

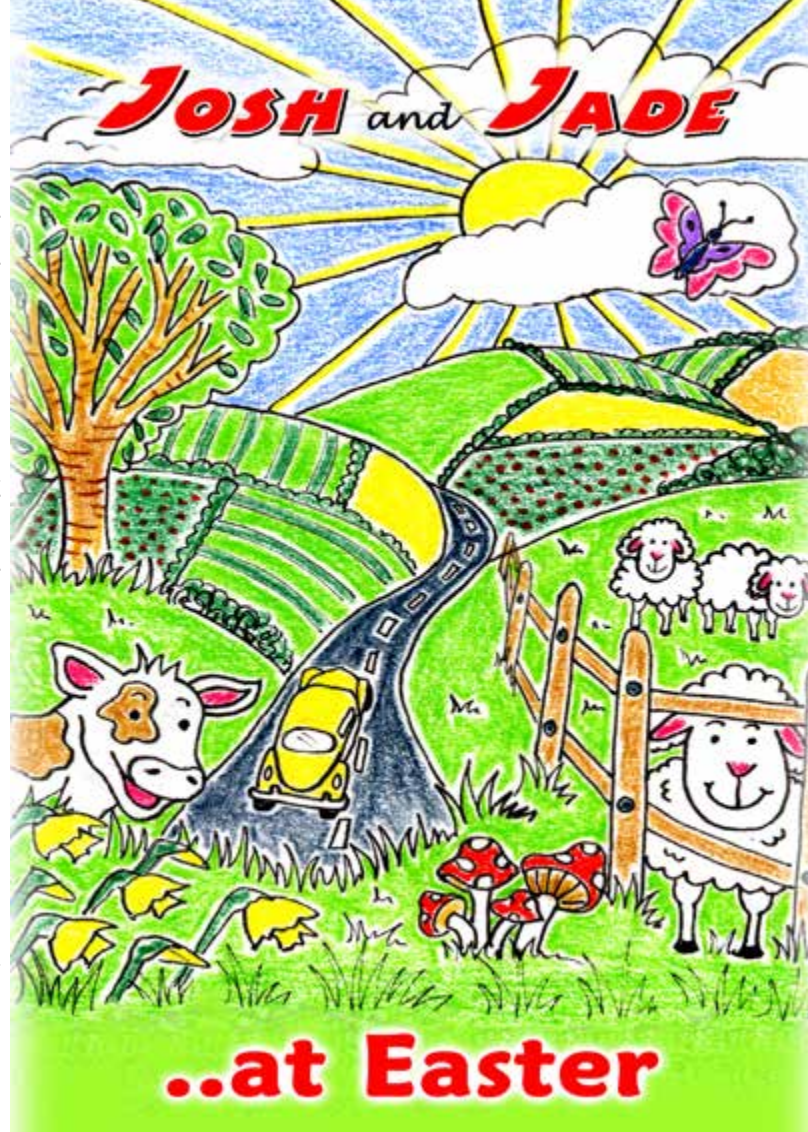
Josh and Jade felt much better as the family drove back home again. They'd come to understand in a new way why the Lord Jesus died and rose again and that He really loves them.

They knew that they wanted to do what was right and the Lord Jesus would help them...

Whoever is a child of God does not continue to sin...

1 John 3:9

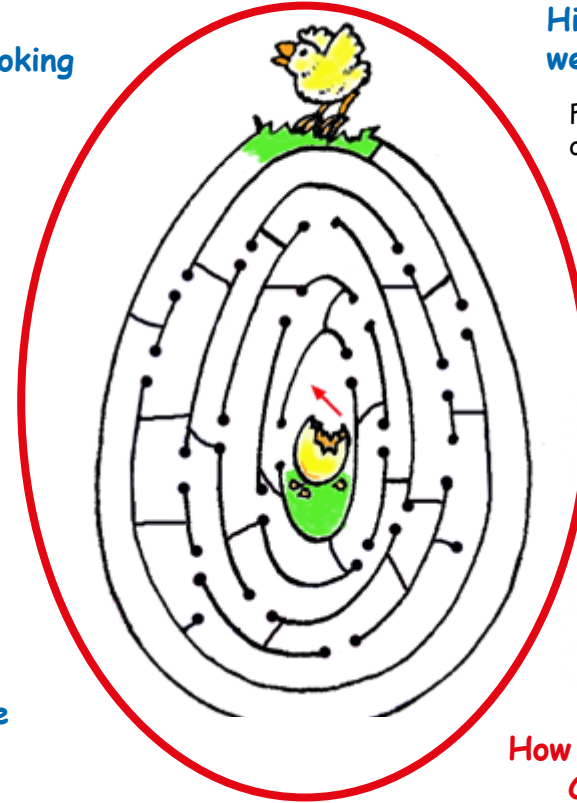
If you want to know more about God's love, speak to your church leader.



It was still quite dark when the family set off on the long journey to Wales. They were going to spend Easter with relatives this year and the children were excited.

They were looking forward to having great fun with cousins Abi and Connor who were the same age as them.

As they drove along they began to talk about Easter being a special time of year.



Mum reminded the children that 2000 years ago the Lord Jesus, God's Son, was put to death on the Cross of Calvary but rose to life again 3 days later to become our Saviour. In this way God Himself takes the punishment for what we do wrong.

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

John 3:16



But Josh and Jade weren't too bothered about all that... they were much more interested in the wonderful Easter eggs they were expecting!

How did the chick escape?
Complete the maze

They were all quite tired as it was almost tea time before the car drew up outside their cousins' house. 'Look,' said Jade, 'Abi and Connor are watching for us out the window.'

And no sooner had the car stopped than Josh and Jade were off up the stairs to play with their cousins.

'Don't forget the special Easter eggs,' Mum shouted to Dad as he unloaded the car. They had brought them specially for Abi and Connor.

Which is the way to Abi and Connor's house?



On Saturday, all the grown-ups went out to a posh restaurant and the next door neighbour's daughter Katy came to look after the children. They all had great fun.. until they decided to watch a video.

'That's a really boring one,' complained Josh, 'I've seen it hundreds of times,' added Jade. 'Well, we like it, so too bad!' replied Connor. And Josh and Jade stamped off upstairs in the huff.

Complete the puzzle and colour in

Looking for something to do, the children came across the Easter eggs that Mum and Dad had bought for Abi and Connor. Still angry with their cousins, Josh took a big kick at the bag.

The eggs flew in the air and smashed into pieces when they hit the wall! 'We might as well eat them now,' said Jade, and they both tucked in.

Later, they hid the wrappers under the bed before going downstairs again.



Next morning was Easter Sunday. 'Let's swap eggs after breakfast,' suggested Mum.

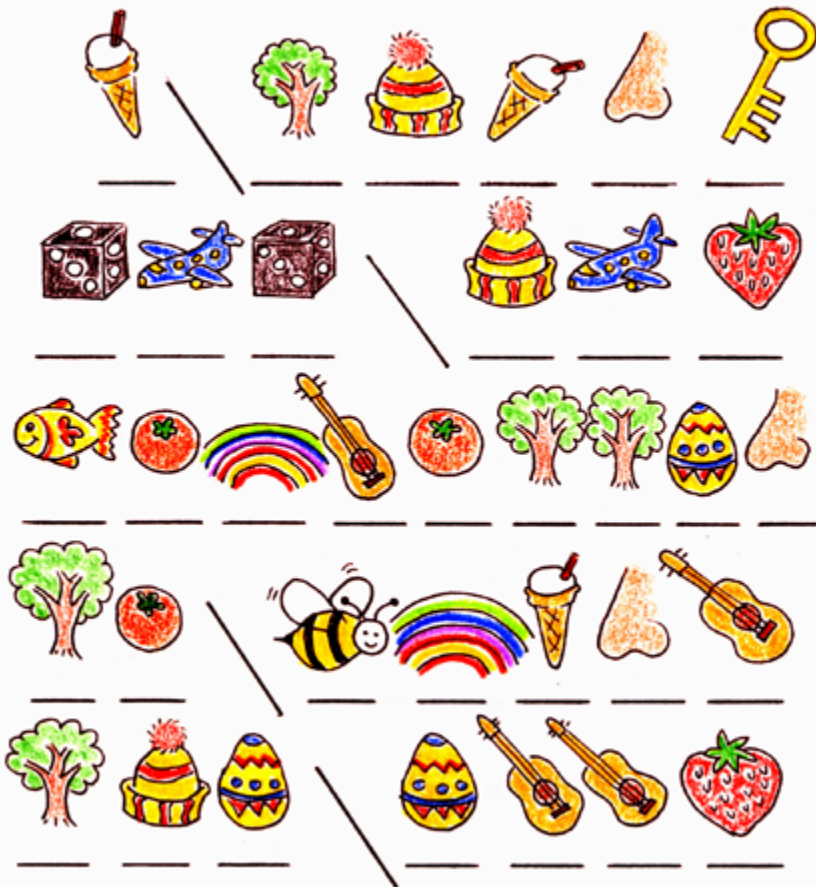
Josh and Jade were thrilled to see the lovely eggs that Uncle Jim and Aunt Chris had got for them. 'I can't find them anywhere!' shouted Dad, hunting upstairs for the eggs for Abi and Connor.

Josh and Jade looked at each other. Suddenly they felt very worried and guilty, especially when their cousins began to cry. 'We'll leave some money for you to get new ones,' said Mum. Somehow Josh and Jade didn't feel like eating their own eggs any more.



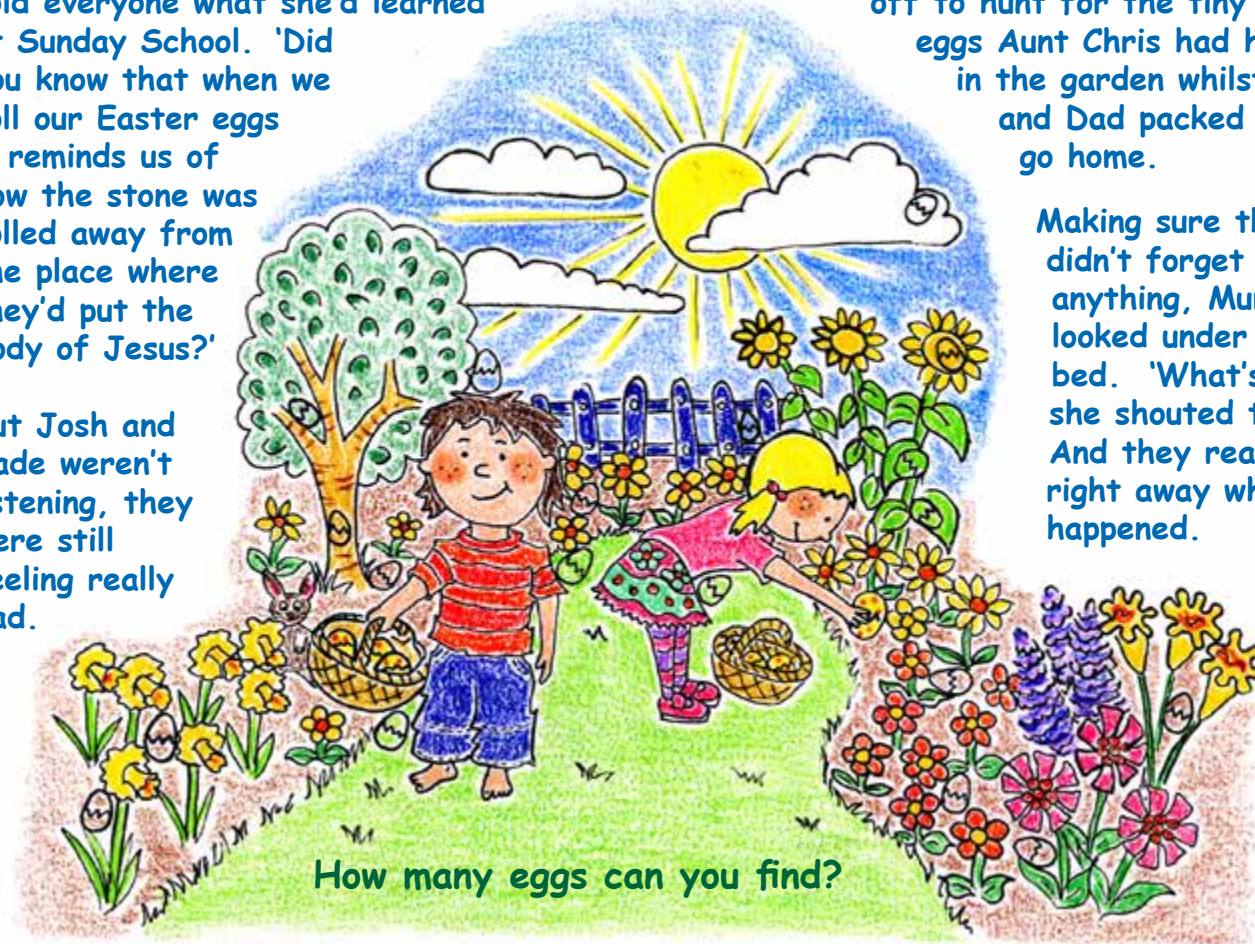
After breakfast they all went off to church, but it wasn't as happy an Easter morning as it should have been.

Crack the code to find out what Mum thinks



As they were about to have lunch, Abi told everyone what she'd learned at Sunday School. 'Did you know that when we roll our Easter eggs it reminds us of how the stone was rolled away from the place where they'd put the body of Jesus?'

But Josh and Jade weren't listening, they were still feeling really bad.



How many eggs can you find?

After lunch, the children went off to hunt for the tiny Easter eggs Aunt Chris had hidden in the garden whilst Mum and Dad packed up to go home.

Making sure they didn't forget anything, Mum looked under the bed. 'What's this?' she shouted to Dad. And they realised right away what had happened.

After the Easter egg hunt was over they called to Josh and Jade and simply showed them the wrappers.

The children began to cry and told them the whole story.



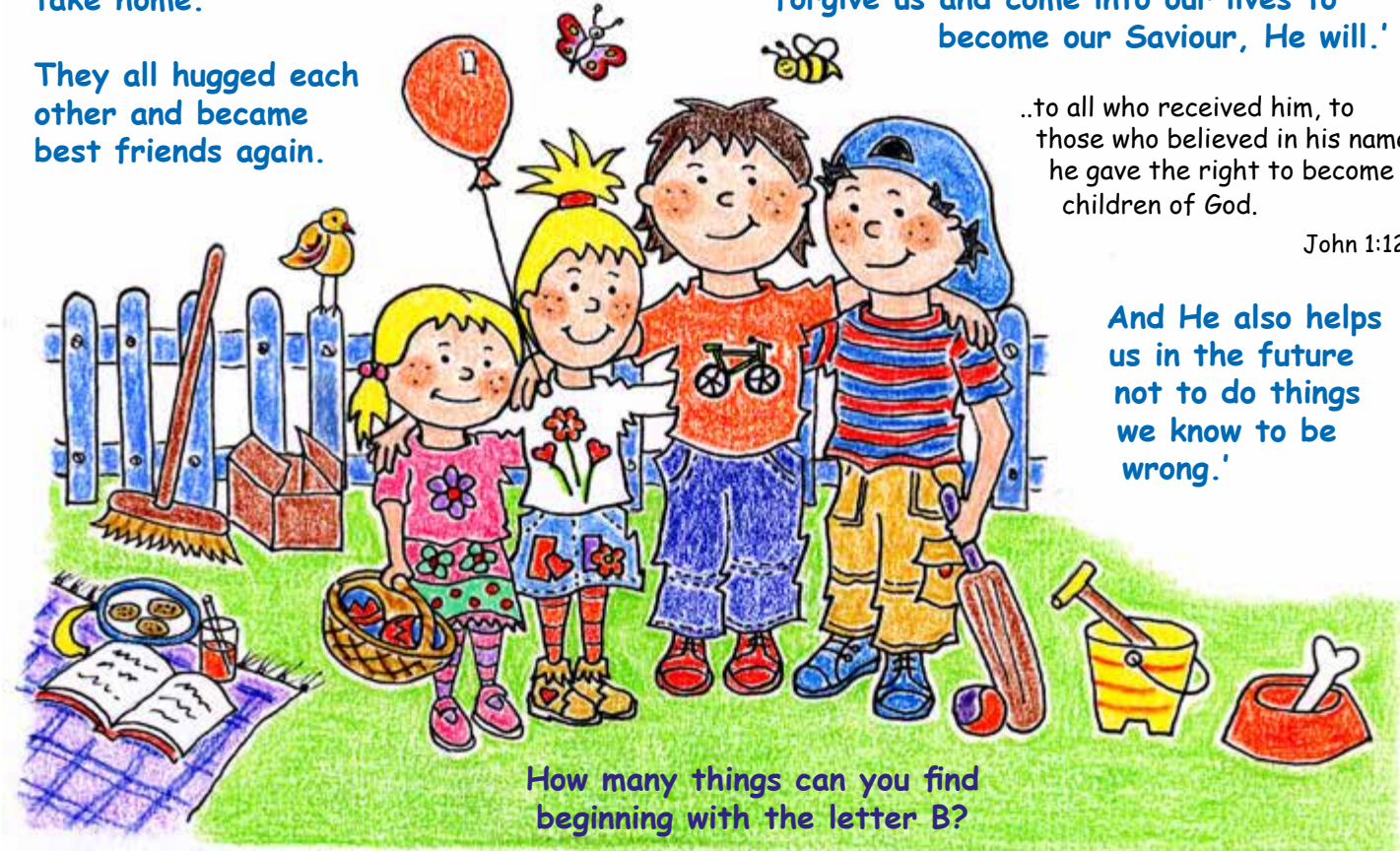
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EASTER	MARY	TOMB
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GARDENER	PETER	JESUS
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Later, they said how sorry they were to their cousins and gave them their own eggs which they were going to take home.

They all hugged each other and became best friends again.



How many things can you find beginning with the letter B?

'This is what Easter is really all about,' said Dad. 'We all do things we shouldn't, but when we ask the Lord Jesus to forgive us and come into our lives to become our Saviour, He will.'

..to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12

And He also helps us in the future not to do things we know to be wrong.'