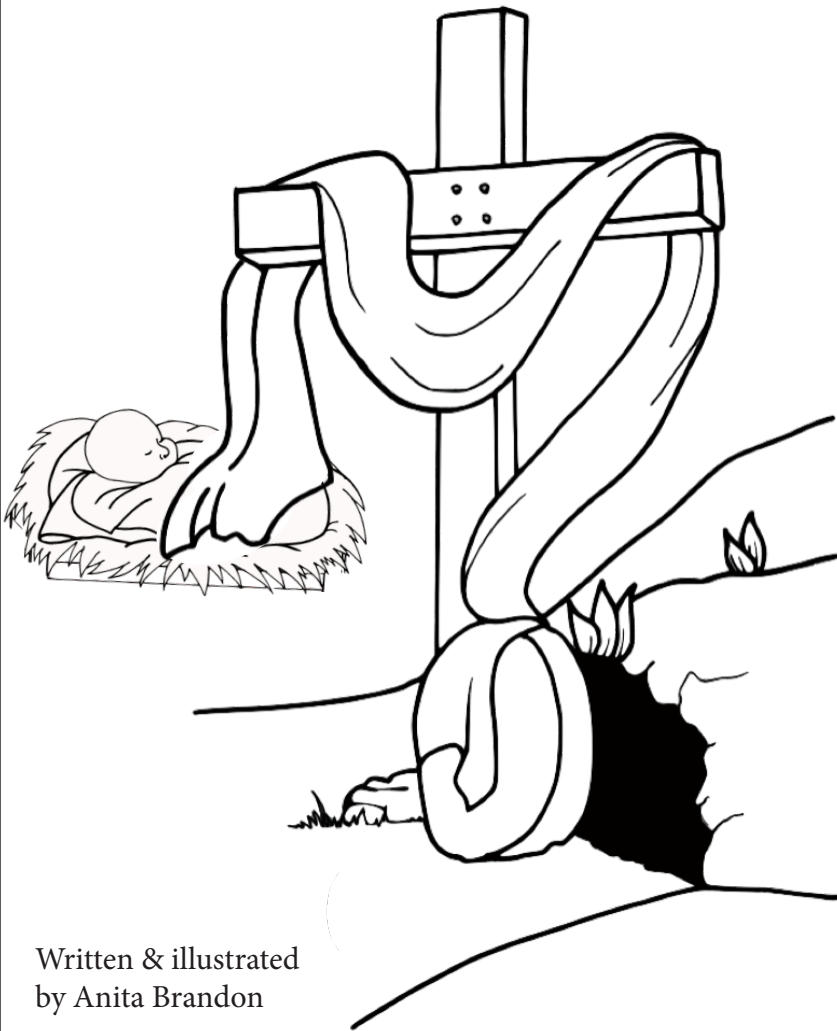


# The EASTER Story

God's Plan of Salvation---  
His gift for me.



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## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- ★ Read the three parts of the Easter Story with your child. (See the outline on the following page.)
- ★ Color the picture that illustrates each of the three parts; have the child number each section, in the box, accordingly.
- ★ The WORD DISCOVERY and the MAZE puzzle will provide additional opportunity to review and strengthen the child's understanding of GOD'S plan.
- ★ Enjoy singing together: *Jesus Is the Reason*
- ★ Discuss God's special plan for you and your child--- SALVATION, through Christ alone. We never know when a child will be ready to accept GOD'S gift, but we need to provide opportunity, without pressure. On the child's activity sheet you will notice some questions to discuss with your child. Ask your child what these two children on their coloring page are doing. This is a great opportunity to talk about PRAYER-- in this case, it is simply talking to GOD, asking for forgive of sin and for His special gift Be certain to assure themthat He will give it to them if they ask Him. You might even have the joy of being there when they talk to GOD and join His family if you ask.

(Permission granted to make extra copies of coloring or game page for other children in the family as needed.)

## Discussion Questions



Find out what your child knows by asking simple questions and giving them opportunity to respond. From there, you can guide your child's thoughts with simple truths. Sometimes additional questions will help stimulate further discussion, leading to more answers.

Helping your child understand the meaning of unfamiliar words can often lead to better understanding of simple truths from God's Word. Never assume that they know. Be sure to be patient as you do this activity together. If they seem to be more focused on the activity they are doing, then ask them questions while they are working. Here are some suggestions; use some of them and certainly add you own:

1. Why did JESUS take my place on the cross?  
Did Jesus really die? (How do we know?)  
He was buried.
2. What is a **tomb**? Why is the stone rolled away and it looks dark inside the **tomb**?  
Did Jesus stay in the **tomb**?
3. What is the **resurrection**? Why is the **resurrection** important for us?
4. Why is GOD's **gift** so Amazing? --It is a gift: I can not earn it and I do not deserve it.
5. Are there many ways to join God's family?-----NO
6. What are the children doing on the last coloring page?

JESUS is the **WAY** . . . the **TRUTH** . . . the **LIFE** !

**Scripture to Read**--Here are suggested verses to read with your child and/or discuss in each part of the Easter Story.

"But when the proper time came, God sent His own Son, born of a human mother. . ."  
Galatians 4:4 (Phillips-NTME)

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name **JESUS**, because he will save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21 (NIV)

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet. . .and they will call him **Immanuel**--which means **God with us**."  
Matt. 1:22 & 23 (NIV)

(Compare with the prophet in Isaiah 7:14.)

#1

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."  
Romans 5:8 (NIV)

JESUS said. . .

". . .For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. . ."  
John 18:37 (NASB)

#2

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."  
John 3:16 (NIV)

". . .Christ died for our sin according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day. . ." I Corinthians 15:3 (NIV)

#3

"I am **the way**, and **the truth** and **the life**; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."  
John 14:6 (NASB)

# Simple Truths

1 I am a sinner.

**Why am I a sinner?**

Doing and saying sinful things shows that I need God's help. (Rom. 3:23)  
I need a Savior.

2 GOD has a plan to give me life in JESUS.

**What is GOD'S plan?**

- JESUS **Came** to earth; born as a baby.
- JESUS **Died** in my place.
- JESUS **Lives** again; so can I.

3 JESUS brings me joy.

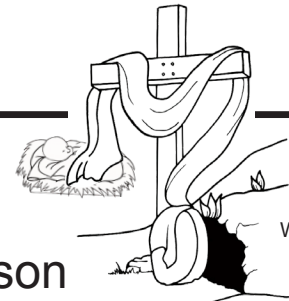
**Why do we celebrate Easter?**

- This is a special time to thank God for sending JESUS to save us from our sin. (2 Cor. 9:15)
- Becoming a human being.
  - Dying in my place.
  - Coming back to life: **VICTORY** over death.

4 GOD'S plan is the **only way** to enter His presence.

**How can I join God's family?** (John 14:6)

Believe and accept GOD'S plan to save YOU from a life of sin and give you a life as a child and friend of GOD for ever and ever.



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## Jesus is the Reason

Musical notation for the first line of the song. Chords: F, Am7, Gm7, C7, Gm, C7. Lyrics: Je - sus is the rea - son that we cel - e - brate Eas - ter. God sent Him to earth, an - gels

Musical notation for the second line of the song. Chords: F, Gm7 - C, F, Am7, Bb, Gm, C7. Lyrics: sang of His birth. Joy to the world the Lord has come; He is the rea - son for

Musical notation for the third line of the song. Chords: C7, F, Bb, F, Gm, C7, F, G7. Lyrics: Eas - ter. God loves you and God loves me, O but we are sin - ful

Musical notation for the fourth line of the song. Chords: C7, F7, Dm, Gm. Lyrics: as can be. He was born to die; yes, Je - sus took my place.

Musical notation for the fifth line of the song. Chords: Gm, C7, G7, C7. Lyrics: It was all God's spe - cial plan that we call grace. A - maz - ing Grace! So

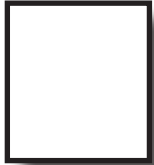
What is the name of GOD'S Plan?

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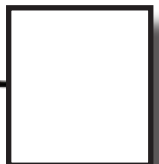
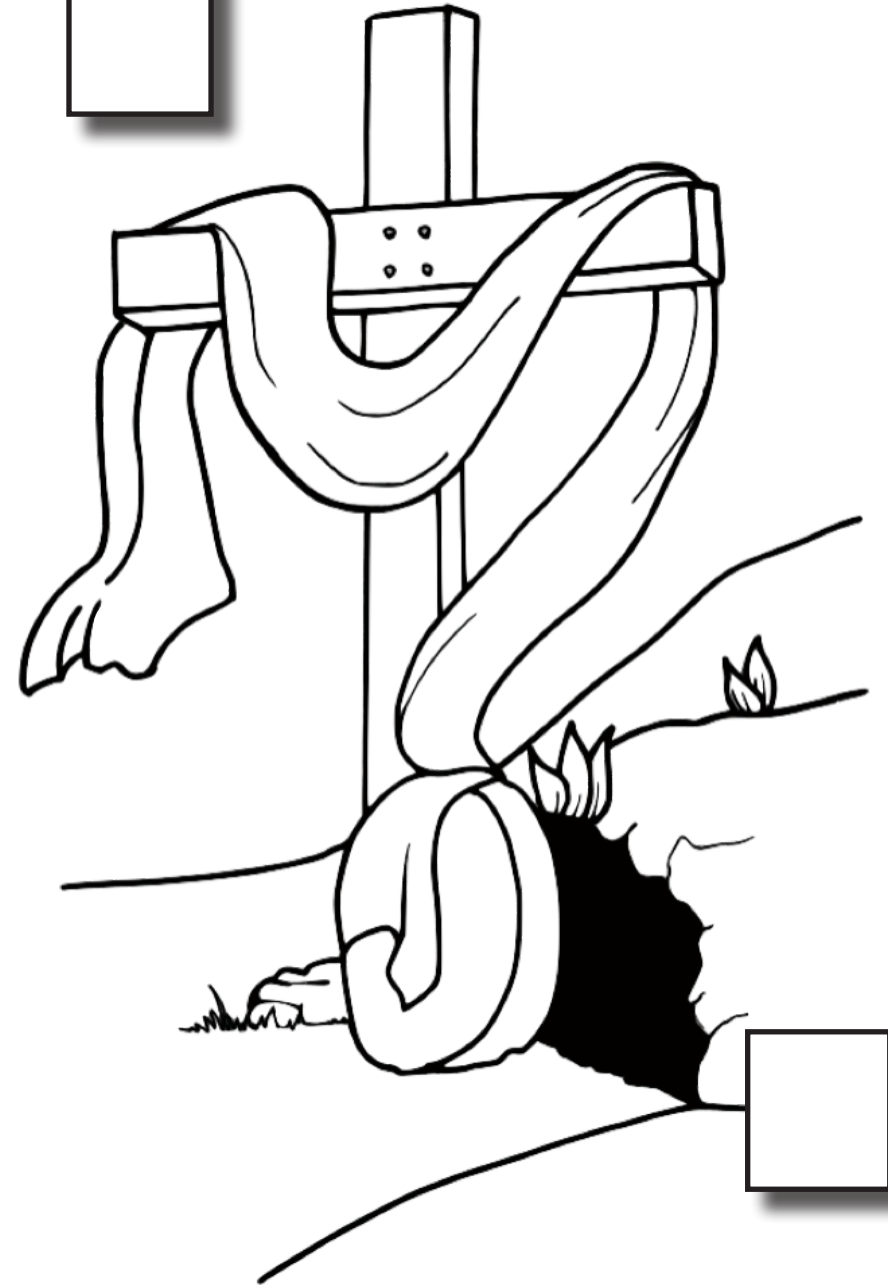
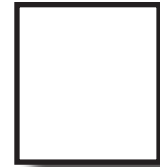
# JESUS . . . Born to Die



Another name for **JESUS** means . . . **GOD with US**

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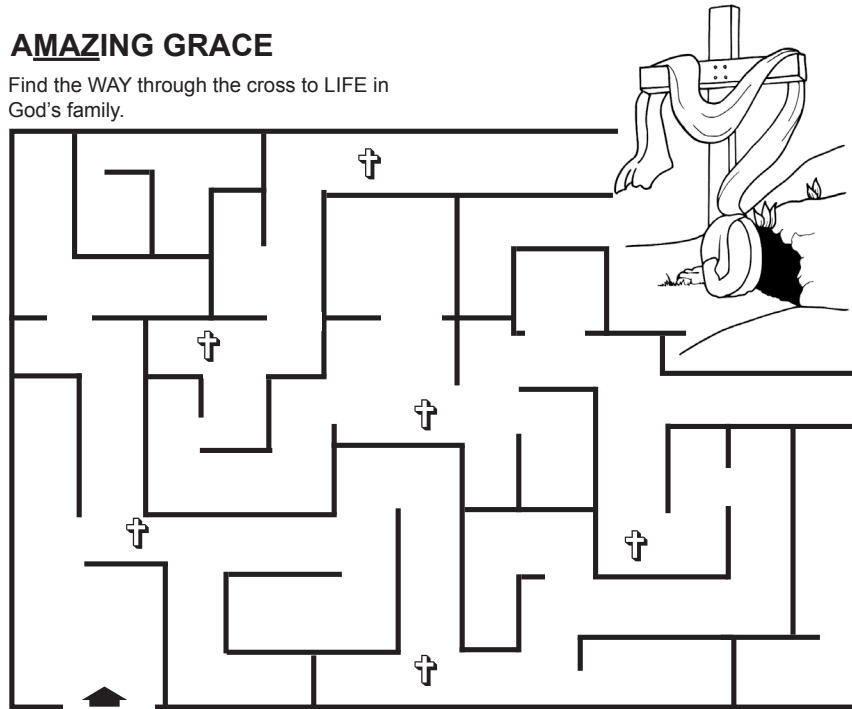
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. . . to bring us **LIFE!**

# AMAZING GRACE

Find the WAY through the cross to LIFE in God's family.



Do you **believe** GOD sent JESUS to earth to die in your place of the cross?    YES    NO    Not Now

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Do you **believe** JESUS died on the cross for your sin?    YES    NO    Not Now

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Do you want to become part of GOD'S family?    YES    NO    Not Now

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