy when we follow Jesus. We become like a new person—with the very same name and address!

But what about this hope that "lives on"? Well, that's the kind of hope that sticks with us, no matter what. On good days and bad ones, too, when our hope comes from Jesus, it follows us around and we can share it with others, just like Jesus' love!

1. What do you think it means to have a new life in Jesus?
2. What are some ways we can share the hope of Jesus with others?

There's so much to learn and think about during the Easter season and it's important to remember that Jesus is the center of every moment of the story. He is our sacrifice. He is our Savior. He is our new life. He is our hope that lives on.

Happy Easter!

Pray:

Dear God, Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus to die on the cross for us. And thank You that the story of Easter didn't end there. This season we rejoice in the new life we have because of Jesus and the hope His resurrection brings. Show us ways to share the hope of Jesus with others. Amen.