

Week 30

Easter Morning

Review the Easter story with your child as you do the following action poem together:

It was a bright and sunny day.

(Circle your arms to make a sun.)

Some women slowly made their way.

(Walk in place.)

To Jesus' grave they planned to go,

(Wipe away tears.)

For He had died; He'd suffered so.

(Draw a cross in the air.)

"But who will move the stone aside?"

(Pretend to push something big.)

"Oh, look! It's empty now!" they cried.

(Point to distance in surprise.)

(* An angel told them words of cheer.

(Smile happily.)

"He is alive. He is not here."

(Raise arms in victory.)

And so today, glad songs we sing

(Cross hands over heart.)

To Jesus Christ, our Savior King.

(Clap hands and shout hooray!)

Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (*), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.

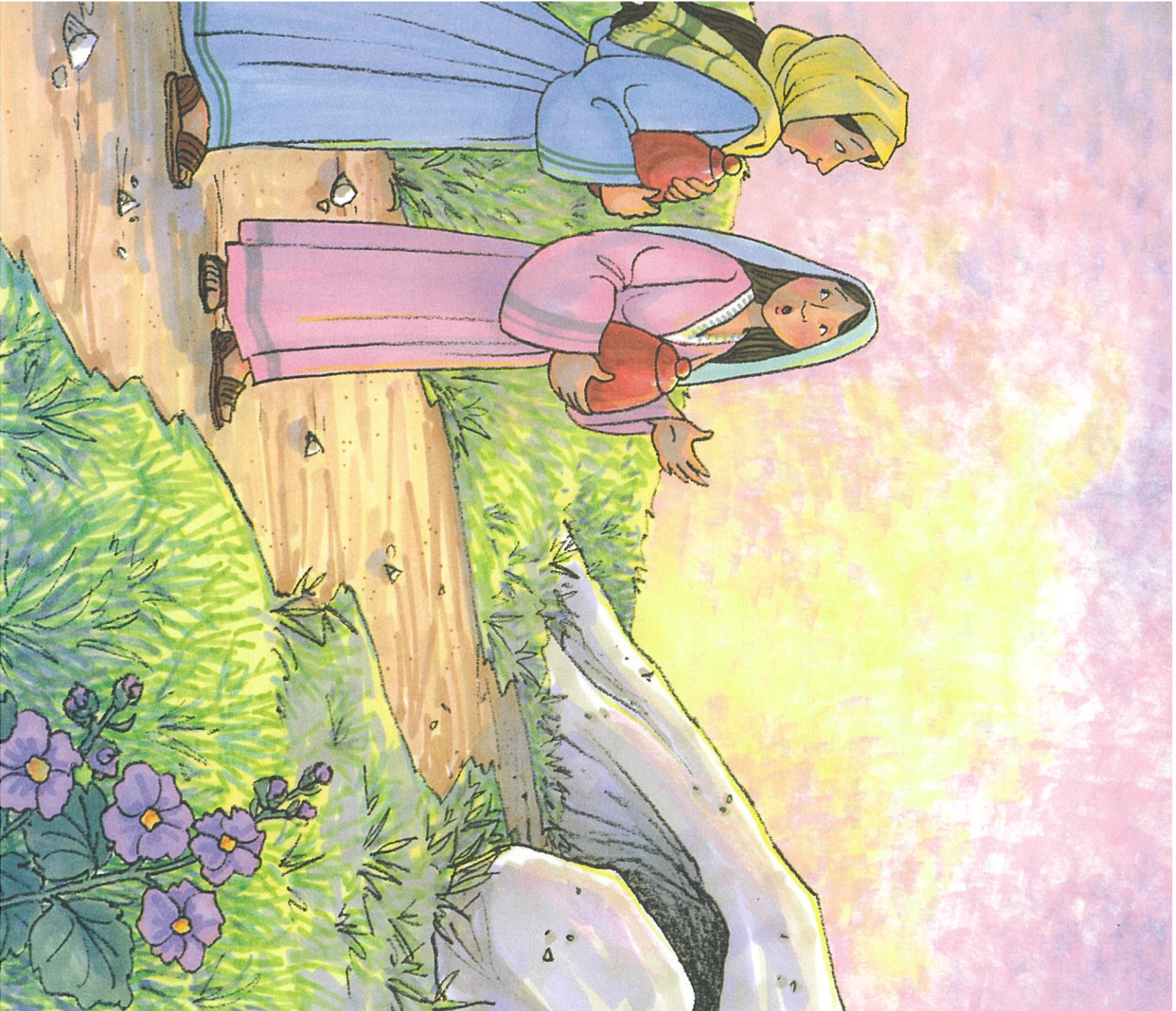
Think about It

Read the Easter story in Matthew 28:1–10 and Luke 24:1–12. Because of Jesus, you are now Easter people! Christ's victory defines our lives as we have new life in Him, now and eternally.

Bible Words

[Jesus] is not here,
for He has risen.
Matthew 28:6





Dear Family,

At Easter, we celebrate new life! More than the new life we see at springtime, we are talking about the new life we now have in Christ and the life we will have eternally with Him in heaven. Consider these Easter symbols in that light.

Easter eggs remind us that just as the tiny birds break free from their eggs, Jesus broke free from death and the grave.

Easter lilies that burst from the ground to new life can remind us that even though Jesus was buried in a grave, He burst forth as the risen Christ! Jesus is alive!

Butterflies remind us that caterpillars bury themselves in a cocoon and emerge alive as something beautiful. We can remember that Jesus will take us from this earth to heaven someday to live a beautiful new life there with Him forever.

Read more about the Bible lesson on pages 402–408 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).