

Dear Students!

We hope you and your families are all well and getting used to learning and working at home. From what we hear your teachers are doing a great job and you get lots of interesting and enjoyable assignments. The Religion teachers held back a bit to let you and your parents get into a routine. Now we are approaching spring break and Easter. On April, 12th Christians all over the world celebrate. Every year in religion class we listened to bible stories and accompanied Jesus through the sad times to His resurrection on Easter Sunday. This year everything is different. So here are some ideas for you and your families if you have time to spare. *These suggestions are voluntary work!*

1. You can find the Easter story in your Children's Bible if you have one.

Matthew, Chapter 28, Verses 1-10 is one place to look at in an ordinary Bible.

On www.bibleserver.com your parents or siblings can help you find the story online.

And here is the story from the gospels for you to read yourself or have it read to you as you can find it in the Puffin Children's Bible:

Alive from the dead!

It was early Sunday morning, just before the dawn. Everything was still. Then, as the first light touched the sky, the ground trembled and shook. An angel came and rolled away the stone that sealed the tomb. The guards were so frightened, they ran off.

When the women came, bringing the spices, the grave was open and the body had gone. The angel spoke to them: "Don't be afraid," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus. But he is not here He is alive from the dead! Look this is where his body was. Hurry and tell his friends. You will see him again soon."

Jesus' friends refused to believe the women's story. They thought they were imagining things!

But Peter and John went to the grave, to see for themselves.

John ran faster than Peter, and got there first. He looked inside the grave, but didn't go in. Then Peter arrived and they both went in.

They saw the cloth which had bound the body, untouched, with the cloth that had wrapped Jesus' head just a neck-space away. John knew at once that no one could have stolen the body. What the women had said was true! *Jesus was alive from the dead!*

The two men went home. But Mary Magdalene, who had followed them, stayed. She stood there, crying. She could not understand what had happened. Then she caught sight of a man she thought was the gardener.

"If you have taken him away," she said, "please tell me where to find him." She did not know she was talking to Jesus!

Then Jesus said, "Mary!" She knew at once who it was. Joy flooded through her." Tell my friends you have seen me," Jesus said.

2. Now you can be creative: Build the story like in a theatre. Use Lego bricks and people, Playmobil Playdough, rocks, sticks or similar things. Use your imagination! As background or frame a shoe box could be useful. Then take a picture so we can look at your project, when we are back in school or send it to your Religion teacher by e-mail if, you want to.

Have fun!

3. If you want to know more about Easter eggs you might want to watch the short movie "Der Ostereierbaum" from the "Sendung mit der Maus" (www.wdrmaus.de).

4. Lindsey has set up a virtual classroom for her students on seesaw. Feel free to join her there if you want more Religion tasks.

So Happy Easter to you and your families and friends! Take good care of each other!
May God bless you and keep you until we meet again!

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