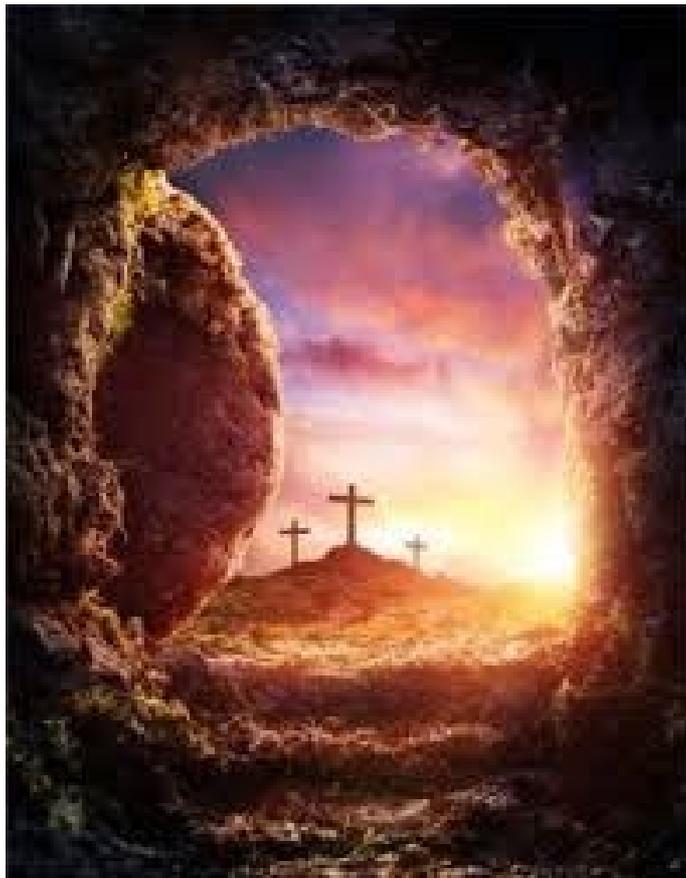


This is **Easter!**

Key Stage Two

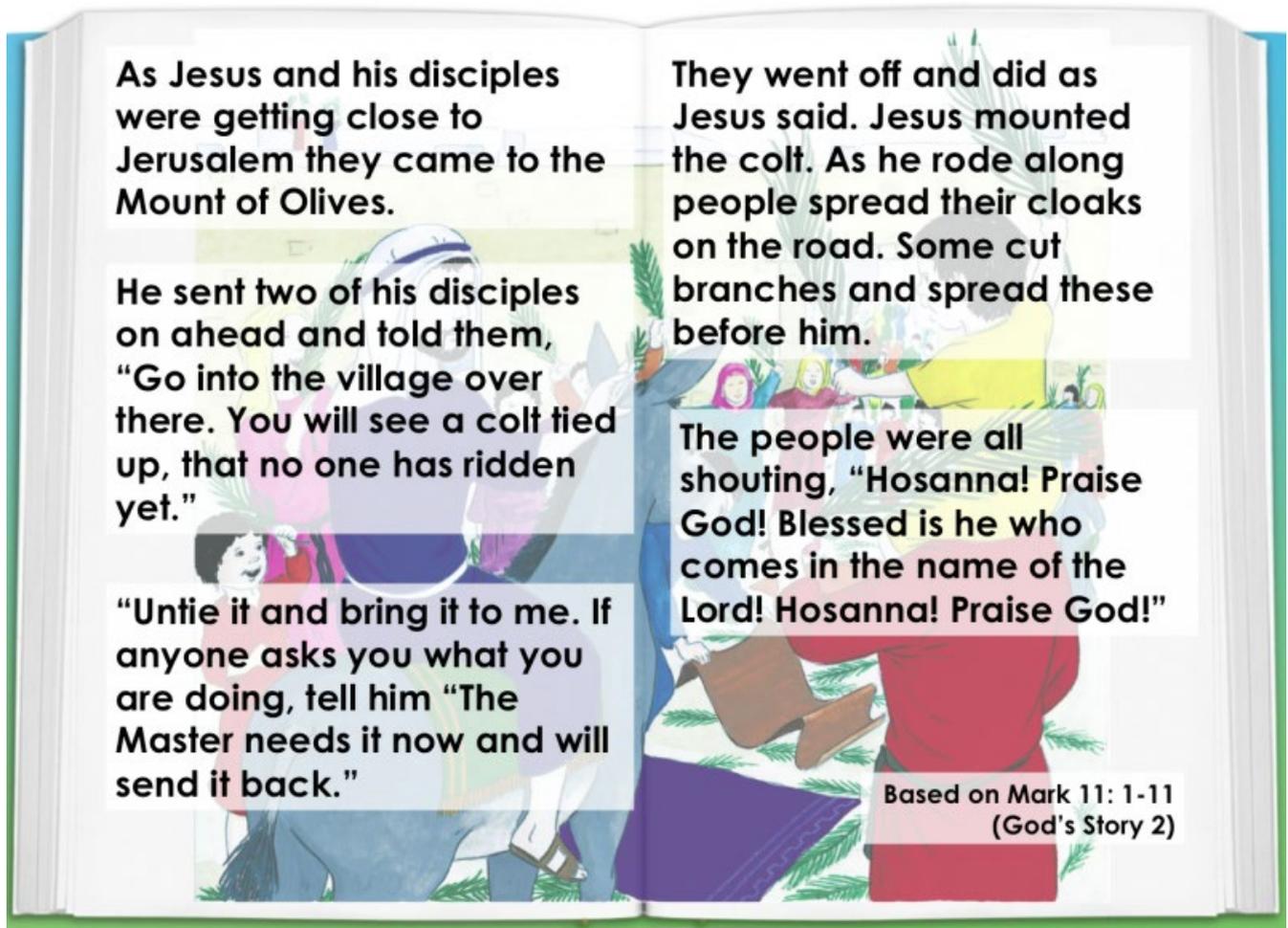
Easter is the most significant time in the Church's year. Here are some activities you may like to talk about and encourage your child to engage in over the Easter period. It is a time to think about hope and new life, as well as how Jesus teaches us to love and care for one another.

The key parts of the Easter story are included, to read and discuss. Some activities follow which we hope you will enjoy.



Important dates:

Palm Sunday: Sunday 5th April



What message of welcome would you want to say to Jesus?

Maundy Thursday: Thursday 9th April

Just before they began their last supper together, Jesus wrapped a towel round himself, filled a bowl of water and knelt before each one of them to wash their feet and wipe them with the towel.



Peter was horrified and tried to refuse. "You shall never wash my feet," he said. This was the service done by the lowest of all the slaves.



Then Jesus told him, "If I do not wash you, you cannot share my life."

At this, Peter said, "Then, Lord, wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

Jesus washed the feet of his friends to show how we all should serve one another.

He broke bread and shared bread and wine, telling them how he was sacrificing himself for us.

He knew what was to come.

When he had finished, Jesus explained exactly what his action meant.

"Do you understand," he said, "what I have done for you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am.

If I then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example, so that you may copy what I have done for you."



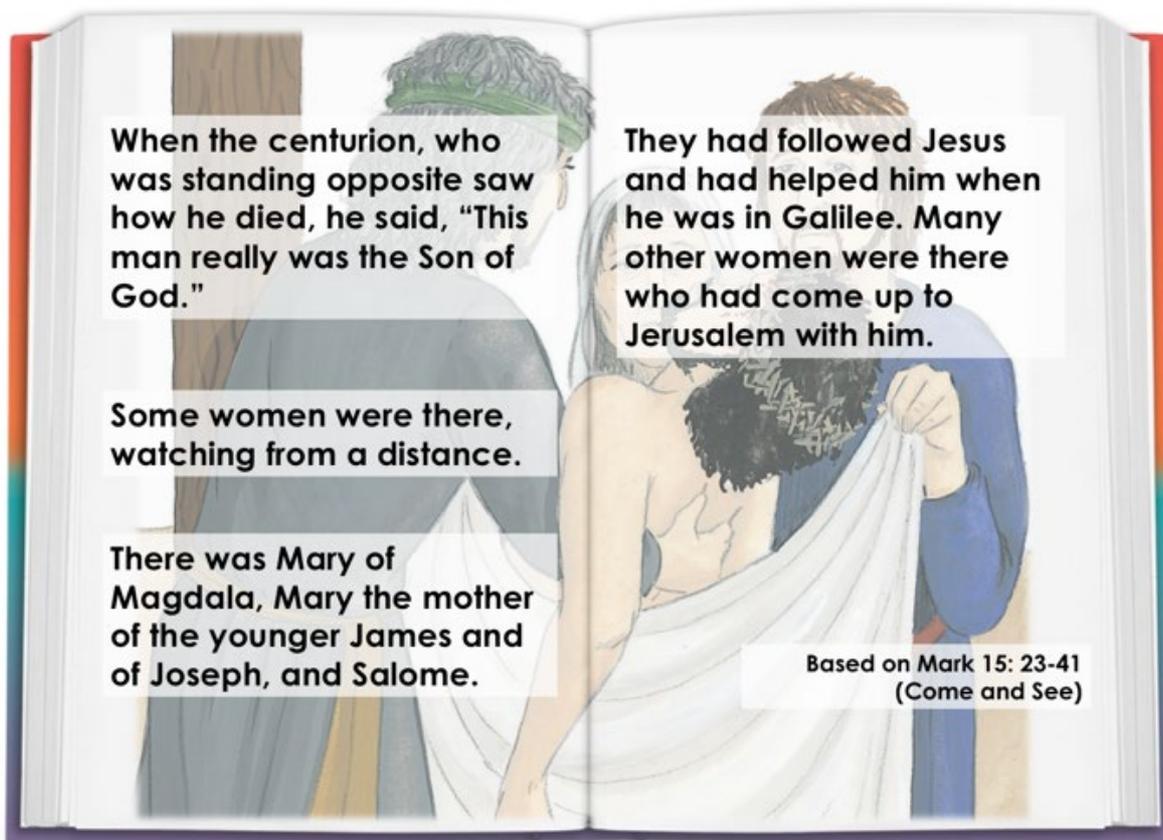
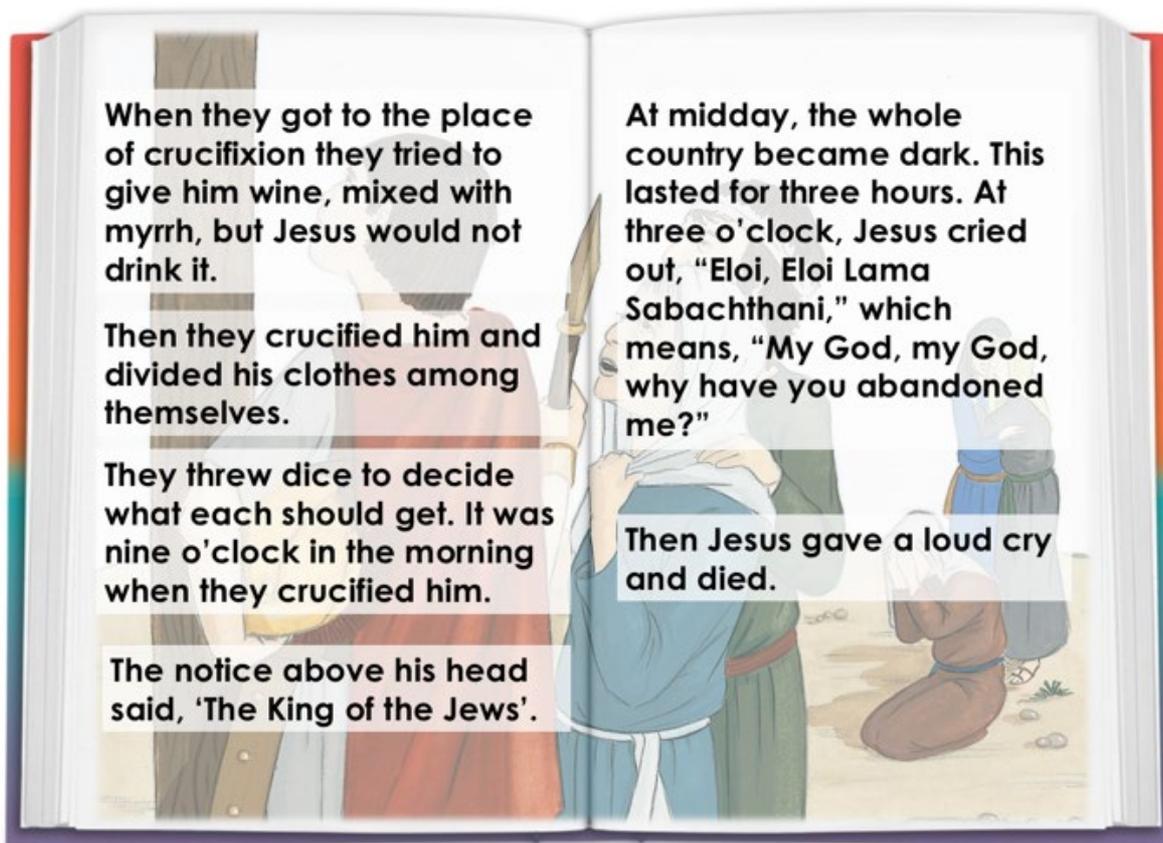
Based on John 13: 4-9, 12-15
God's Story 3

He then went to pray in the garden of Gethsemane, where Judas, his friend who betrayed him, let the soldiers to him and he was arrested.



Good Friday: Friday 10th April

Jesus died on Good Friday because he loves us all.



Easter Sunday: Sunday 12th April

Jesus had died on the cross but God gave Jesus new life. When his friends went to visit the tomb, he was not there! **Jesus was alive.**

Very early on Sunday morning, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went to Jesus' tomb. The sun was just coming up.

They had been asking one another about who would roll away the heavy stone across the entrance, but as they came close they could see it had been moved already.

As they went into the tomb they saw a young man dressed in white sitting there. They were amazed.

He said to them, "Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is risen; he is not here. See, here's the place where his body was laid.

But you must go and tell Peter and his disciples that Jesus is going to Galilee. You will see him, just as he told you."

The women came out. They ran away because they were still frightened, and said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

Based on Mark 16: 2-8
(God's Story 3)



He is risen!

Activities you may enjoy:

- *Plant some seeds and discuss, draw and write about how they grow and change. Something which seems small and lifeless can change into something wonderful!*
- *Go for a walk somewhere quiet, and look for signs of new life. Can you spot daffodils and crocuses? Draw and write about your observations.*
- *Look out for birds who are collecting twigs and grass for their nests. Think about the ducklings we hatched and cared for in school. Can you research and record life cycles of different animals such as birds, frogs and butterflies?*
- *Make an Easter garden using a tray and a flower pot or yoghurt pot for the empty tomb. You can decorate it with paper flowers, eggs, chicks etc and please tweet it for us to see!*



- *Make Easter cards for your friends and family. Why not make a Happy Easter poster to display in your window for everyone who passes by?*

Happy Easter everyone!