

Easter

Grade 3

4/10 and 4/13

KEY CONCEPT

Recognize that Holy Week is a special week for the Church. Discover what makes up the three days of the Triduum.

Appreciate Easter as a Holy

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

Finish Lent Strong!

- Quote from Pope Benedict XVI on Lent

“Lent is like a long ‘retreat’ during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual ‘combat’ which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.”

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity – Easter word search

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

- **Our Father**
- **Read God's word section (pg 35)**
- **Talk about What do you wonder questions. (Jesus wanted us to share in the Eucharist so that we could remember him and do what he did)**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Rejoice (pg 36)

- **Read the paragraphs**

The Three Days

- **Read the paragraphs**
- **Ask what special days are included in the celebration of the Triduum? (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday)**
- **Ask what did Jesus do on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter? (He gave us the Eucharist, he died on the Cross, and he rose from the dead)**

Triduum colors - Holy Thursday the priest wears white

Good Friday is signified with red, the color of blood and martyrdom.

The joy of Easter is celebrated with white or gold vestments.

Read God's word section on pg 39

The Holiest Day (pg 40)

- **Read paragraph**

A Holy People

- **Read paragraphs. Point out the picture of the priest sprinkling holy water on the people. This reminds us of our Baptism.**

Living Water

- **Read paragraph**

Activity- Do the Easter play from pg 41

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

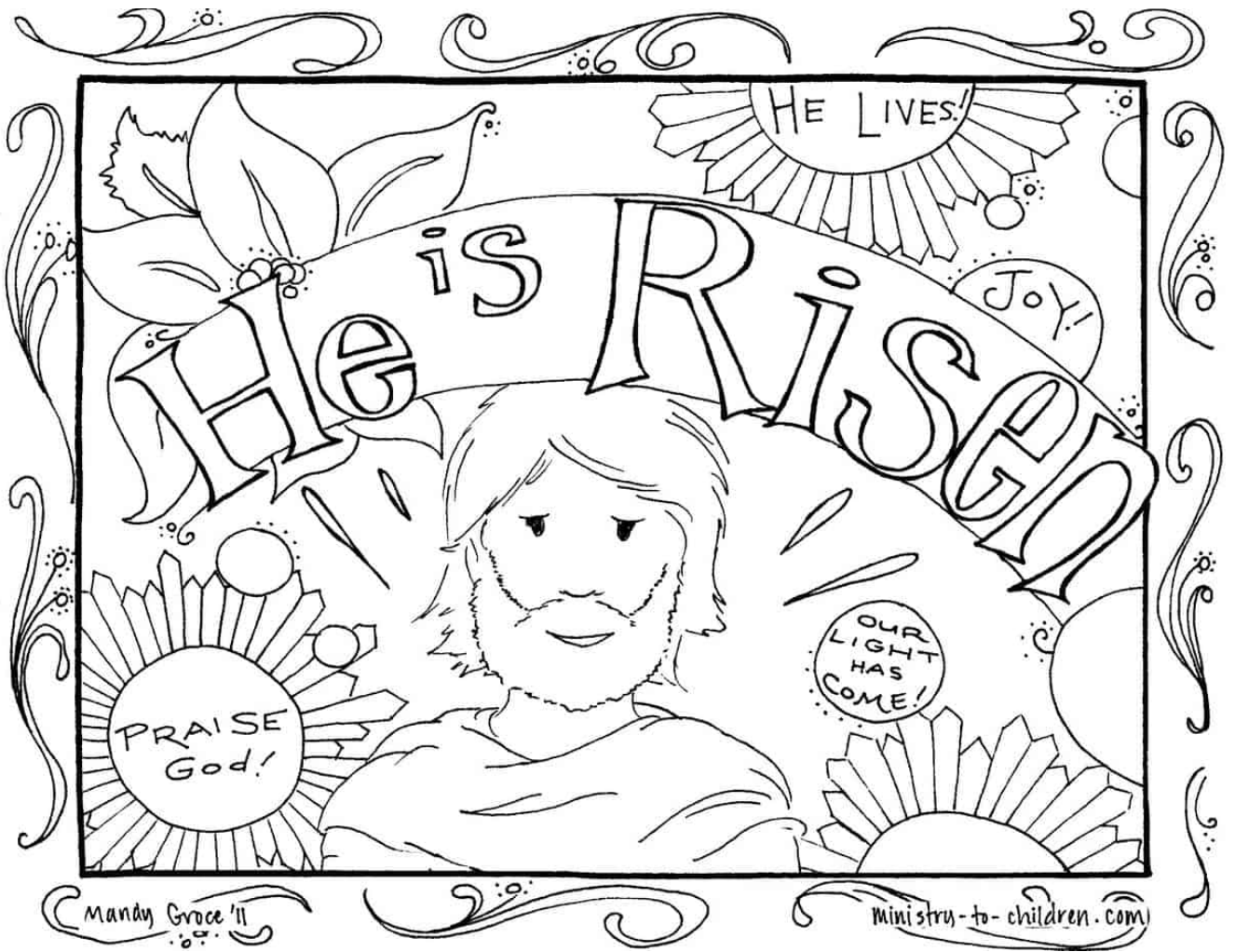
- **Read What is Easter sheet**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Closing Prayer

- **Memorare**



He is Risen!



L E E T Y Y V O L S T M H I P
P L G M A R V D A D S C Q C N
V H E D P C A L I P I R B M U
N Z N G R T V V Q Q R O M F S
N U J O N A Y K L F H S O Y I
S X W Q T A A K X A C S T C P
E N O I E N O T S N C D C G P
B F O N X W Z Z K X H U E K U
T N H I M P C Y R I S E N P N
R L Q X K W Q H D D W V E N P
N W F C F I K D O G E L Y D H
A N F H N V I F C Z I R B I K
T V F F D I W E A Q A H C V C
S E L P I C S I D M U I B O C
U A V A W K J P S J G Y Z V H

RISEN

SALVATION

STONE

SUNDAY

TOMB

ANGEL

CALVARY

CHRIST

CROSS

CROWN

DISCIPLES

EMPTY

MARY

What is Easter?

It's not about the eggs to hunt
It's not about a bunny
It's not about brand new clothes
Or candy as sweet as hunny

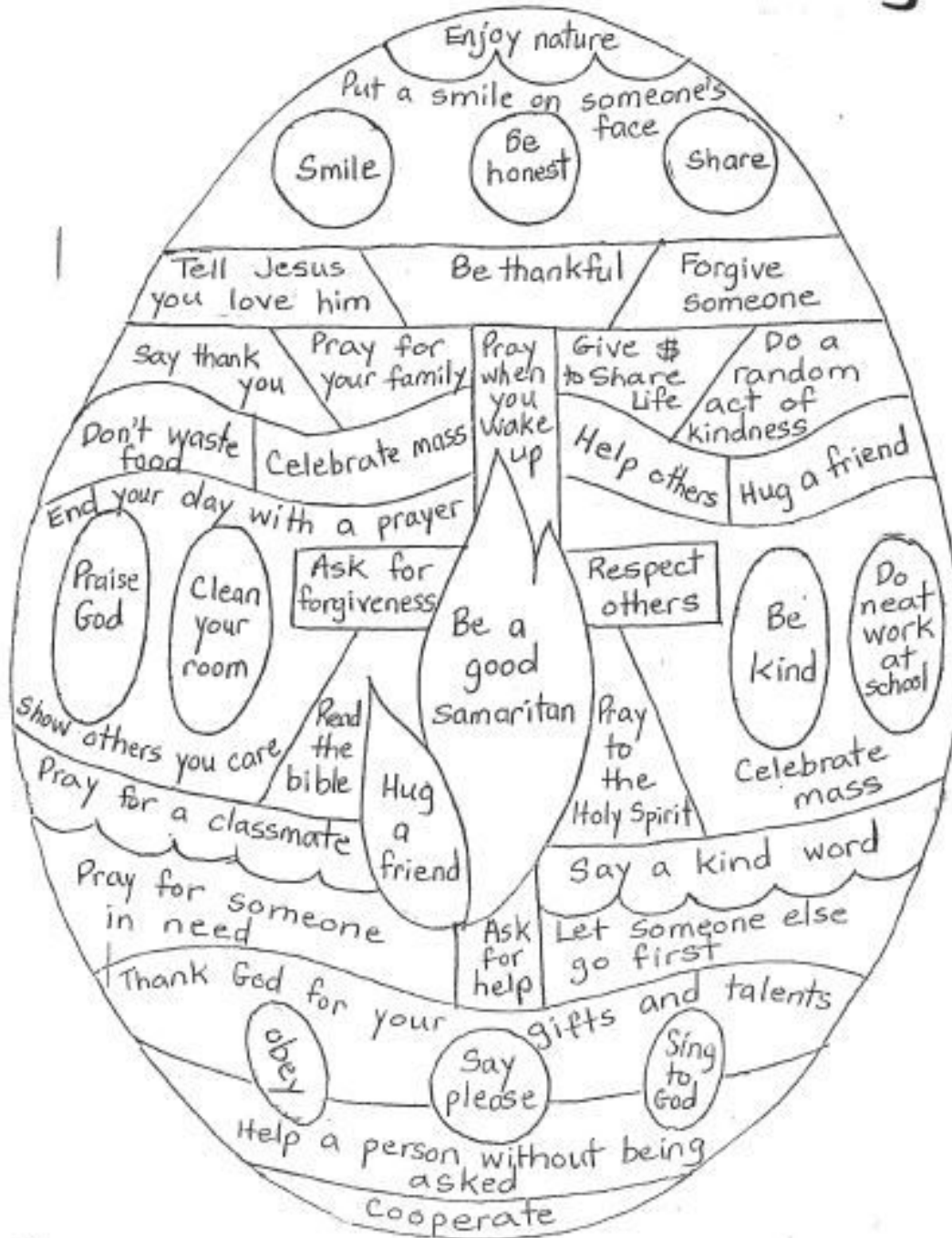
On this day many years ago
A man named Jesus Christ
Upon a cross for you and me
Gladly gave his life

Not for sins that He had done
Or crimes He must repay
He did it all for you and me
For our sins He died that day

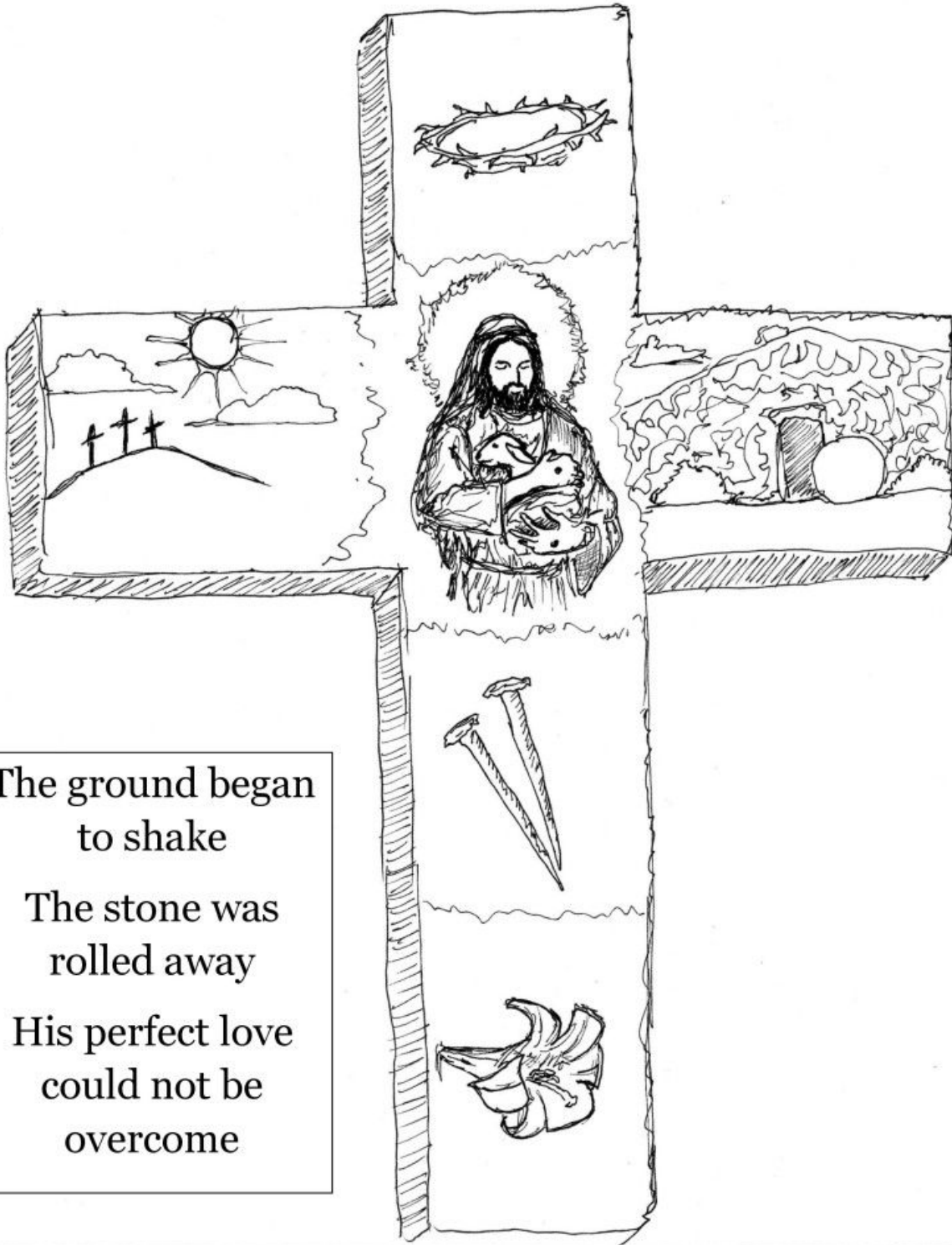
But that's not the end of Jesus Christ
They put Him in a grave
But three days later He rose again
Our sin debt had finally been paid

So this Easter as you hunt for eggs
Dressed up in brand new clothes
Don't think about the Easter Bunny
Think about why Christ arose

Lent is For Loving



Spirit of God, fill me with Jesus' life



The ground began
to shake
The stone was
rolled away
His perfect love
could not be
overcome