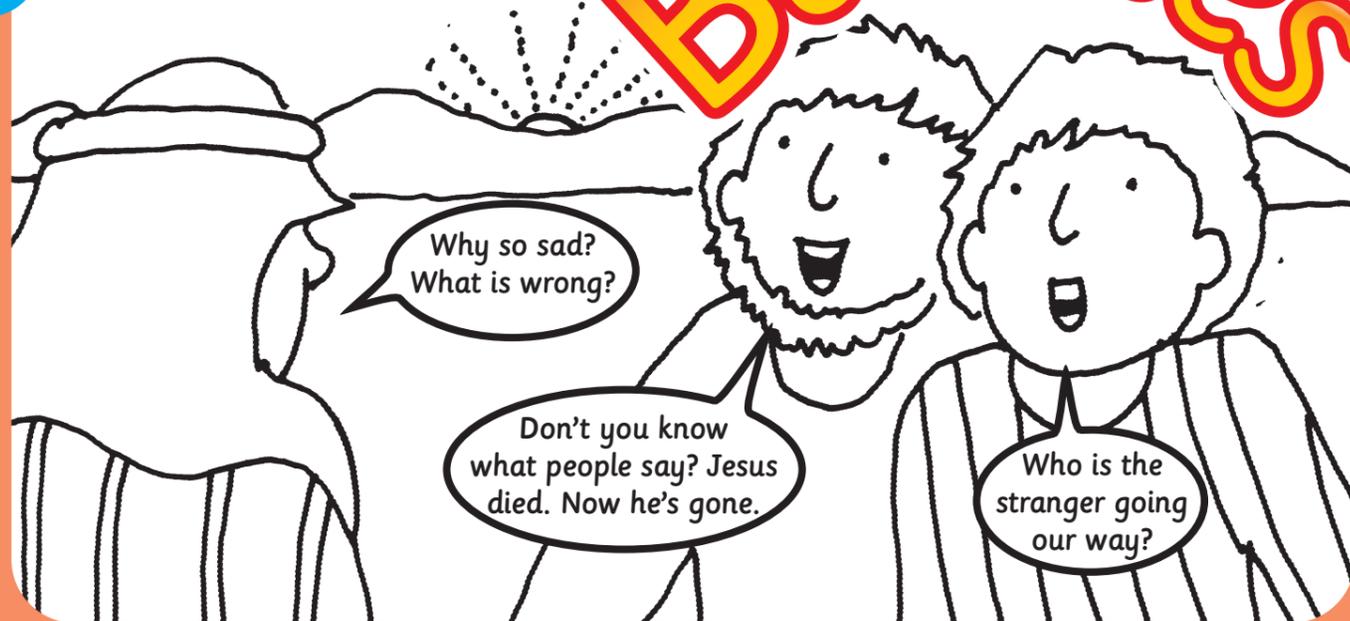
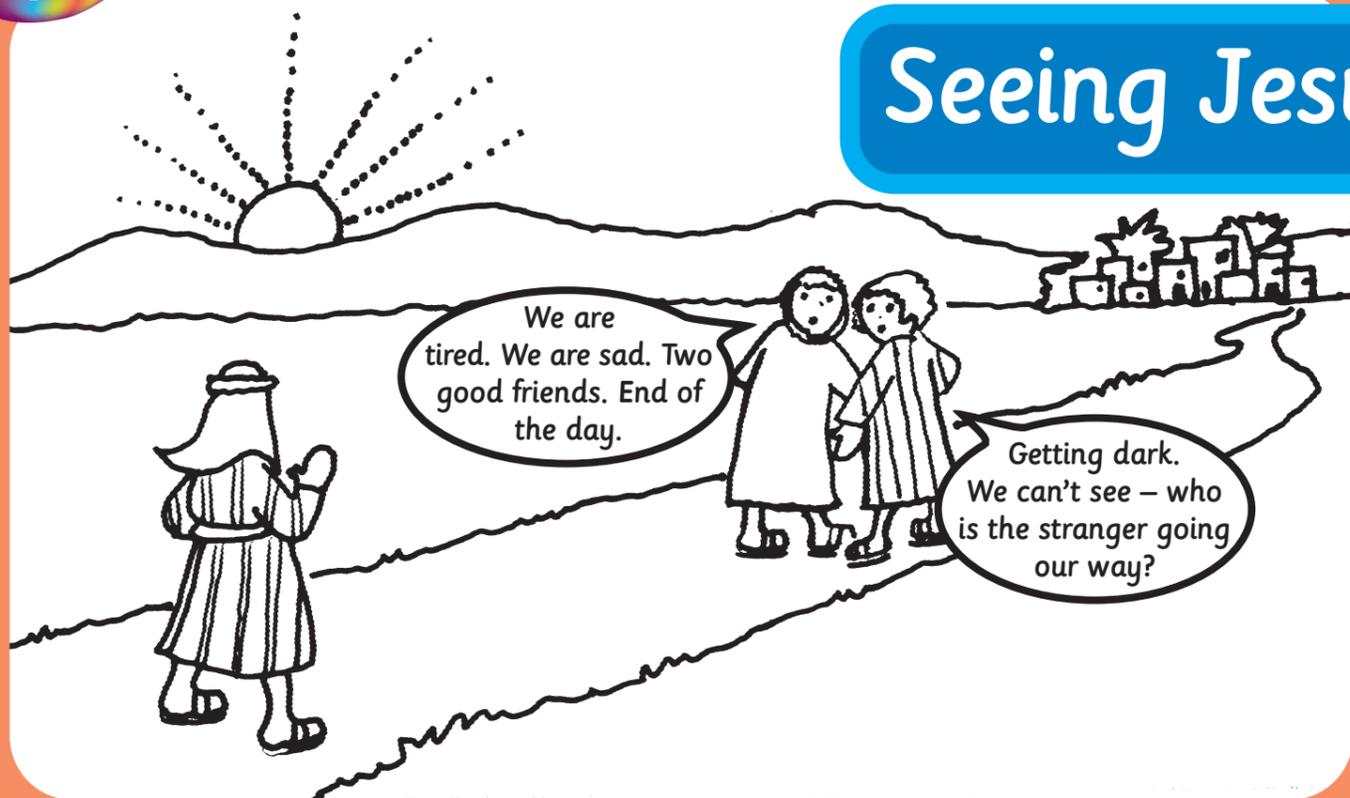


Seeing Jesus

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Today's aim is to find out that Easter is about Jesus dying and coming alive again.
Luke 24:1-35

Explore each picture, pointing to each character in turn and reading what they are saying. Draw your child's attention in particular to the picture of the stranger. Can they guess who it is? At the end of the story, you can see Jesus clearly. Go back and see that it was not a stranger, but Jesus all along. The two friends did not know he was alive again, but he was!

Look at the pictures. When can you see Jesus clearly?

This story has the classic hidden-and-found element that children love so much. They will enjoy knowing, before the two friends do, that it is Jesus who is with them. Anticipating the friends' surprise and joy will help them relive the wonderful surprise of the Easter story. They can enjoy again the news that Jesus is alive!

My name



This story is from the **The Big Bible Storybook.**

Jesus is alive!

Some people did not like Jesus and wanted to get rid of him.

On Friday, Jesus died.

Jesus' friends were very sad. They lovingly put his body in a cave and rolled a big stone in front.

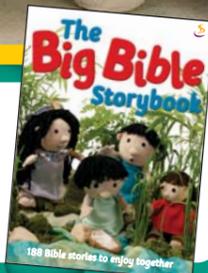
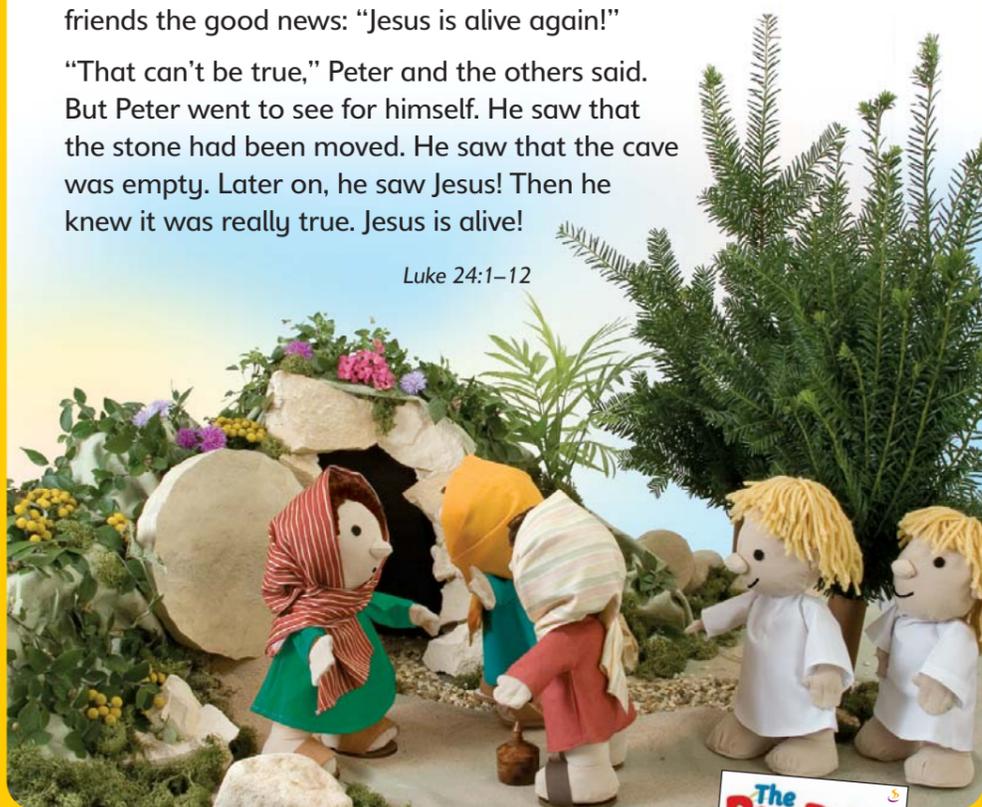
On Sunday morning, Mary and her friends went to the cave. They saw that the big stone had moved! They went into the cave. It was empty! What a surprise! Where was Jesus' body?

Suddenly two angels appeared. The women were afraid, but the angels told them, "Jesus is not here. Jesus isn't dead. He's alive again!"

Mary and her friends were amazed. They ran back to tell Jesus' friends the good news: "Jesus is alive again!"

"That can't be true," Peter and the others said. But Peter went to see for himself. He saw that the stone had been moved. He saw that the cave was empty. Later on, he saw Jesus! Then he knew it was really true. Jesus is alive!

Luke 24:1-12



Enjoy this story again in *The Big Bible Storybook*, hardback edition, 256 colour pages, available now from Scripture Union. It is full of great Bible stories retold especially for young children and features all your favourite Bible Friends. www.scriptureunion.org.uk/light

You can also help your child to take their first steps into Bible reading with *Tiddlywinks: My Little Yellow Book*.



Another story from the **The Big Bible Storybook.**

On the way to Emmaus

Two people were walking home from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus. As they walked, a man joined them.

"What are you two talking about?" asked the man.

"Haven't you heard what's happened?" they said. "Jesus has died. We're feeling very sad. He was our friend."

The man listened carefully to everything the two people said. He talked to them about Jesus and what the Bible says about him.

By the time they got to Emmaus, it was nearly night-time.

"Come and stay at our house tonight," the two friends said.

Before they ate supper, the man said a prayer. Then he picked up the loaf of bread and broke it into two pieces. The two friends looked at each other, amazed. That was what Jesus always did!

Suddenly they knew – he was Jesus! But he had gone!

The two friends left their meal, ran out of the door, and rushed all the way back to Jerusalem. "It's true!" they told Jesus' friends. "Jesus is alive. We've met him!"

Luke 24:13-35



The Easter story is the most joyful story of all! All despair and sadness is swept aside with the resurrection of Jesus who brings hope and joy to all his friends. Encourage your child to experience the joy this week. Perhaps you could make a simple Easter garden at home using a tray lined with foil, some stones, small flowers, a plastic pot for the empty tomb and play people to represent the people in the Bible story.

Pray

The story about you dying is sad, Jesus.

But when I think about you being alive again, I'm so happy. Hooray!