

# Easter



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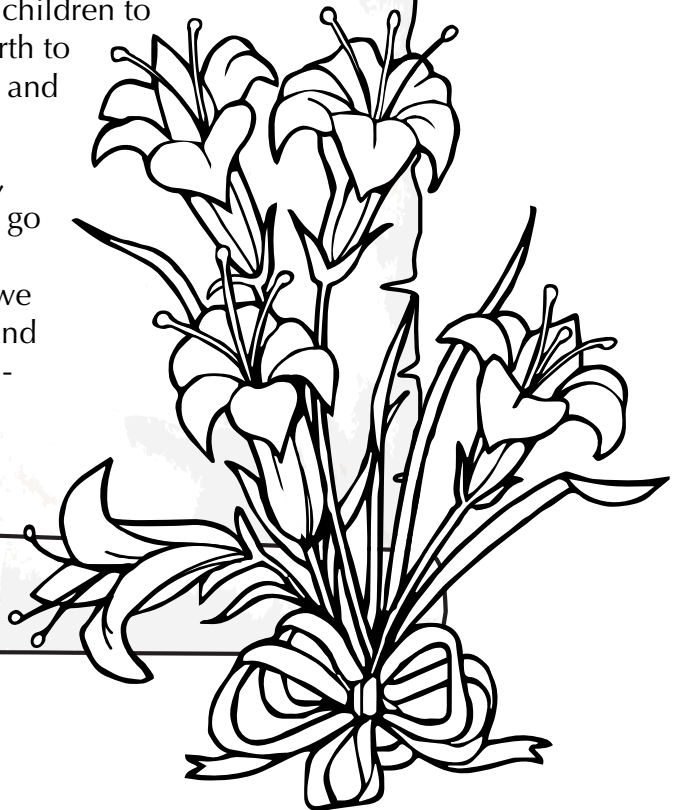


**J**esus came to earth to save us. It is true that Jesus came to teach us about living a Godly life. While He was here He taught his followers, or disciples, how to live in a way that glorifies God. His disciples then wrote down the life and the teachings of Jesus to share with all those who would become His followers—like you and me. These teachings are the gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in the Bible. But if Jesus had come to earth just to teach and then set up a religious system, then Christianity would be no different than Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, Islam, or other man-made religions.

But Jesus wasn't just a wise teacher or a good man. He is God himself, and He is one with the Father (John 10:30). That is why He was able to do many miracles like healing sick people, raising dead to life, walking on water, and feeding thousands. Because He and the Father are the same, Jesus was able to show us that God is a God of love.

That is why God does not want any of His children to be lost (JOHN 3:16), and he sent Jesus to earth to save us, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (LUKE 19:10)

That is why after three years of ministering, teaching, and healing people, Jesus had to go to Jerusalem and die for us so that through His death we could be saved. This is why we celebrate Easter. The story of Jesus' death and resurrection begins when He and His disciples went into Jerusalem for Passover.







**A**s they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me." The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

MATTHEW 21:1-2, 6-9

**A**nd when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"





**W**hen the hour came to celebrate Passover, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

LUKE 22:14-20





**A**fter saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. JOHN 13:21-27, 30



**T**hen Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

MATTHEW 26:36-39

**A**n angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

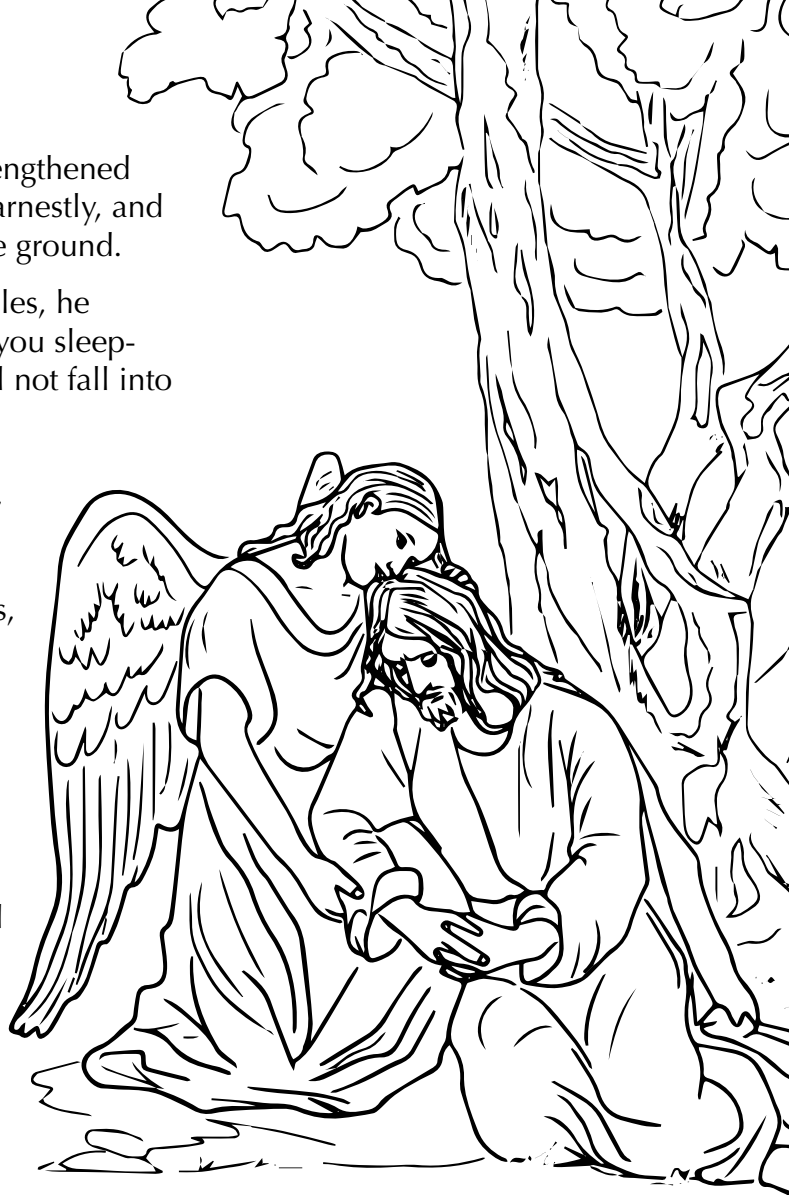
When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

**W**hile he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

LUKE 22:45-53

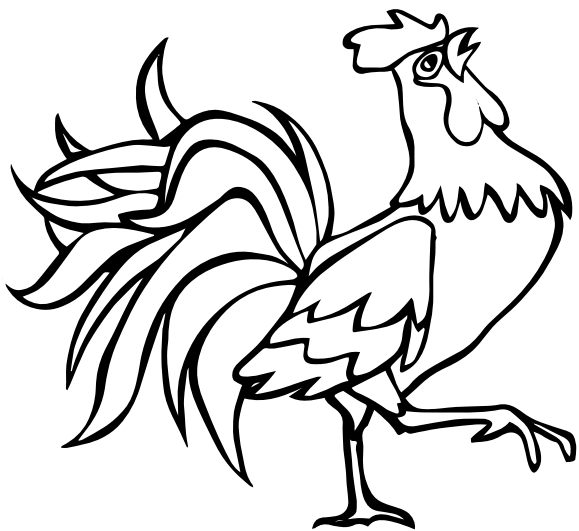


**A**nd those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

MATTHEW 26:57-58, 69-75

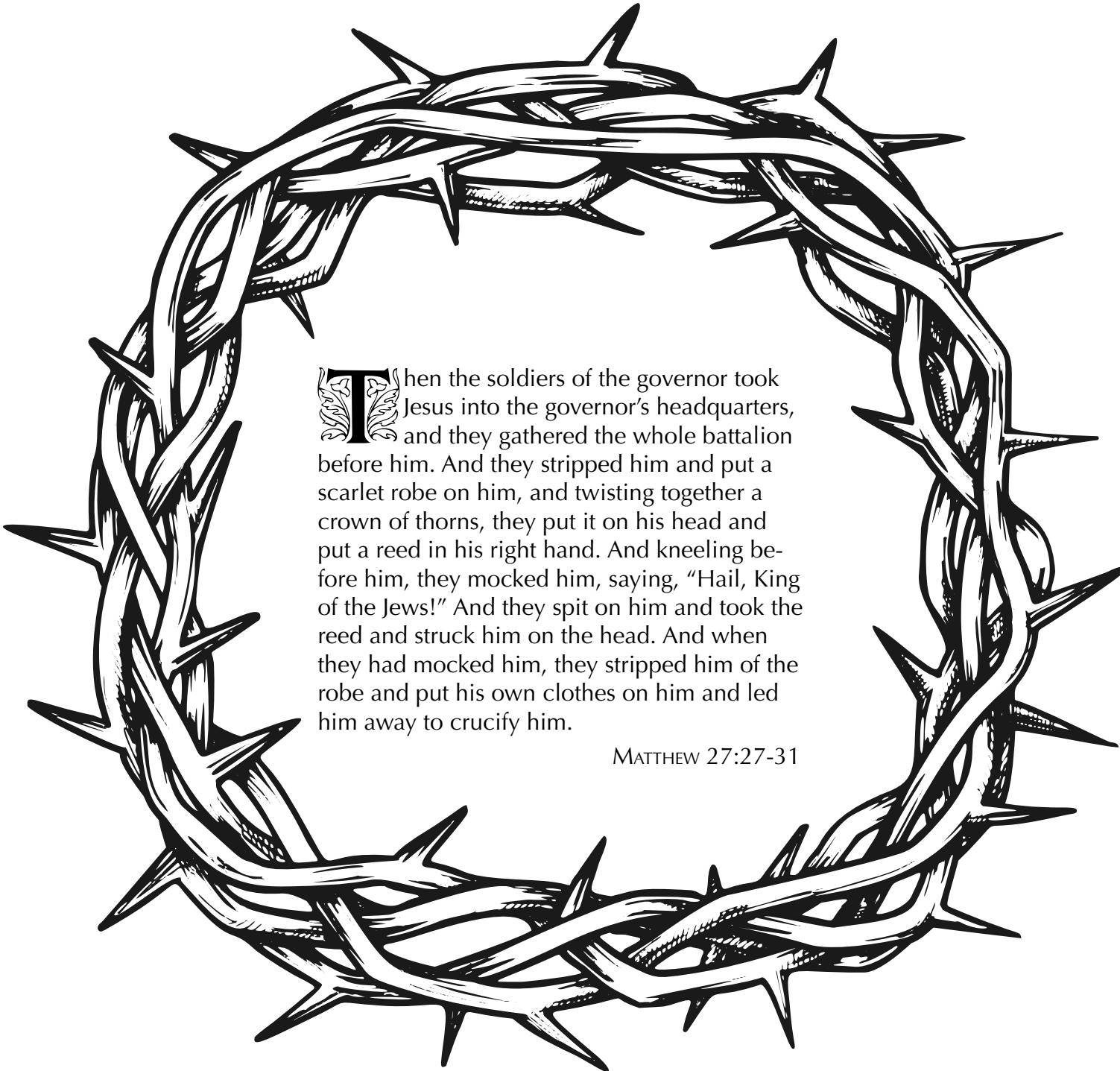






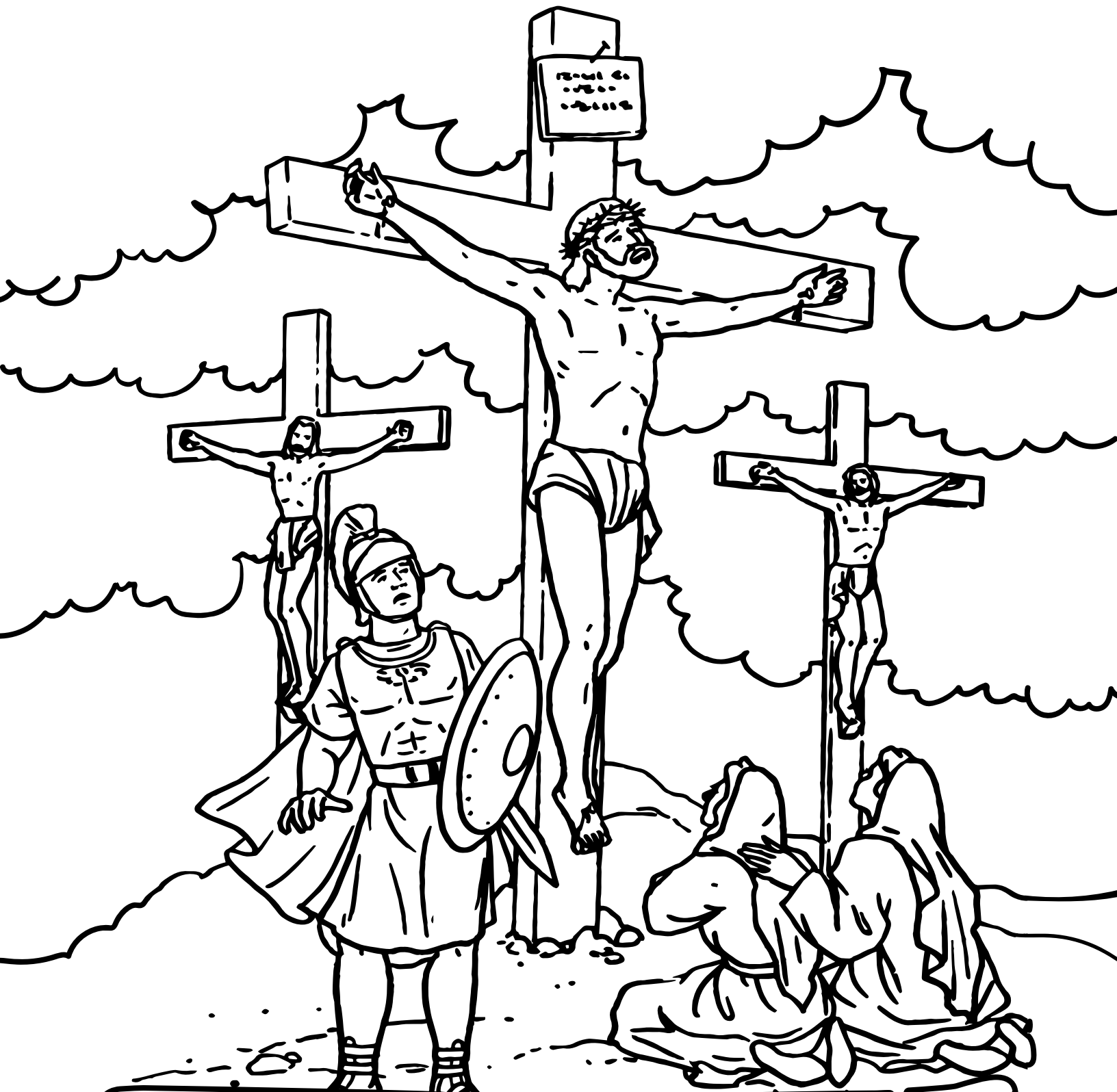
**V**ery early in the morning the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law—the entire high council—met to discuss their next step. They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus replied, “You have said it.” Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes, and Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?” But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate’s surprise.... So to pacify the crowd... Pilate ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

MARK 15:1-5, 15



**T**hen the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

MATTHEW 27:27-31



**C**arrying his own cross, Jesus went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the jews. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

JOHN 19:16-20, 23, 25

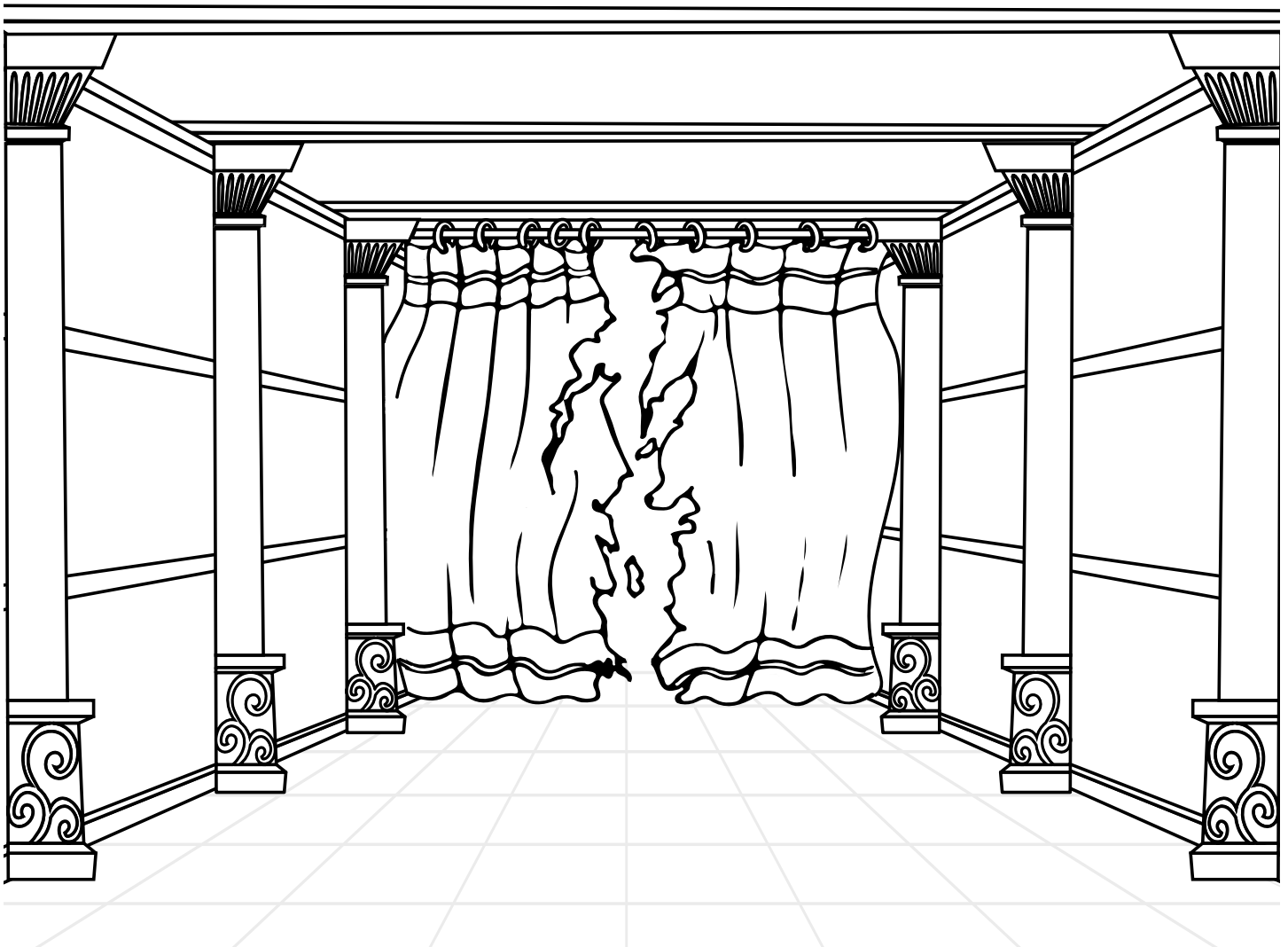


**A**nd Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

**B**y this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

LUKE 23:34-49





**N**ow there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

LUKE 23:50-56



**N**ow after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead"

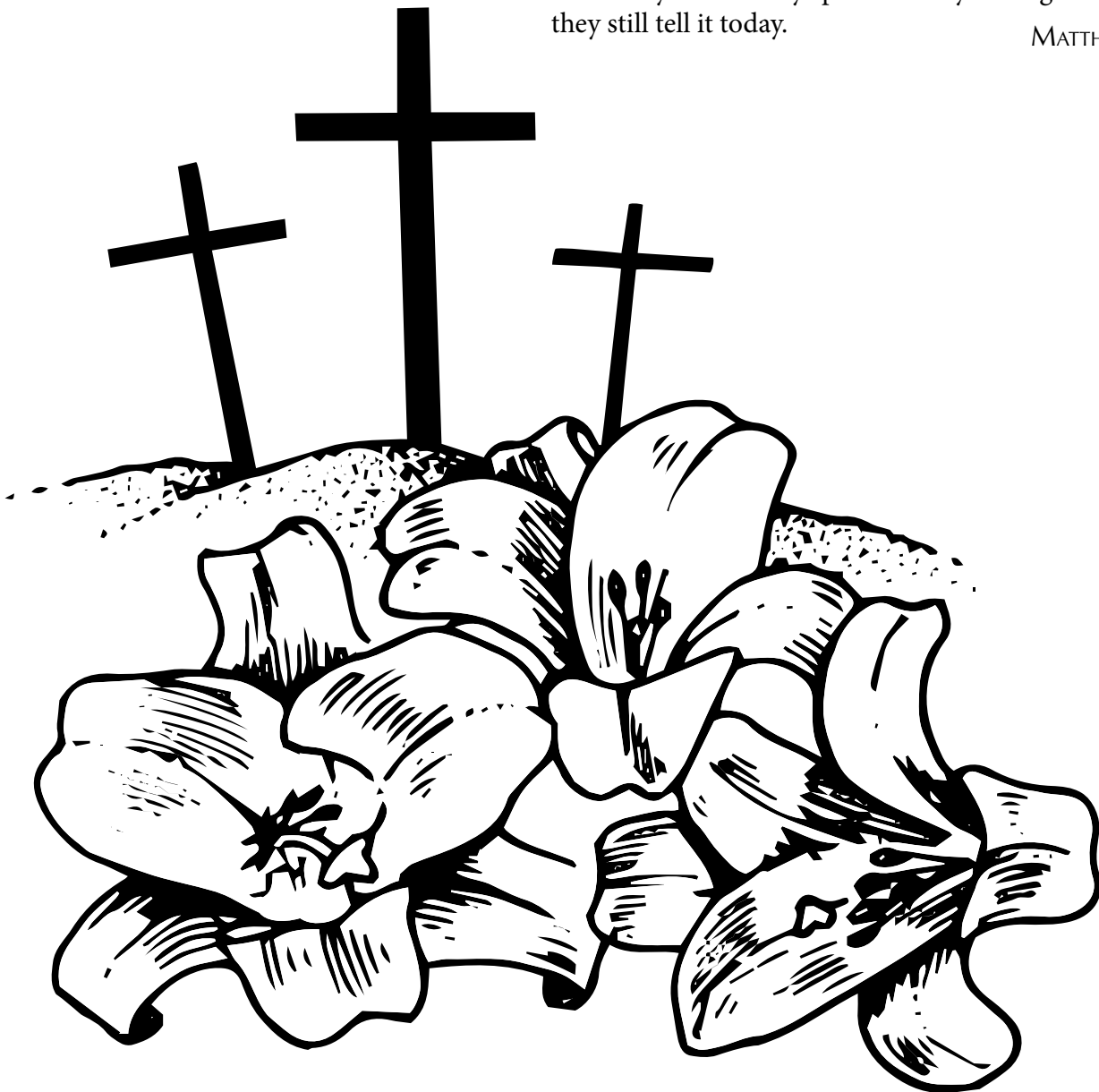
MATTHEW 28:1-7



**T**he women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

As the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and told the leading priests what had happened. A meeting with the elders was called, and they decided to give the soldiers a large bribe. They told the soldiers, "You must say, 'Jesus' disciples came during the night while we were sleeping, and they stole his body.' If the governor hears about it, we'll stand up for you so you won't get in trouble." So the guards accepted the bribe and said what they were told to say. Their story spread widely among the Jews, and they still tell it today.

MATTHEW 28:8-15



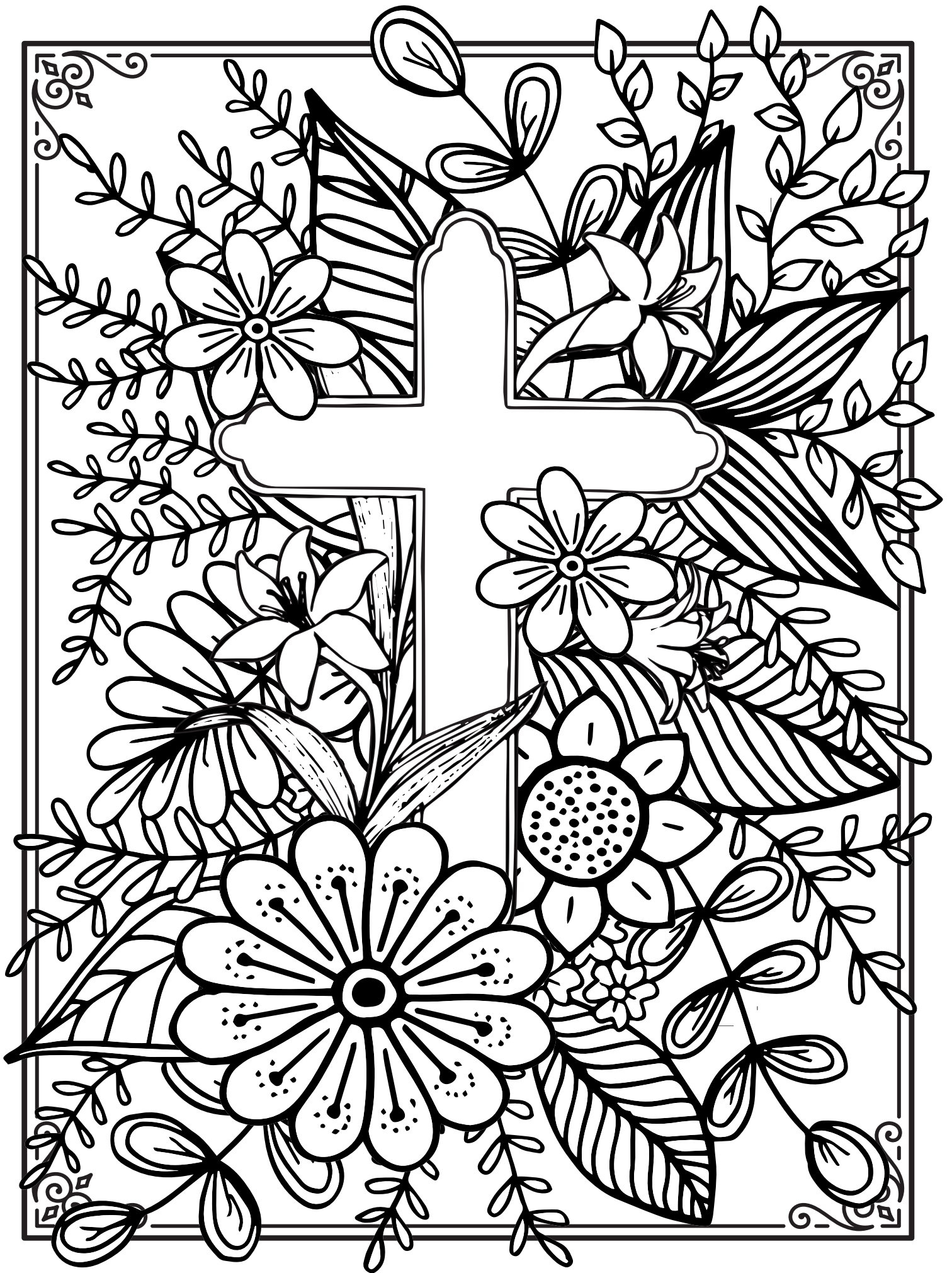


**T**hen the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:16-20

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

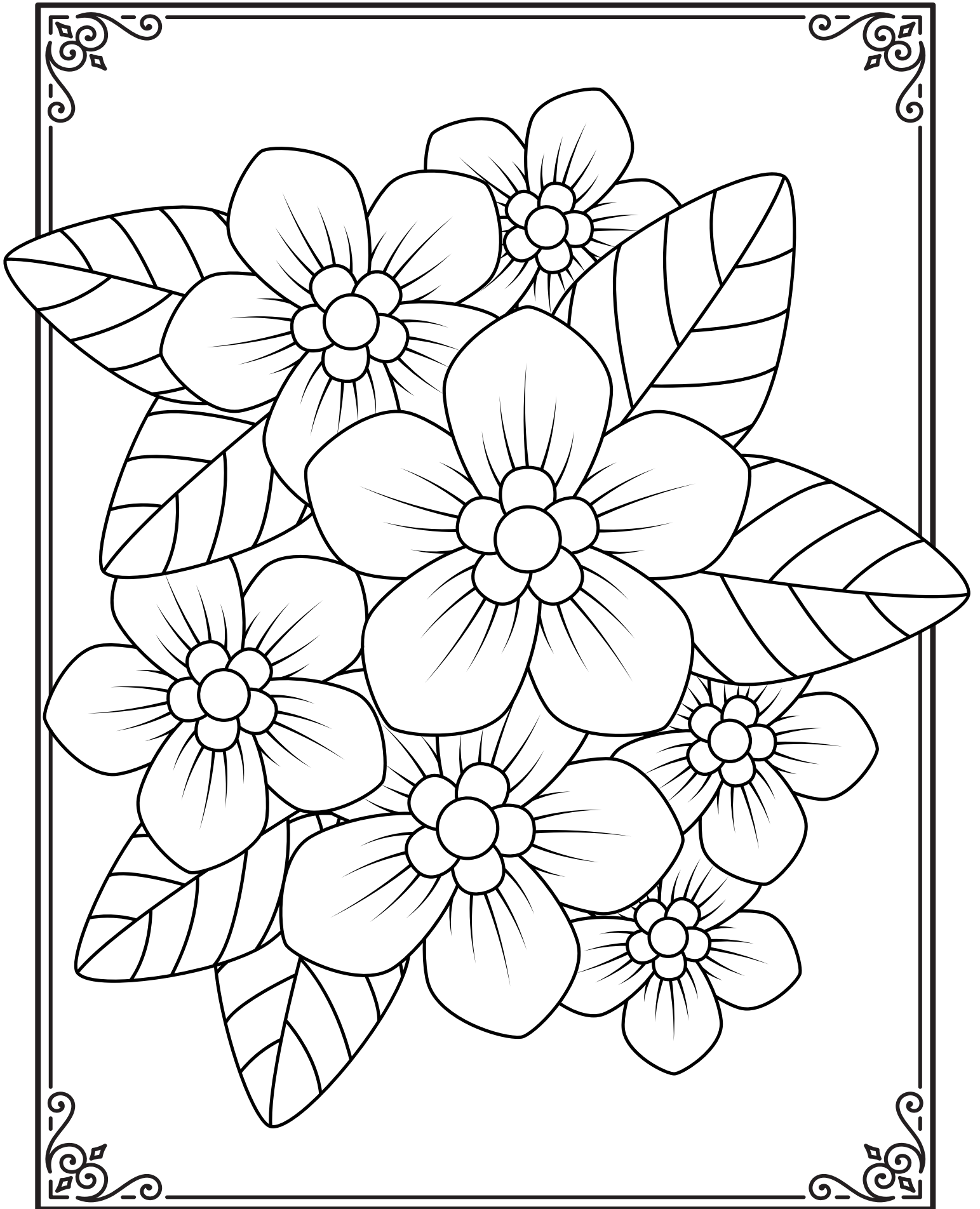
1. True/False: Jesus came to earth to teach us. \_\_\_\_\_
2. What do we call the followers of Jesus?
  - a. prophets
  - b. friends
  - c. fans
  - d. disciples
3. Which of these is NOT a gospel in the Bible
  - a. Matthias
  - b. Luke
  - c. John
  - d. Mark
4. True/False: One of Jesus' miracles was bringing the dead back to life \_\_\_\_\_
5. Jesus was able to do many miracles because
  - a. He knew magic
  - b. He was one with the Father
  - c. He knew about medicine
  - d. All the above
6. God does not want any of His children to be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sad
  - b. lost
  - c. found
  - d. humble
7. Where in the Bible can you find the verse that says, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost"? \_\_\_\_\_
8. After \_\_\_\_\_ years of ministering, teaching, and healing people, Jesus had to die for us.
  - a. 30
  - b. 10
  - c. 3
  - d. 2
9. True/False: Through Jesus' death we can be saved \_\_\_\_\_
10. The story of Easter begins when Jesus and His followers went into Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for supplies
  - b. to preach and worship
  - c. to visit a friend
  - d. for Passover













# *Easter Celebrations*

**E**aster is by far one of the most important Christian celebrations, it's right up there with Christmas—and with good reason. While we celebrate the birth of our Savior at Christmas, Easter celebrates His resurrection and His triumph over sin and death.

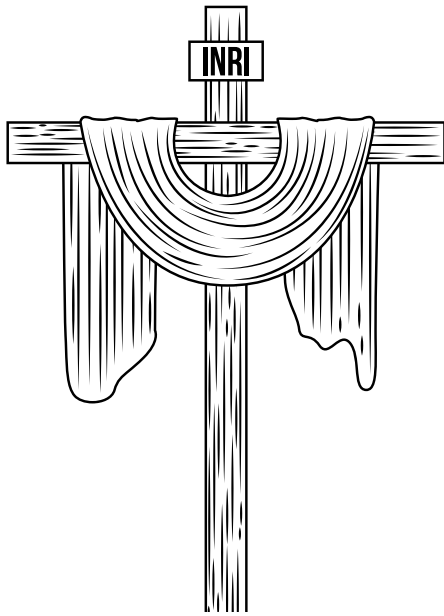
Churches all over the world prepare a special service. Some churches do a pageant to re-enact or portray the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Others have their church choir prepare and practice for many weeks in order to sing beautiful and uplifting songs during Easter. The interior of some churches are decked out with flowers and ribbons, and children are often given treats on this day.

How does your church celebrate Easter? \_\_\_\_\_

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# CELEBRATING EASTER

## *Around the World*

Christian families and people all over the world celebrate Easter in different ways.

In Rome, where many people are of the Catholic faith, many people attend a special service called mass at the Vatican. There, the lights in the church are not all lighted to signify the tomb of Christ before his resurrection. During the mass the Pope, who is the head of the Roman Catholic Church, lights candles and blesses the people.

Some countries observe, or celebrate, the holiday for several days. In places such as Latin America, the festivities span several days in which they do processions in the street reenacting, or acting, important events in Jesus' life. They have mass, and they have colorful parties after the Easter service.

In the United States children go on egg hunts at the park or in their front lawns or backyards. Colorful eggs, often made out of plastic, contain chocolate treats that children and adults love! Additionally, since 1878 the White House has hosted the Easter Egg Roll where many families play a fun family game on the South Lawn. Finally, another interesting tradition in the United States is that of Egg Knocking in the state of Louisiana.

Competitors pair up and knock the tips of their hard boiled eggs on the other competitor's egg. The person whose egg cracks gets

disqualified while the winner remains in the game. The game continues until only one egg remains intact. Other countries like England, Croatia, and the Netherlands also participate in some form of egg knocking during Easter.

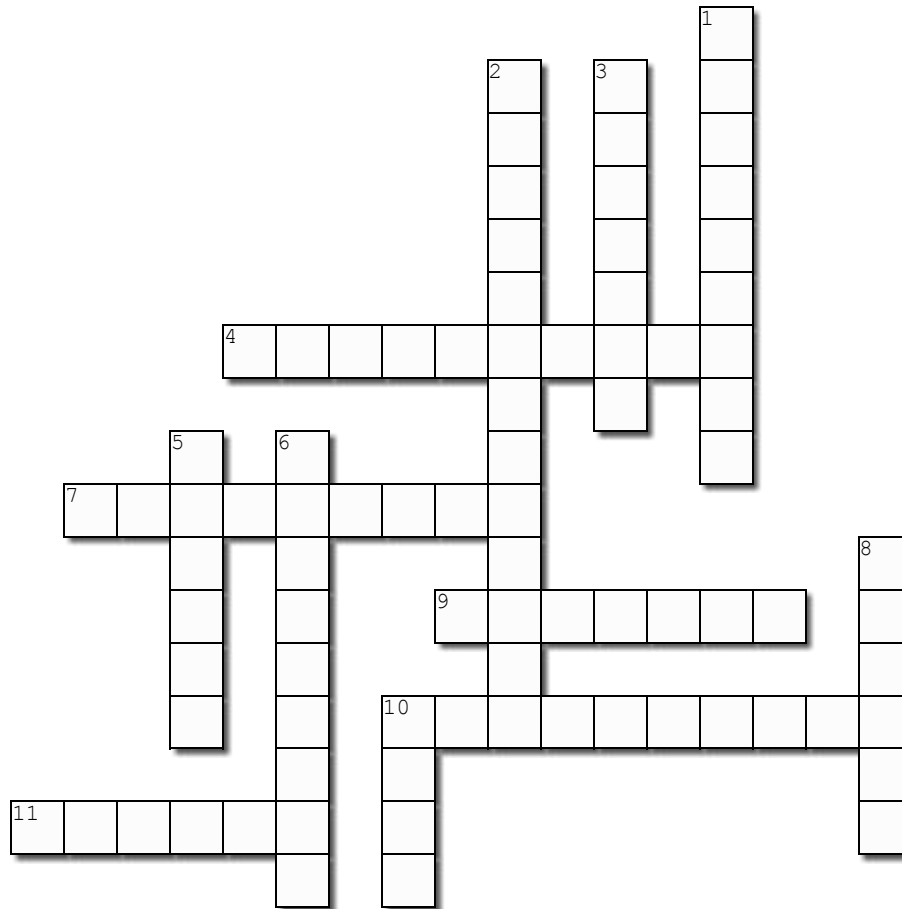
In Norway, many people take celebrate for 5 days, starting from the Thursday before Easter Sunday to the Monday after Easter. Shops and businesses close during this time as people celebrate the arrival of spring and that the days begin to get longer. During this time, people may go on vacations or simply stay home. However most people observe the tradition of reading detective novels and crime thrillers, called Paaskekrim, which means "Easter Crime." The practice of reading crime thrillers during Easter is said to reflect Jesus' death.

In Sweden, Easter is also a 5-day celebration that starts on Thursday and ends on Monday. In parts of Sweden people light giant bonfires, and children dress up as colorful witches and go door to door asking for treats. They place the treats in egg-shaped bowls made of bright paper or cardboard. During Easter Swedish people will eat pickled herring, potatoes, meatballs, Gravad Lax (a dish of cured salmon), eggs topped with fish eggs, and a traditional Swedish casserole called Janssons' Temptation made of potatoes, onions, anchovies, bread crumbs, and cream sauce.



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use your knowledge of how people celebrate Easter around the world to complete this crossword puzzle

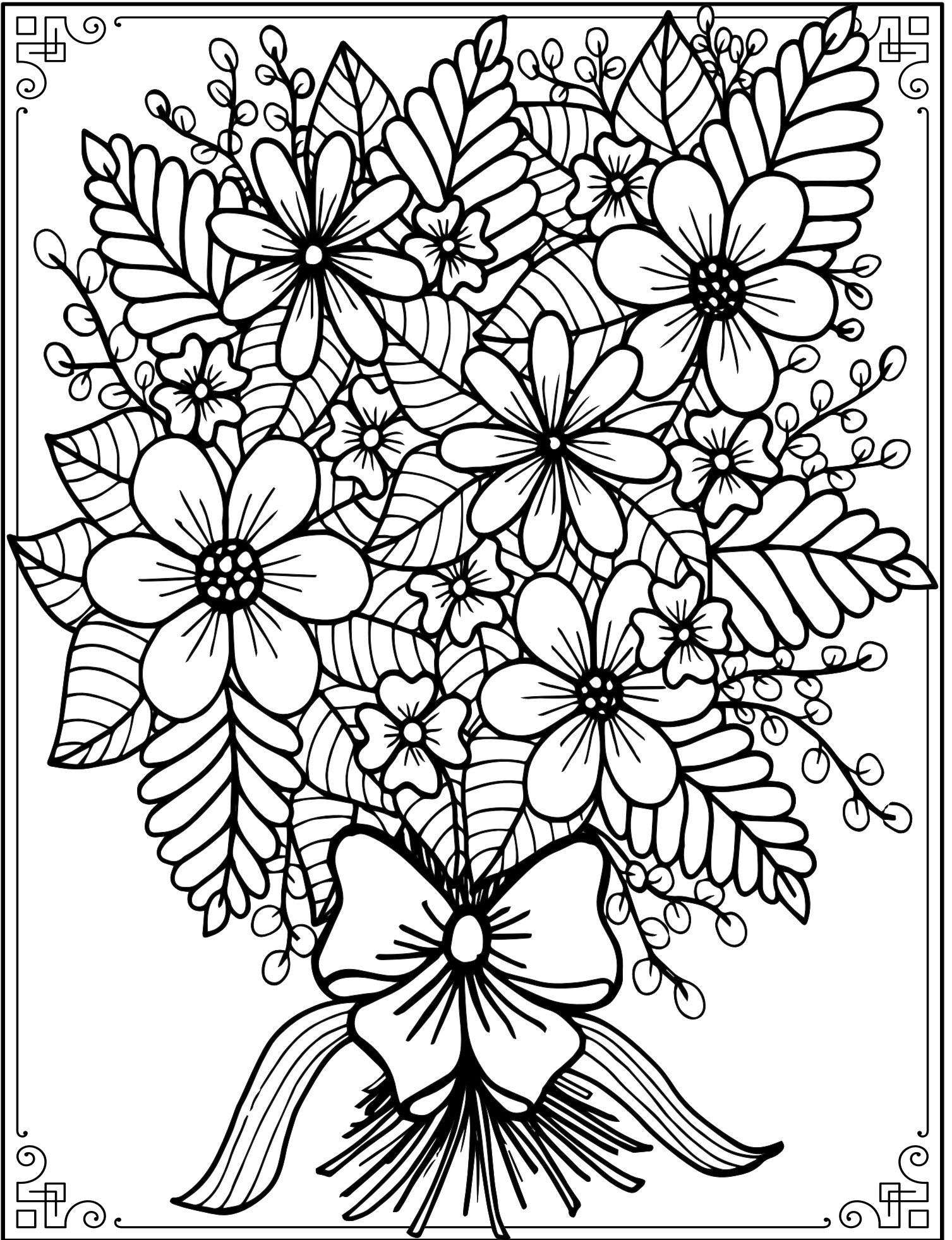


## Across

4. Every year since 1878 there is a Easter egg Roll at the White House \_\_\_\_\_
7. Colorful eggs contain \_\_\_\_\_ treats
9. In Sweden, children dress up as colorful \_\_\_\_\_ and go door to door asking for treats
10. \_\_\_\_\_ means "Easter Crime"
11. In parts of \_\_\_\_\_ people light giant bonfires

## Down

1. In the United States, children go on \_\_\_\_\_ at the park or in their backyards
2. In places such as \_\_\_\_\_ people do processions in the street
3. In Rome, many people attend a special service at the \_\_\_\_\_
5. In \_\_\_\_\_ there is a tradition of reading crime thrillers during Easter
6. Egg Knocking is an Easter tradition that takes place in the state of \_\_\_\_\_
8. Gravad Lax is a Swedish dish of cured \_\_\_\_\_
10. In the Vatican, the \_\_\_\_\_ lights candles and blesses the people during mass



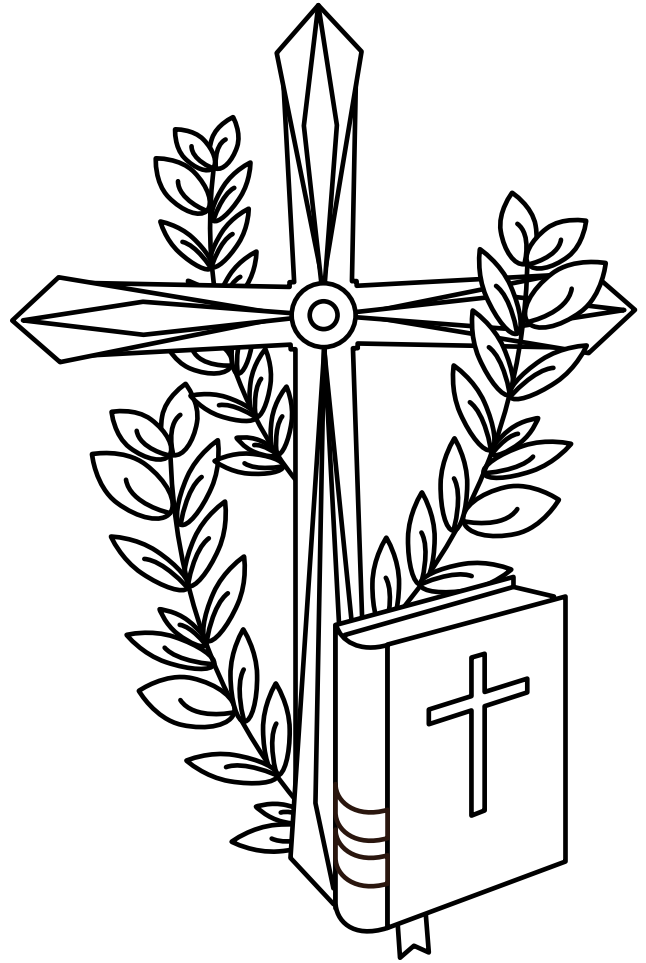
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## *When is it celebrated?*

In the Bible, Jesus' death and resurrection happened during the Jewish Passover. The Jewish Passover is always celebrated on the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. This spring full moon is called the Paschal Full Moon

Because of this, early Christians celebrated Easter on different dates. Some celebrated Easter on the day of Passover, other celebrated on the Sunday *after* Passover. To clear things up, in 325 AD the Council of Nicaea determined that Easter should be celebrated on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon. As a result, Easter always lands on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25th. Because the date of the Paschal Full moon always changes from year to year, so does the date of Easter.

Some Christian churches celebrate additional dates leading up to Easter. These dates make up the Holy Week and commemorate, or celebrate, important events in Jesus' life. These include Palm Sunday, Ash Wednesday, The Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), Good Friday, and Holy Saturday



## *Terms to Know*

***Jewish Passover*** - in Judaism, a major holiday commemorating the Hebrews' liberation from slavery in Egypt and the "passing over" of the forces of destruction, when God "smote the land of Egypt" on the eve of the Exodus. In the time of Jesus, all the people of Judea made a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.

***Paschal*** - of or relating to Easter or Passover

***Spring Equinox*** - An equinox occurs when the position of the sun is exactly over the equator. When this happens, the hours of daylight and the hours of darkness are about equal almost everywhere on Earth. Equinoxes take place twice a year: Spring and Autumn.

***Council of Nicaea*** - a gathering of Christian leaders in 325 AD meant to settle questions about Christian doctrine which would affect all Christians within the Roman Empire

# WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

COMMEMORATE

COUNCIL OF NICAEA

EASTER

EQUINOX

FULL MOON

GOOD FRIDAY

HOLY SATURDAY

HOLY THURSDAY

HOLY WEEK

LORDS SUPPER

PALM SUNDAY

PASCHAL

PASSOVER

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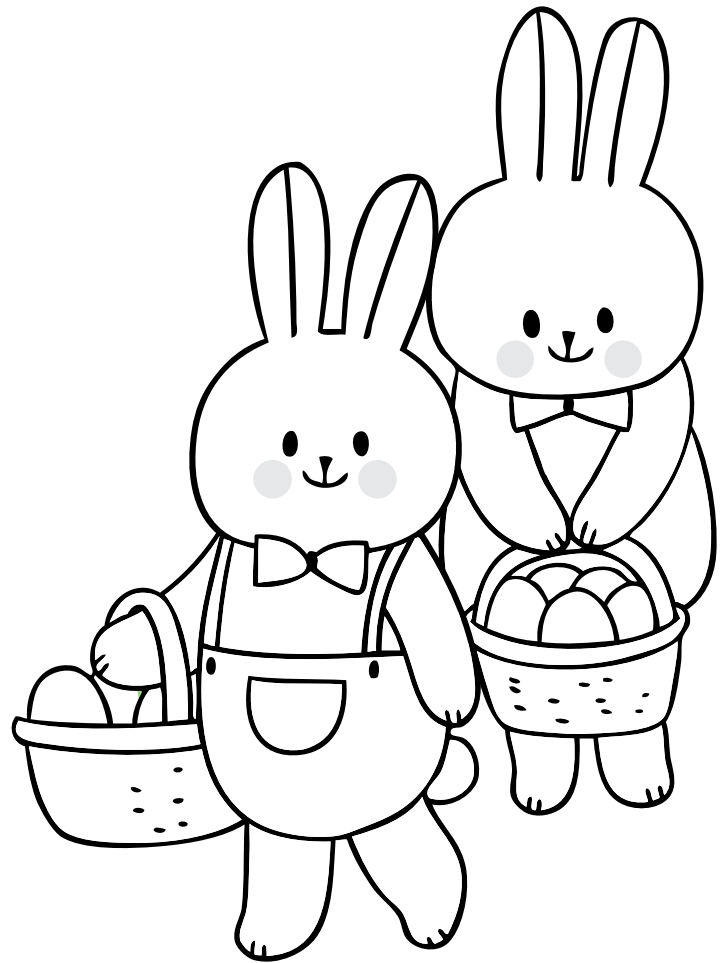


*Happy Easter!*



# CELEBRATING EASTER

*Where do the traditions of Easter eggs and the Easter bunny come from?*



Eggs are a symbol of rebirth and fertility. Because they are also associated with Easter, a holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Christ, they sometimes are referred to as resurrection eggs. Another Easter symbol associated with fertility and the arrival of spring is the rabbit. It is an animal that reproduces very quickly. But where did these symbols come from?

The Easter egg tradition goes back to medieval times. The Germanic inhabitants of England, also known as the Anglo-Saxons, celebrated the arrival of spring in April with festivals. The deity, or god, that this celebration centered around was Eastre (also known as Ostara), a Spring-like figure that the Anglo-Saxons considered a goddess of fertility. The rabbit was associated with Eastre as well.

Eggs were eaten at the festival and also possibly buried in the ground to encourage fertility. Additionally, there are records that show that during this festival, people would celebrate with unique sword dances, lighting bonfires, baking

a special kinds of pastries and breads, and some young women would even dress up as Eastre in white, flowing dresses.

The earliest evidence of the tradition of dying eggs with bright colors goes back to 1290 when it is said King Edward I of England ordered 450 eggs to be colored for his Easter party.

Much like they did for Christmas (See Christmas Activity Pack for more history on this), Christian leaders incorporated pagan customs, or customs of people who did not worship Christ, into the Christian celebrations. This, they believed, would make it easier for unbelievers to accept the new Christian religion.

Today the old symbols and festivities adopted from the old practices are an integral part of Easter celebrations. However, while it is okay to go egg hunting and perfectly acceptable to paint eggs in pretty colors, never forget that the real reason we celebrate is because Jesus came to Earth to save us, and only He can give us abundant life.

# WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

M F X E E S Y M B O L S E E T R O Y N U Q D R  
X E A B F G G V P S G E O R E A S T E R G X E  
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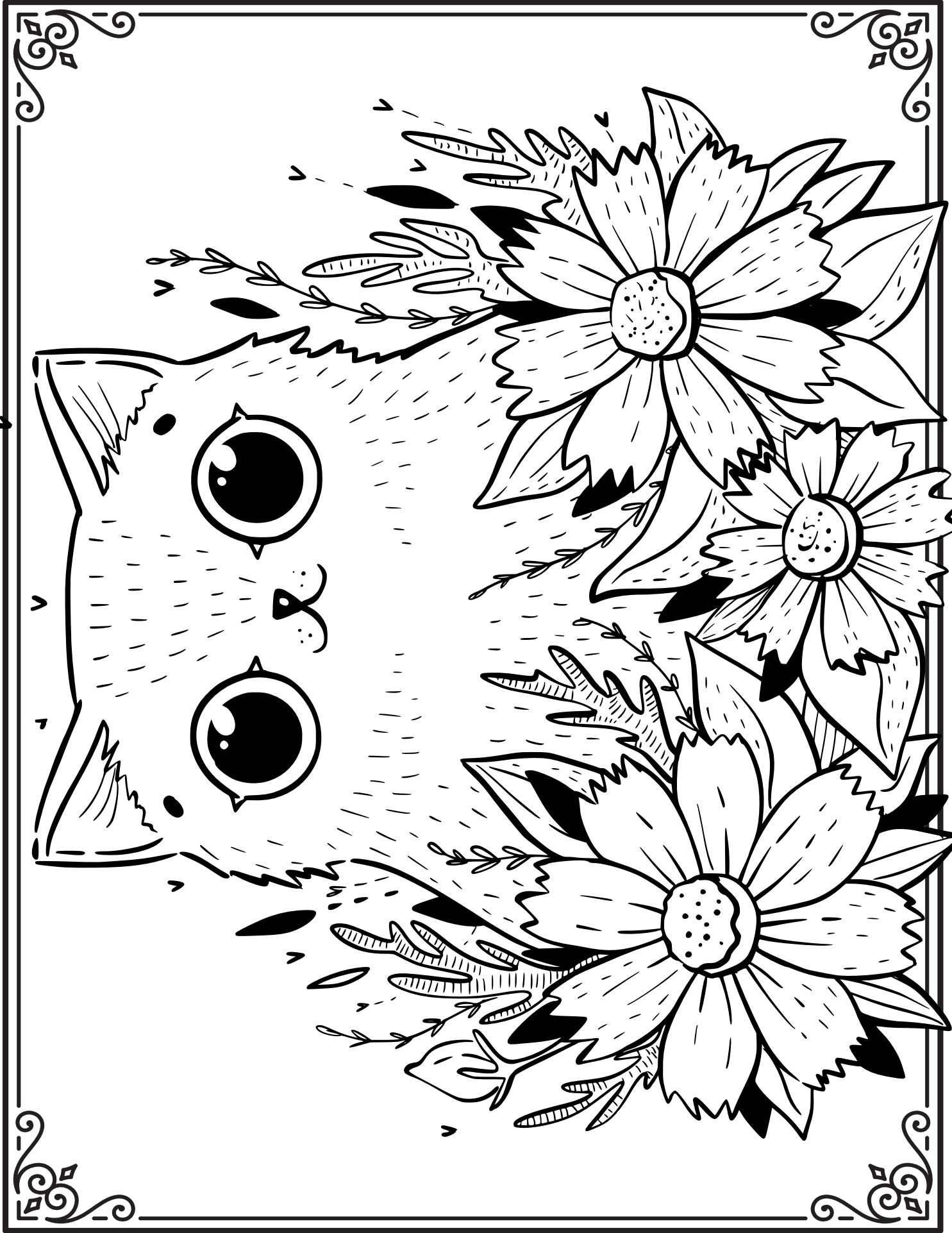
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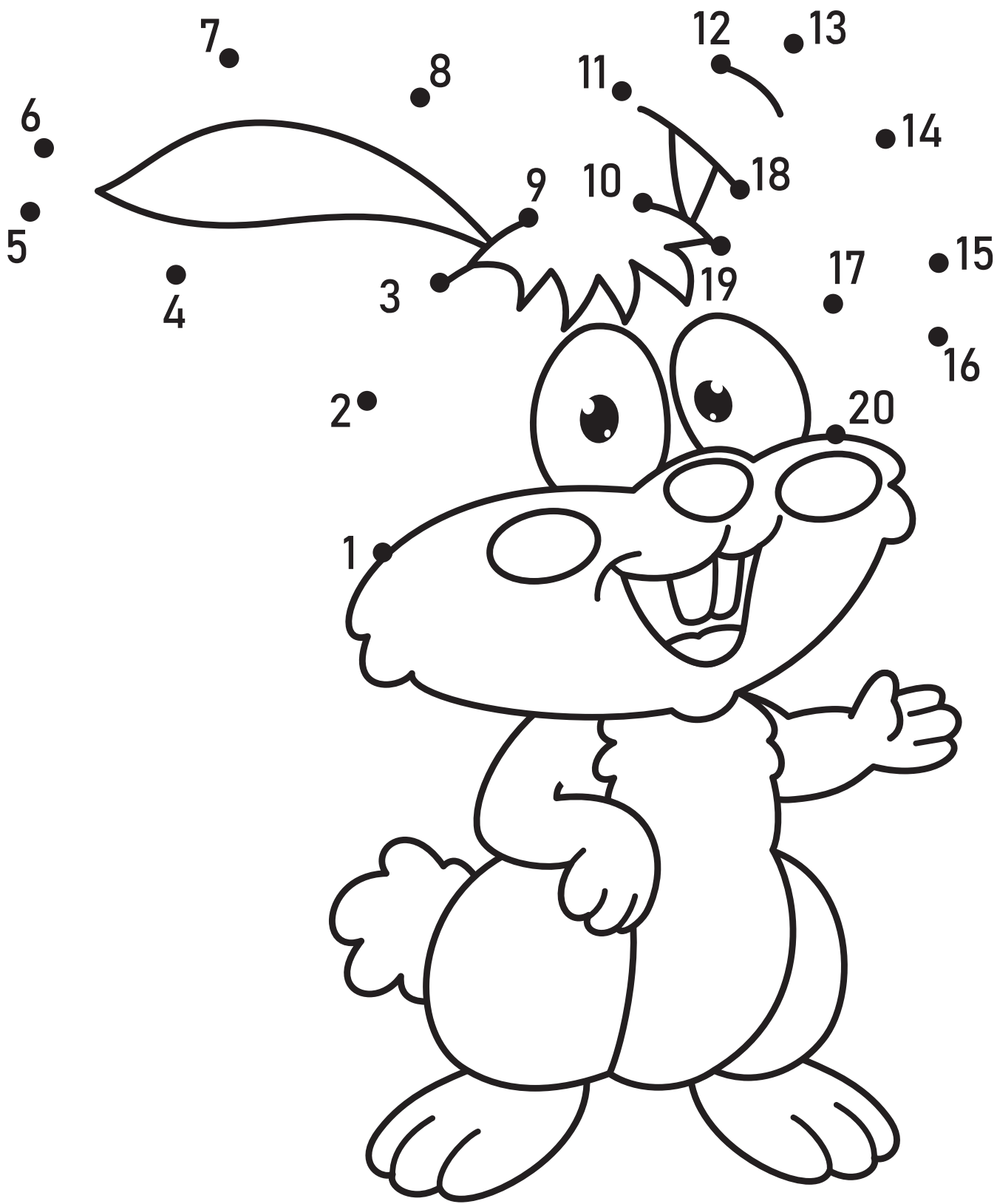
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Spring  
Flowers





*Connect the dots!*

# EASTER WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below

1. ESSJU : \_\_\_\_\_
2. OSCSR : \_\_\_\_\_
3. PSAEROSV : \_\_\_\_\_
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6. PNRIGS : \_\_\_\_\_
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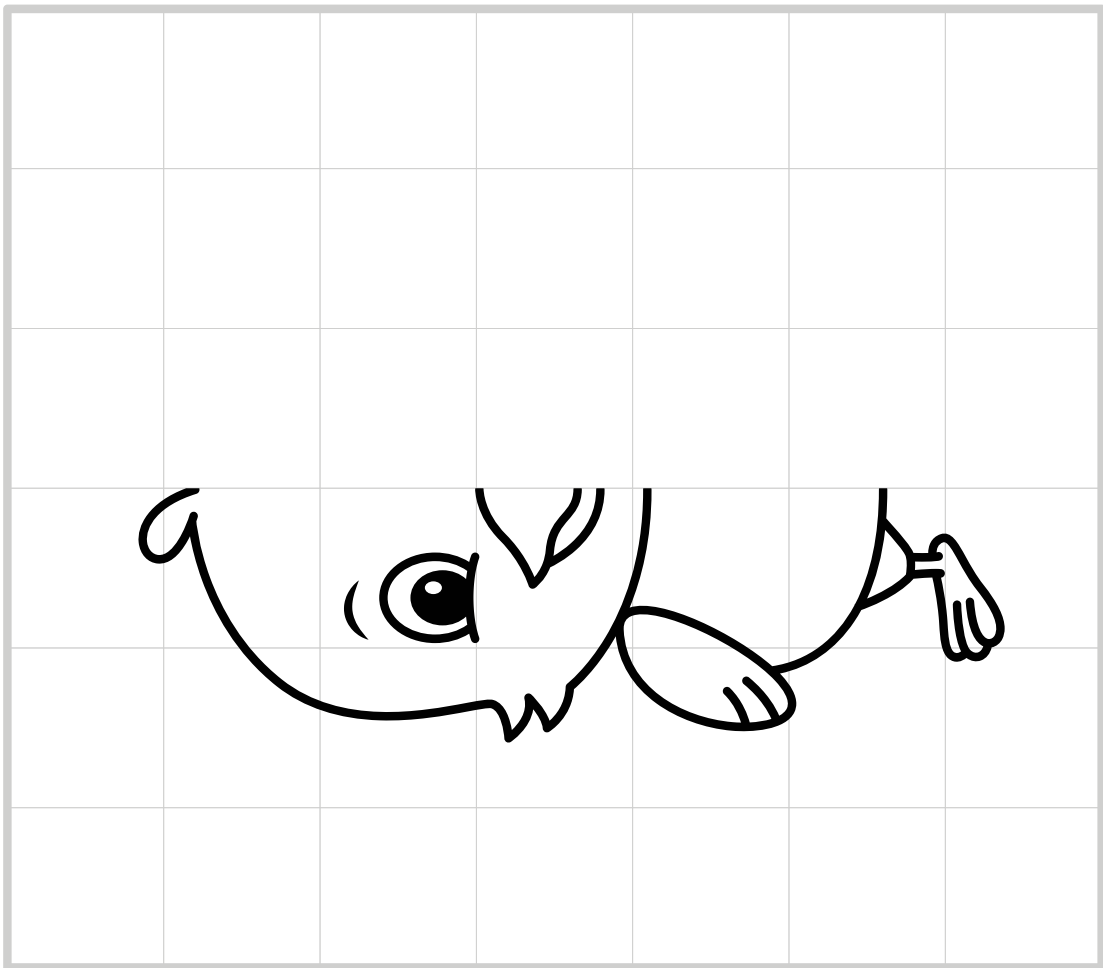
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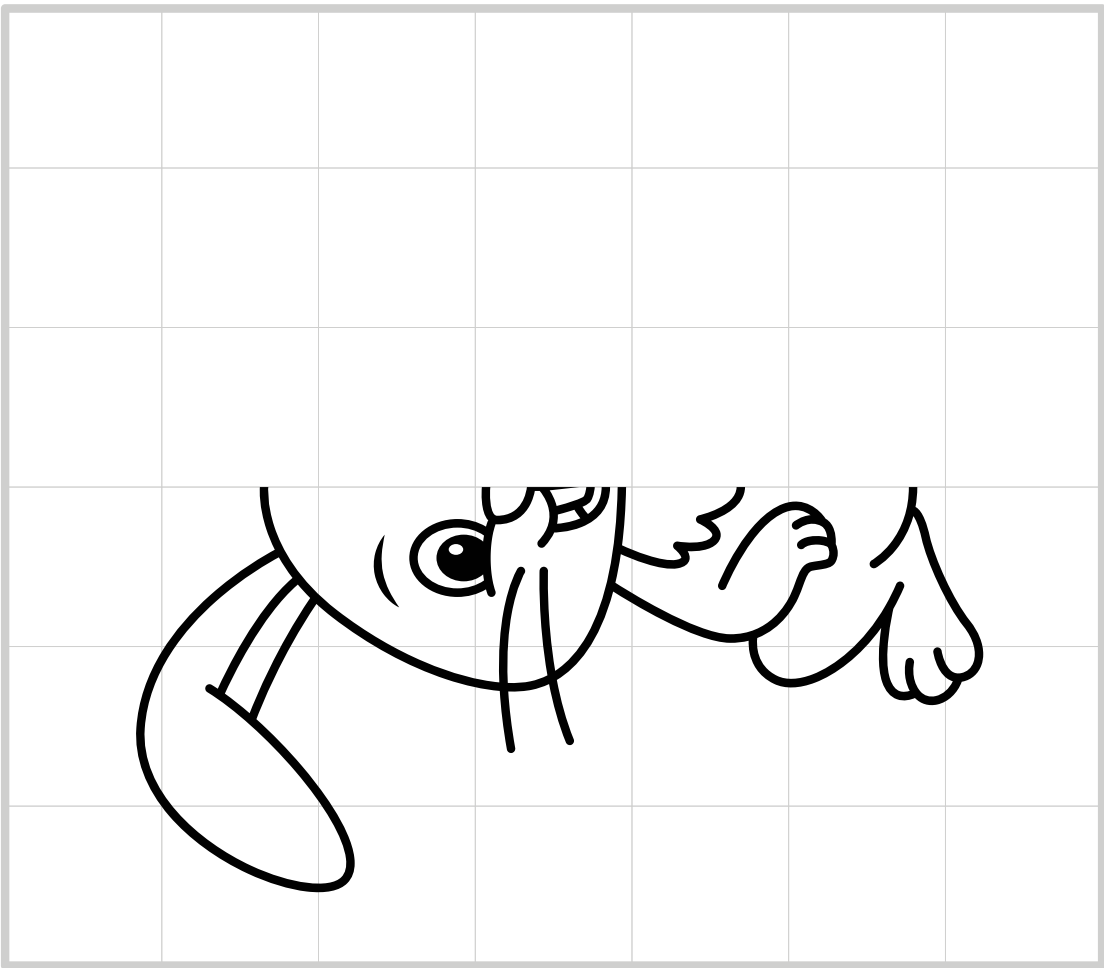
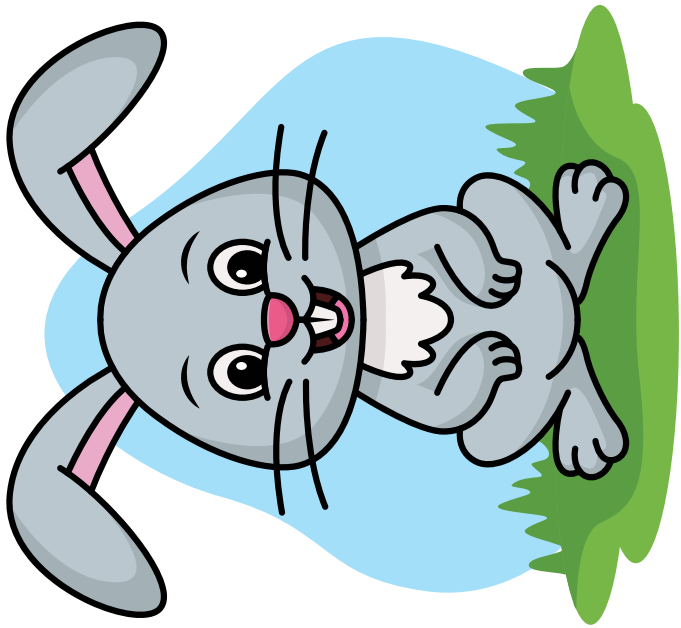




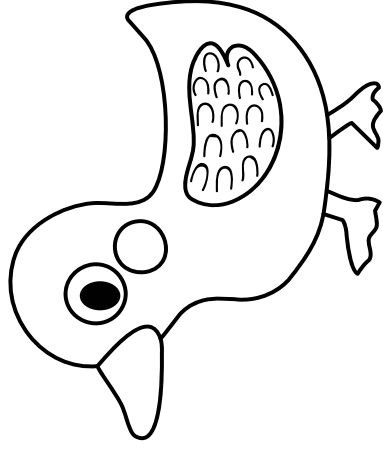
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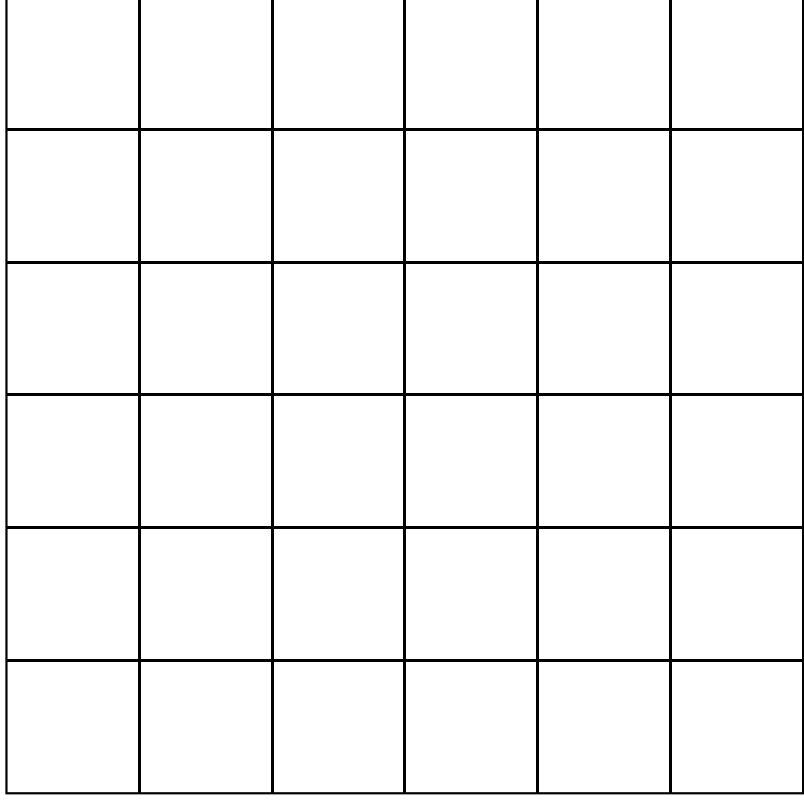
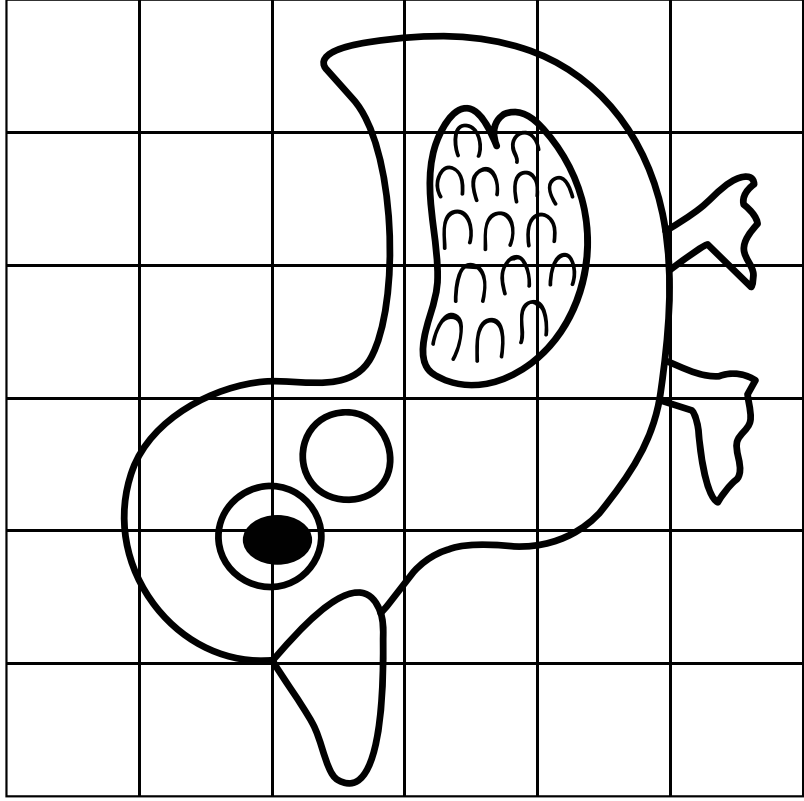
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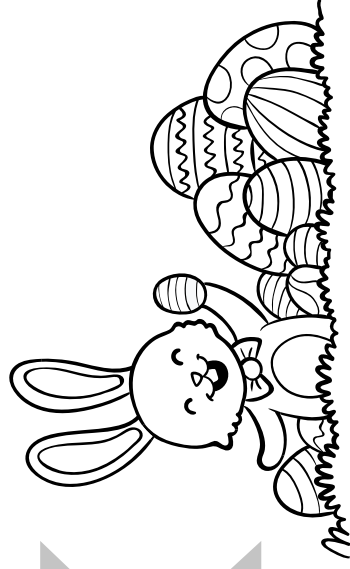
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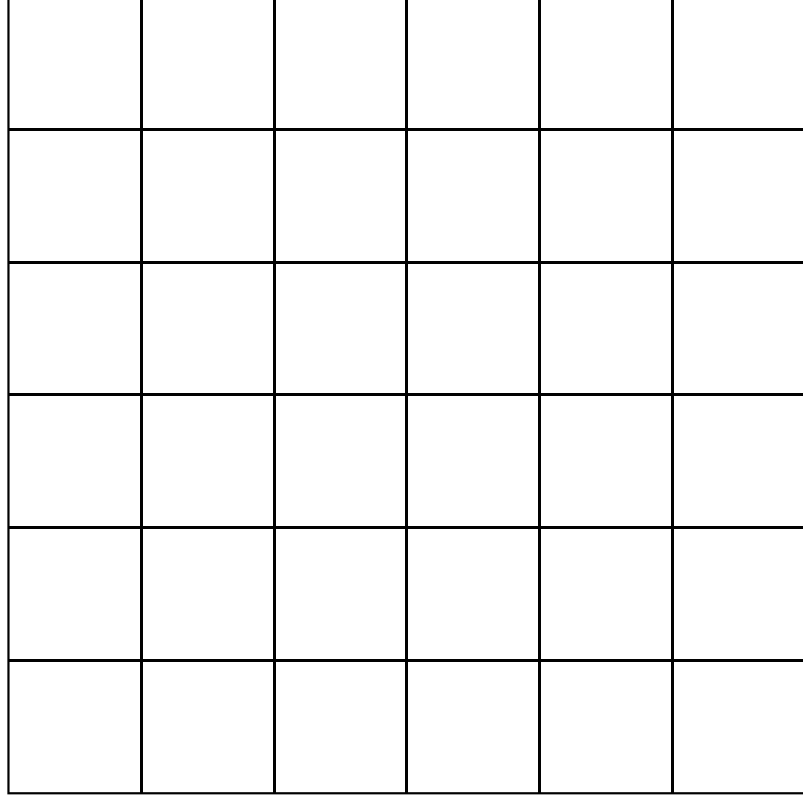
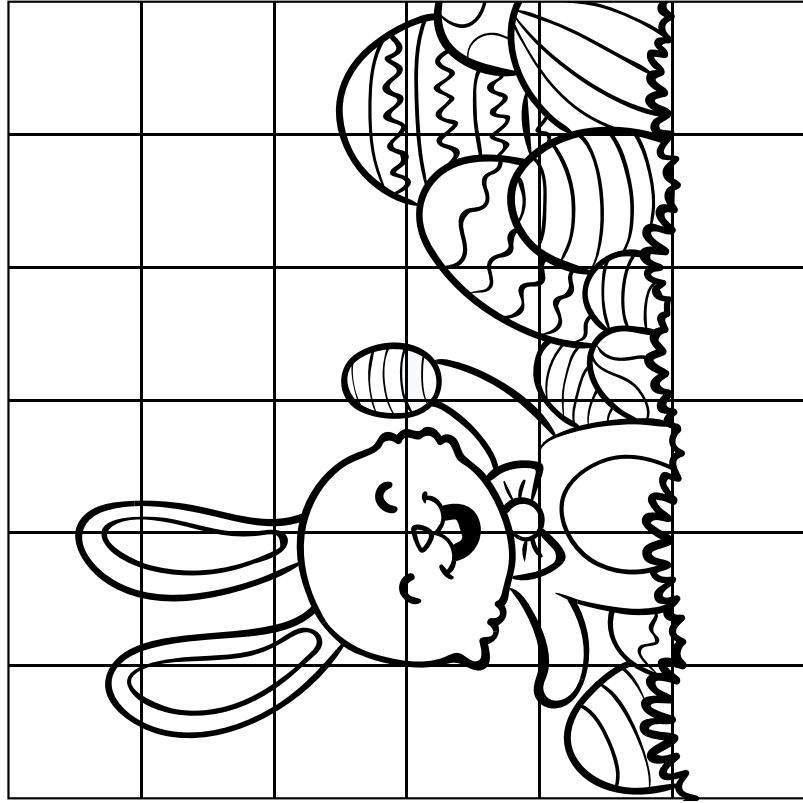
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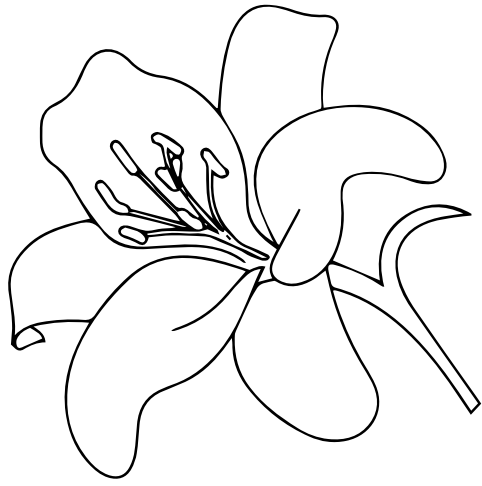
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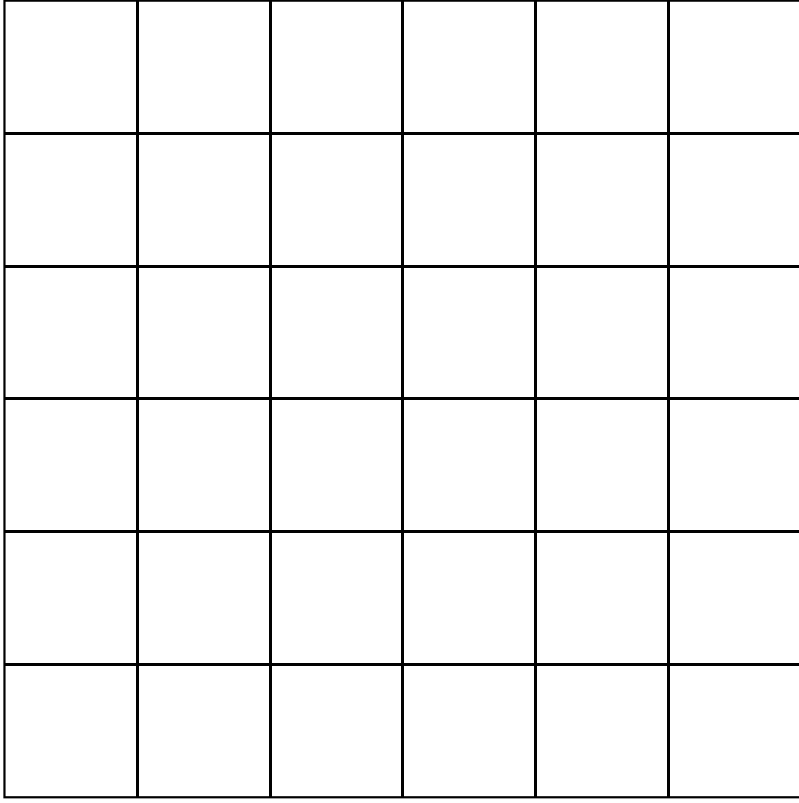
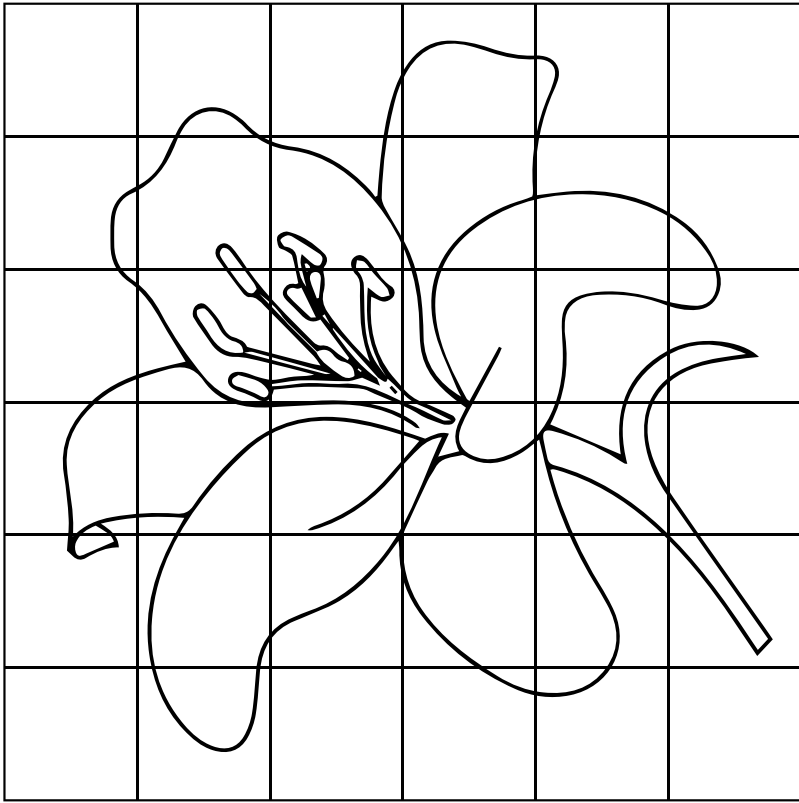
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# Easter Bunny Banner

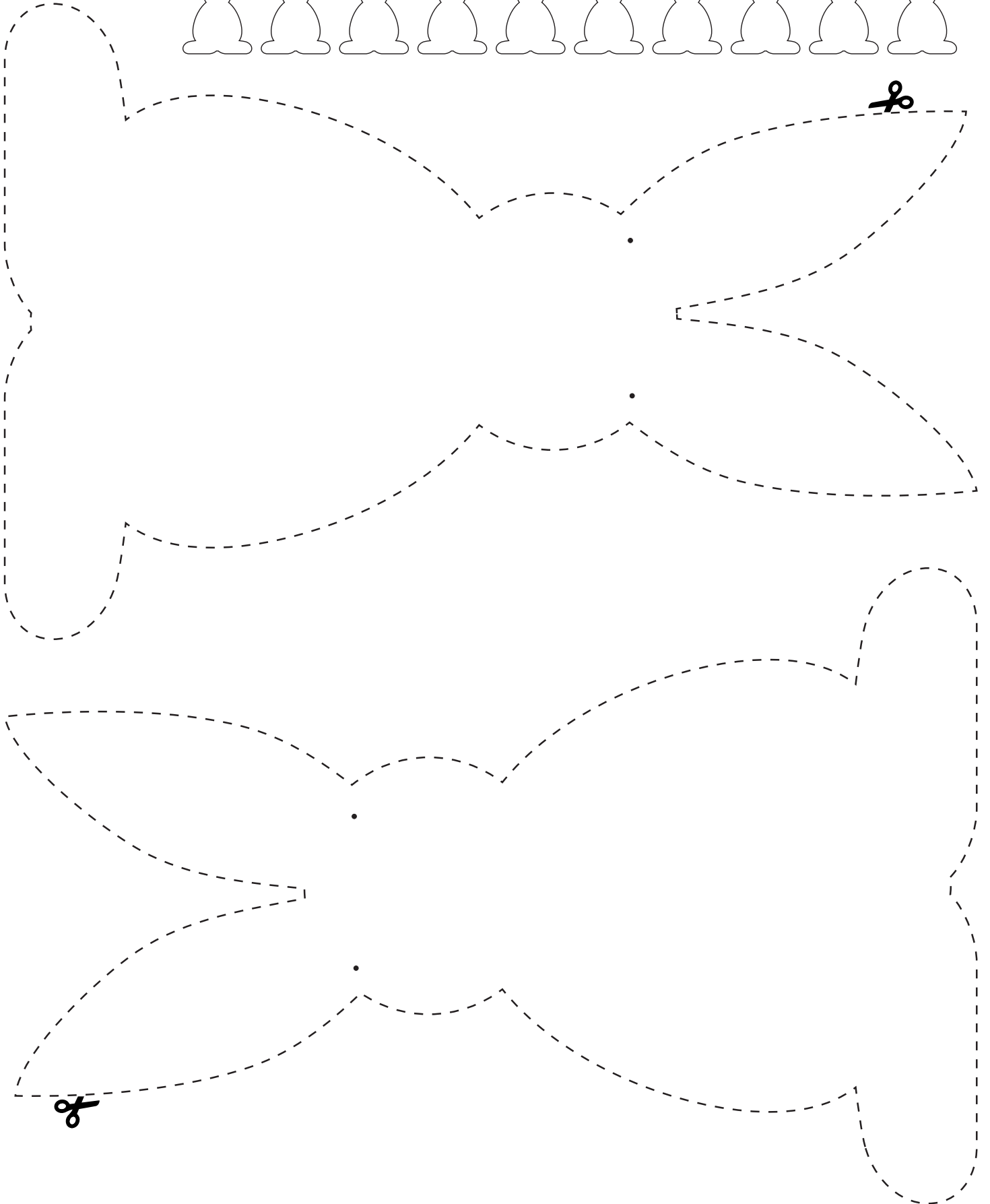
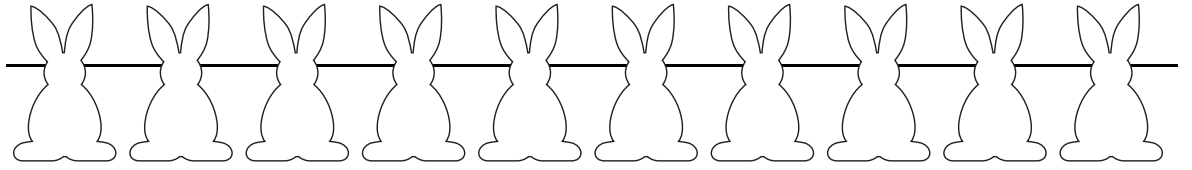


## *Materials*

Bunny template  
Cardstock paper in colorful patterns  
Scissors  
Hole puncher  
String  
Cotton Balls  
Hot glue gun

## *Procedure*

1. Print out several copies of the bunny template on the cardstock paper
2. Cut the bunnies out
3. Punch a hole on the bunnies under their ears (there is a black dot to guide you)
4. Using a hot glue gun, glue the cotton “bunny tails” to the back of each bunny
5. Once glue is cool, thread the string through the holes in the bunnies
6. Enjoy your Bunny banner!



# Swimming Peeps



## *Ingredients*

- 1 Pack of yellow peeps
- 1 3oz pack of berry blue Jell-o
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup cold water
- Clear plastic tumblers

## *Procedure*

1. Prepare the Jell-o per instructions in the box
2. Pour jello into plastic tumblers
3. Refrigerate for 30 minutes, or until it is soft-set
4. Place a peep on top of the blue Jell-o
5. Refrigerate again until it is set. Enjoy!

# Rice Krispies Egg Nests



## *Ingredients*

4 cups of marshmallows  
5 cups of rice cereal  
1/4 cup coconut oil or butter  
2 teaspoons of vanilla  
2 cups of mini eggs, berries, or jellybeans  
Muffin pan

## *Procedure*

1. Grease a 12-cup muffin tray
2. Microwave the marshmallows for 25-30 seconds. Stir well. Repeat if necessary
3. Add the melted oil (or butter) and the vanilla and stir well to incorporate
4. Add the rice cereal, 1 cup at a time, stirring in carefully
5. Scoop 1/4 cup of the mixture on to each of the muffin molds in the muffin tray. Press the mixture into the tray, making a sort of hollow in the center to form a cup-like shape
6. Refrigerate overnight
7. Pop the treats from the muffin trays using a butter knife. Fill with treats. Enjoy!

# Cheese Puff Easter Treats



## *Ingredients*

Clear disposable cake decorating bags

1 large bag of cheese puffs (or any other orange snack like goldfish crackers)

Green curling ribbon

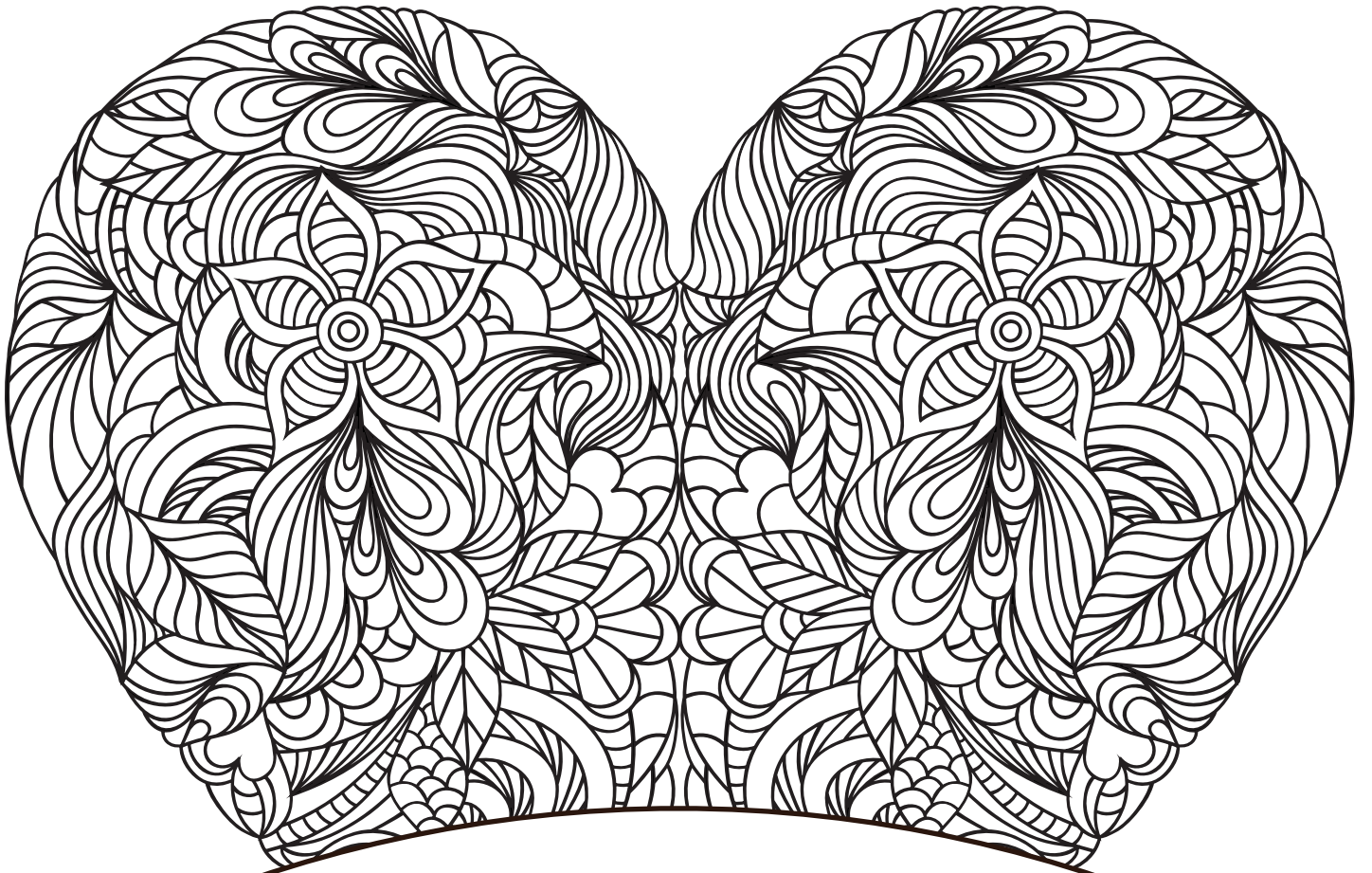
## *Procedure*

1. Fill the bags with snacks
2. Twist the tops closed, and tie with ribbon
3. Curl the ribbon to match the appearance of carrot tops



Happy  
Easter





**God Loves You**



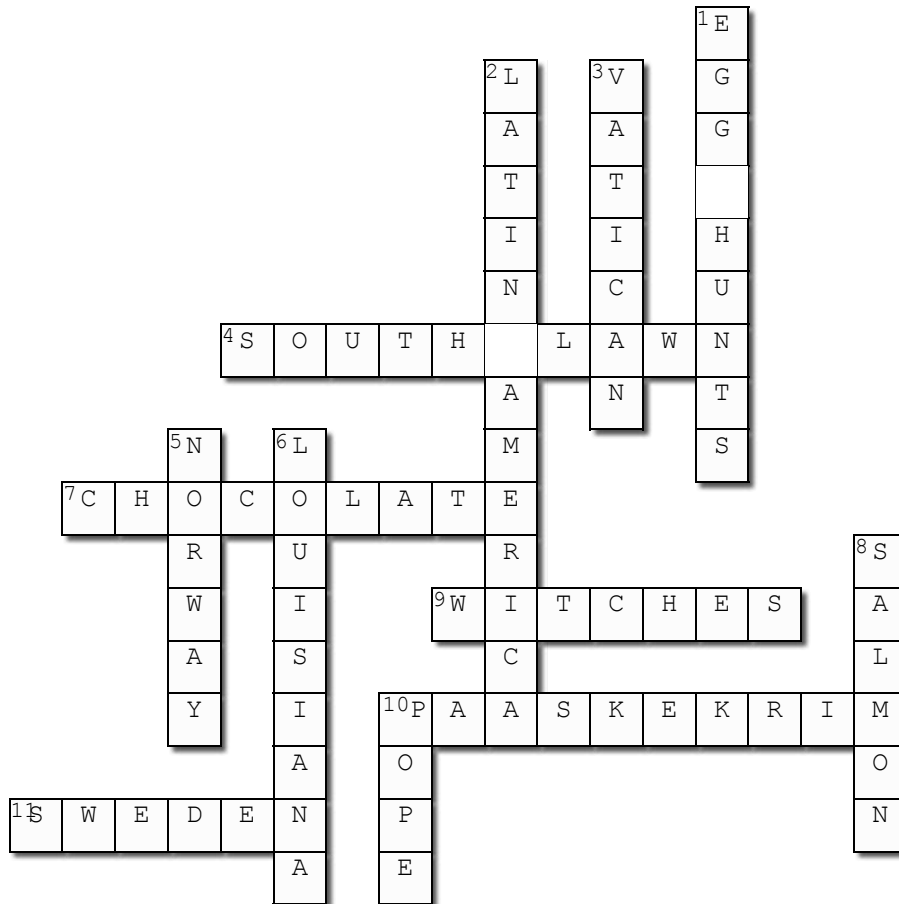


## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. True/False: Jesus came to earth to teach us.   **F**
2. What do we call the followers of Jesus?
  - a. prophets
  - b. friends
  - c. fans
  - d. disciples**
3. Which of these is NOT a gospel in the Bible
  - a. Matthias**
  - b. Luke
  - c. John
  - d. Mark
4. True/False: One of Jesus' miracles was bringing the dead back to life   **T**
5. Jesus was able to do many miracles because
  - a. He knew magic
  - b. He was one with the Father**
  - c. He knew about medicine
  - d. All the above
6. God does not want any of His children to be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sad
  - b. lost**
  - c. found
  - d. humble
7. Where in the Bible can you find the verse that says, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost"?   **Luke 19:10**
8. After \_\_\_\_\_ years of ministering, teaching, and healing people, Jesus had to die for us.
  - a. 30
  - b. 10
  - c. 3**
  - d. 2
9. True/False: Through Jesus' death we can be saved   **T**
10. The story of Easter begins when Jesus and His followers went into Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for supplies
  - b. to preach and worship
  - c. to visit a friend
  - d. for Passover**

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE - ANSWERS

Use your knowledge of how people celebrate Easter around the world to complete this crossword puzzle



## Across

4. Every year since 1878 there is a Easter egg Roll at the White House \_\_\_\_\_ (**South Lawn**)
7. Colorful eggs contain \_\_\_\_\_ treats (**chocolate**)
9. In Sweden, children dress up as colorful \_\_\_\_\_ and go door to door asking for treats (**witches**)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ means "Easter Crime" (**paaskekrim**)
11. In parts of \_\_\_\_\_ people light giant bonfires (**Sweden**)

## Down

1. In the United States, children go on \_\_\_\_\_ at the park or in their backyards (**egg hunts**)
2. In places such as \_\_\_\_\_ people do processions in the street (**Latin America**)
3. In Rome, many people attend a special service at the \_\_\_\_\_ (**Vatican**)
5. In \_\_\_\_\_ there is a tradition of reading crime thrillers during Easter (**Norway**)
6. Egg Knocking is an Easter tradition that takes place in the state of \_\_\_\_\_ (**Louisiana**)
8. Gravad Lax is a Swedish dish of cured \_\_\_\_\_ (**salmon**)
10. In the Vatican, the \_\_\_\_\_ lights candles and blesses the people during mass (**Pope**)

# WORD SEARCH PUZZLE - ANSWERS

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Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

**John 11:25-26**

