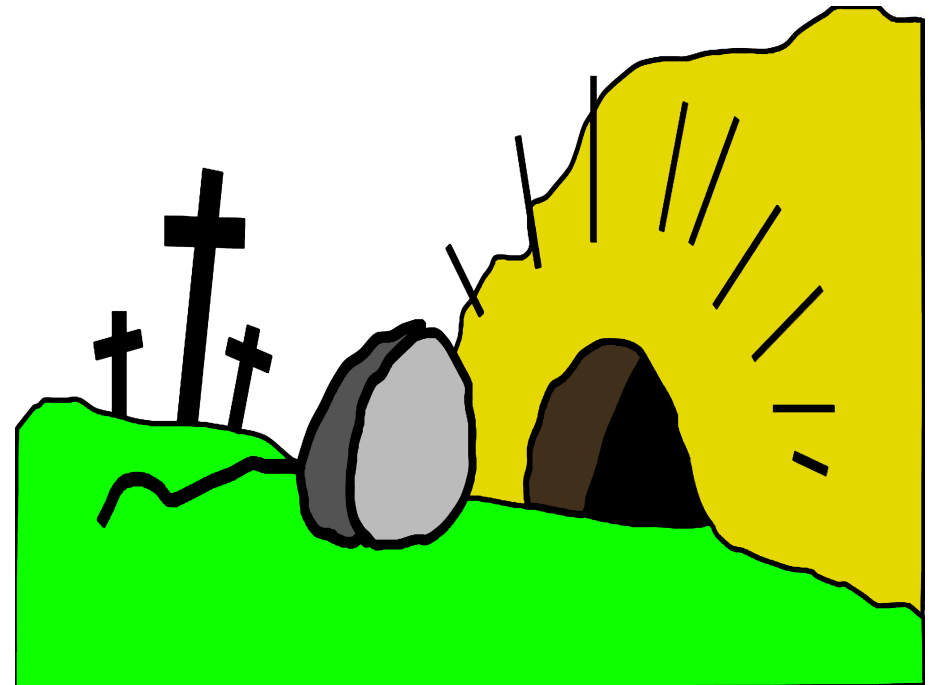


Celebrate!

Jesus is alive!

Easter



Introduction

We are going to talk about Easter and what happened to God's Son, called Jesus.

Before Easter, there was Good Friday when Jesus died. That was very sad. But then there was Easter Sunday when Jesus came back to life again. Jesus is alive, and that makes us happy!

Song

Give me joy in my heart keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart keep me praising
Keep me praising till the break of day

Chorus

*Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Sing Hosanna to the king of kings!
Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Sing Hosanna to the king of kings!*

Give me love in my heart keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart keep me serving
Keep me serving till the break of day



Palm Sunday

A few days before all this, Jesus rode on a donkey, into the town called Jerusalem. Lots of people cheered and waved palm branches. The people were very happy to see Jesus.



Final Prayer

Lord Jesus. Thank you so very much for loving us. Thank you that you died for us, and came back to life, so that we can be forgiven and be friends with God. May we, too, be friends with God. Amen.



Happy Easter everyone!

Mary meets Jesus

One of the ladies called Mary stayed at the tomb, crying. Suddenly Mary met Jesus, and she went and told all her friends that she had seen Jesus! Over the next few weeks lots of people saw Jesus. He really is alive.

Song

You can be sure that Jesus is alive,
You can be sure that Jesus is alive,
The power of death was not enough to keep Him down.
(Repeat)

Chorus:

*He is alive, He is alive,
He is alive, He is alive,
You can be certain Jesus is alive.*

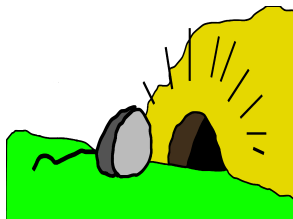


You can be sure that Jesus is alive,
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(Repeat)

Chorus:

*He is alive, He is alive,
He is alive, He is alive,
You can be certain Jesus is alive.*

Leader: What's that you say?
All : Jesus is alive!
Leader: But I thought Jesus was dead for three days?
All : Jesus is alive!
Leader: So Jesus was dead and is now alive?
All : Jesus is alive!
Leader: So, are you saying Jesus is alive?
All : Jesus is alive!
Leader: Let's all say it together...
All : Jesus is alive!



Song

Here He comes, riding on a donkey,
As He's entering Jerusalem.
Here He Comes, the promised King of Glory.
We wave our branches and we worship Him.

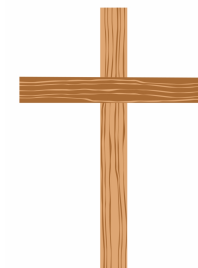


Chorus

*SHOUT! Hosanna! LOUD! Hosanna!
Shout Hosanna to the King of Kings! (Come on and)
SHOUT! Hosanna! LOUD! Hosanna!
Shout Alleluia! Let the praises ring!*

Good Friday

On Good Friday, Jesus was arrested and taken to court.
People told lies about Jesus, and they killed Jesus by putting Him on a cross.



When Jesus died, he was buried in a tomb in a cave. A big stone was rolled over the door. The tomb was guarded by Roman soldiers. Jesus' family and friends were very sad. But that was not the end!

Song

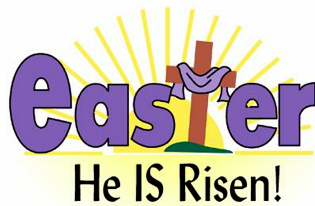
Jesus died (Echo) At Calvary (Echo)
So my sins (Echo) Can be forgiven (Echo)

Jesus rose (Echo) From the dead (Echo)
To overcome. (Echo) The evil one (Echo)



Chorus:

Rejoice, rejoice, Jesus is Lord! x4



Earthquake and guards running away

Very early on Easter morning something amazing happened. There was a earthquake. The soldiers guarding Jesus' tomb were terrified, and they ran away. Then the big stone was rolled away, and Jesus came back to life!

Here is the tomb where Jesus lay *(Line up two fists)*
Here is the stone that rolled away *(Roll away one fist)*
A bright shining angel *(Wiggle fingers in an arc)*
Said, "Come look inside!" *(Beckon with one finger)*
"Jesus is not dead!" *(Wag one finger back and forth)*
"Jesus is alive!" *(Throw hands up in joy)*

Song

Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And He holds us in His hands
x2



He's higher than a skyscraper
He's deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams
And He's known me and He's loved me
Since before the world began
How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And He holds us in His hands

People go to the tomb.

Early on Easter day, some ladies went to the tomb. The ladies found that the big stone had been rolled away. Jesus was not there! An angel told the ladies that Jesus was alive!

Later, two men also went to the tomb and found it empty. Amazing. Jesus was alive!!

Song

Sing a song, sing a joyful song
Sing a joyful song to celebrate
Sing a song, sing a joyful song
Sing a joyful song to celebrate

Chorus

Jesus is alive, you know
He's risen from the dead
He was crucified but now
He's risen like He said

Clap your hands, clap your hands like this
Clap your hands like this to celebrate
Clap your hands, clap your hands like this
Clap your hands like this to celebrate

Chorus

Jesus is alive, you know
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Sing a song, sing a joyful song
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