



Diocese of Athabasca

Sunday School Lesson Plan – Sunday, April 5, 2026

Here's a **Sunday School Lesson Plan** for young children (ages 4–8) and some activities for older children using the **Revised Common Lectionary readings** for **April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday (Year A)**. Bible Verses: Jer 31:1-6; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Jn 20:1-18 or Mt 28:1-10; Preface of Easter



Sunday School Lesson Plan

Easter Sunday – The Sunday of the Resurrection – Year A

Date: April 5, 2026

Lesson Title

“He Is Risen!”

Theme

Jesus is alive!

Big Idea

God's love is stronger than death.

Lesson Focus for Kids

Easter is a joyful celebration because Jesus rose from the dead and is alive forever.

Scripture Readings – Kid Friendly Language

Jeremiah 31:1–6

God promises, “I will always love you. I will bring joy and hope again.”

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

“Give thanks to the Lord because He is good! His love lasts forever!”

Acts 10:34–43

Jesus did good things, died on the cross, and God raised Him to life. Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness and new life.

John 20:1–18 (or Matthew 28:1–10)

Mary went to Jesus’ tomb. The stone was rolled away! An angel said, “He is not here. He has risen!” Jesus appeared and said, “Do not be afraid.”

Preface of Easter (simple explanation):

We celebrate with joy because Jesus defeated death and brings new life to the world.

Welcome & Opening Prayer / Circle Time

Welcome

“Good morning! Today is the happiest day of the church year — Easter! Today we celebrate that Jesus is alive!”

Opening Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus. Thank You that He is alive! Fill our hearts with Easter joy. Amen.”

Circle Time Discussion

- What makes you feel happy?
 - Have you ever searched for something that was lost?
 - How do you think Mary felt when she saw the empty tomb?
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Memory Verse

Psalm 118:24

“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

Add simple actions:

- *This is the day* — point to ground

- *The Lord has made* — point up
 - *Rejoice* — clap
 - *Be glad* — big smile
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Bible Story Time

Tell the story with excitement and joy.

1. Early in the morning, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb.
2. The stone was rolled away.
3. An angel said, “He is not here. He has risen!”
4. Jesus appeared and called Mary by name.
5. Jesus told her to tell the disciples the good news.
6. The disciples were amazed and full of joy.

Emphasize:

- The tomb was empty.
- Jesus is alive.
- We celebrate because death did not win — God’s love did!

Optional prop ideas:

- A small box “tomb” with a removable stone
 - A white cloth
 - A battery tea light to symbolize new life
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Craft / Activity



“Empty Tomb Craft”

Supplies:

Paper plates, brown and grey paper, glue, crayons, small strip of white paper.

Instructions:

1. Cut a circle (stone) from grey paper.
2. Cut paper plate in half to form a cave shape.
3. Glue brown paper behind it.
4. Draw a bright sun rising.

5. Write inside: “He Is Risen!”

Alternative: Resurrection garden in a small cup with soil and a stone.

Game



“Easter Morning Run”

Just like the women ran to tell the good news!

- Children line up.
 - One at a time they run to a teacher and say: “Jesus is alive!”
 - Teacher responds: “Alleluia!”
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Song Suggestions

- “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (simple chorus)
 - “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”
 - “This Little Light of Mine”
 - “Alleluia! Give Thanks”
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Snack Suggestions

- Resurrection rolls (marshmallow inside crescent roll — empty when baked)
 - Fruit cups (new life theme)
 - Easter cupcakes with a small cross decoration
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Wrap Up & Reflections

Ask:

- Who found the empty tomb?
- What did the angel say?

- Why is Easter such a happy day?
- How can we share Easter joy with others?

Reinforce:

Jesus is alive and loves us always.

Closing Prayer

“Dear Jesus, thank You that You are alive. Thank You for loving us and giving us new life. Help us to share Your joy with everyone. Alleluia! Amen.”

Take Home Idea

Send home:

- A small paper “empty tomb” craft
 - Memory verse card
 - Encourage families to say together:
“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”
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Teacher Notes

- Keep tone joyful and hopeful.
- Be sensitive to children who may not fully understand death — emphasize life and joy.
- Easter is a celebration — allow excitement!
- Encourage children to use the word “Alleluia!”

Other Idea Links

In searching for ideas for the lessons I sometimes come up with things that I choose not to add at this time but maybe you will find them helpful if the previous information is not what you are looking for. You can click on the links below to see more ideas.

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He is Risen!

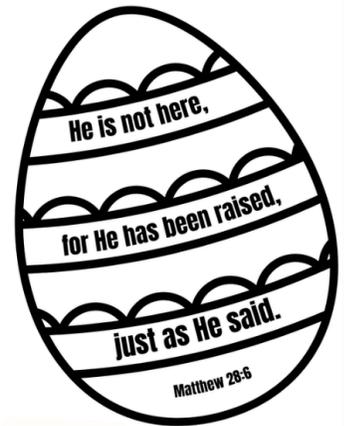
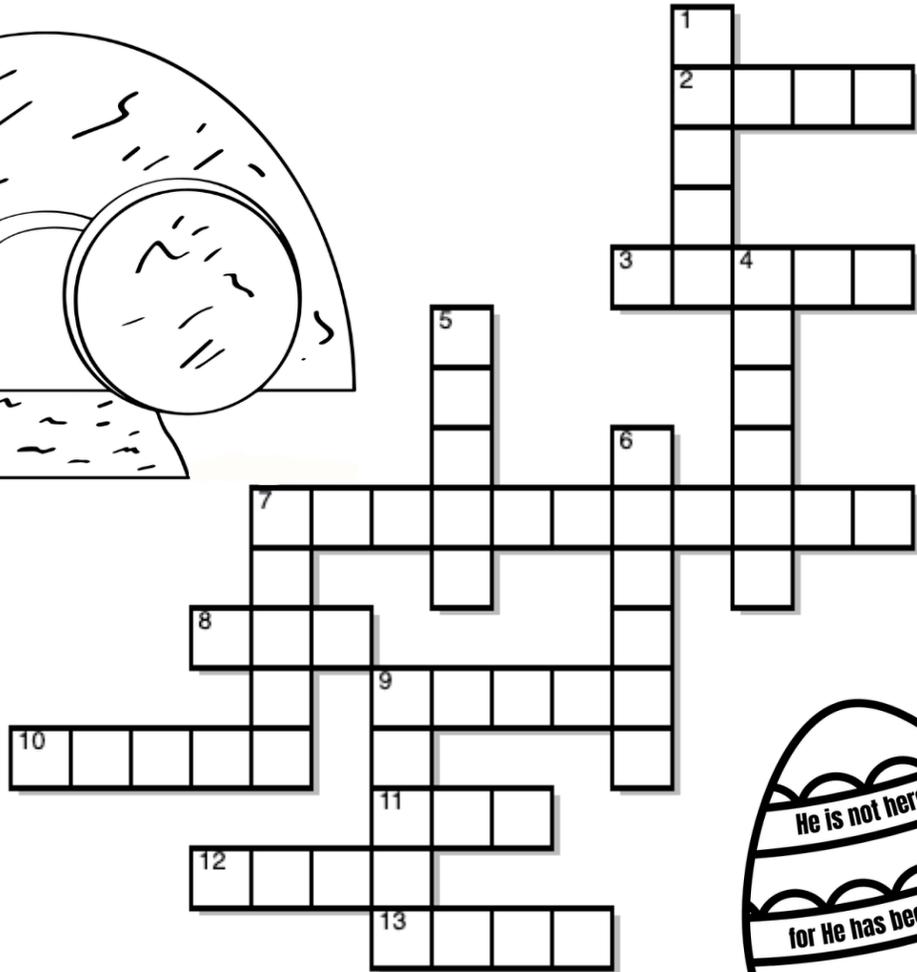
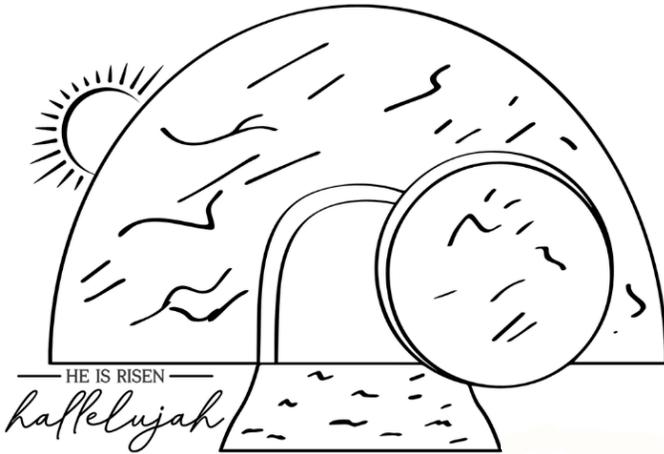
Easter Sunday



He Is Risen!
Alleluia!

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ACROSS

- 2 Grave
- 3 Demise
- 7 Festivity
- 8 Rejoice
- 9 Not dead
- 10 Messiah
- 11 Our father
- 12 Wish
- 13 Adore

DOWN

- 1 Rock
- 4 Fearful
- 5 Got up
- 6 Celebration of resurrection
- 7 Jesus died on
- 9 Seraph

He is Risen!

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C E L E B R A T I O N
L A D N S N Y E G O D
Y S M I E U V O T T M
T T T S A I S K J Y K
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Risen
Alive
Love
Death
Easter
Jesus
God

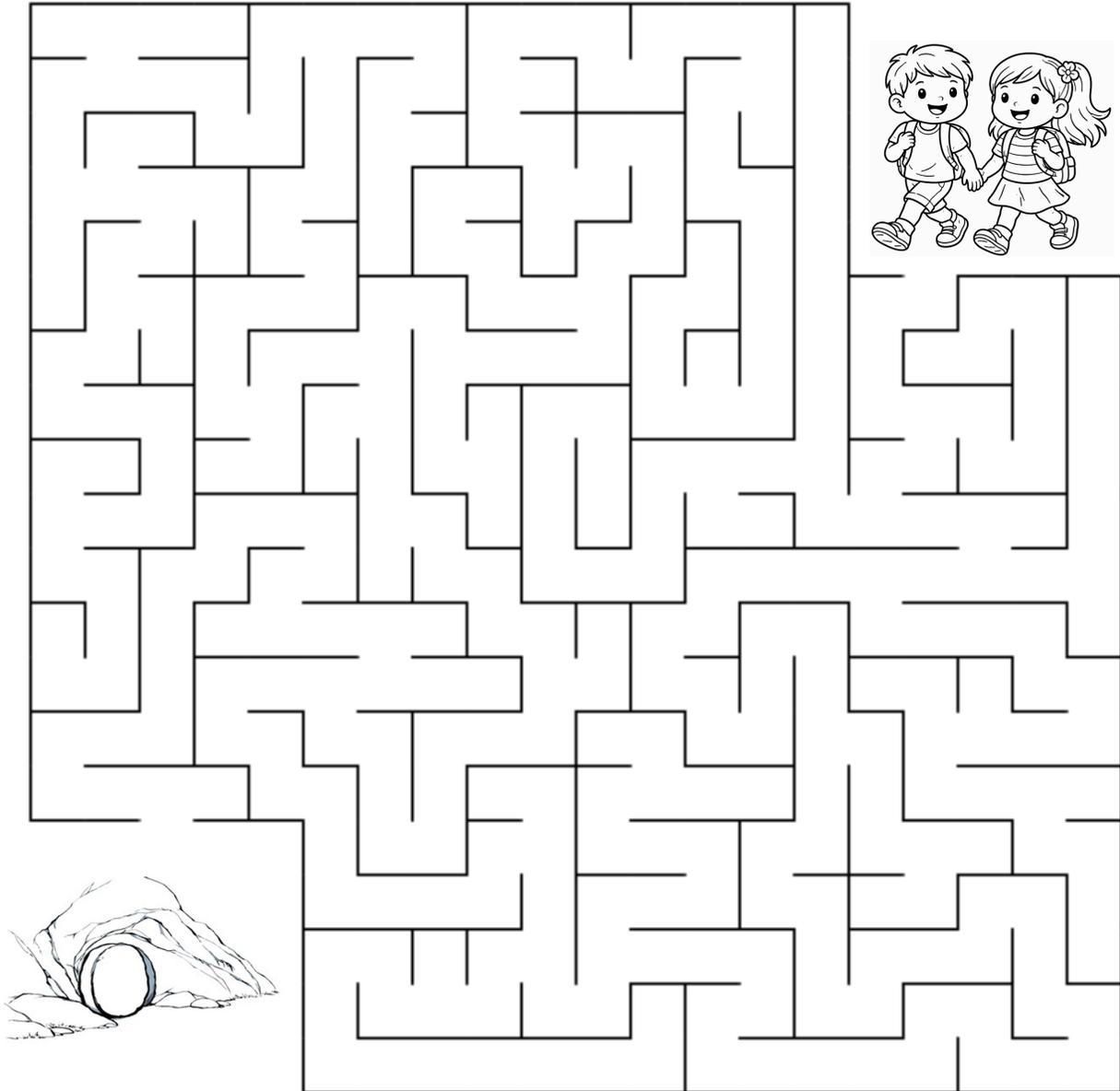
Hope
Joy
Cross
Stone
Tomb
Angel
Afraid
Celebration



He is Risen!

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Find the path to the empty tomb.



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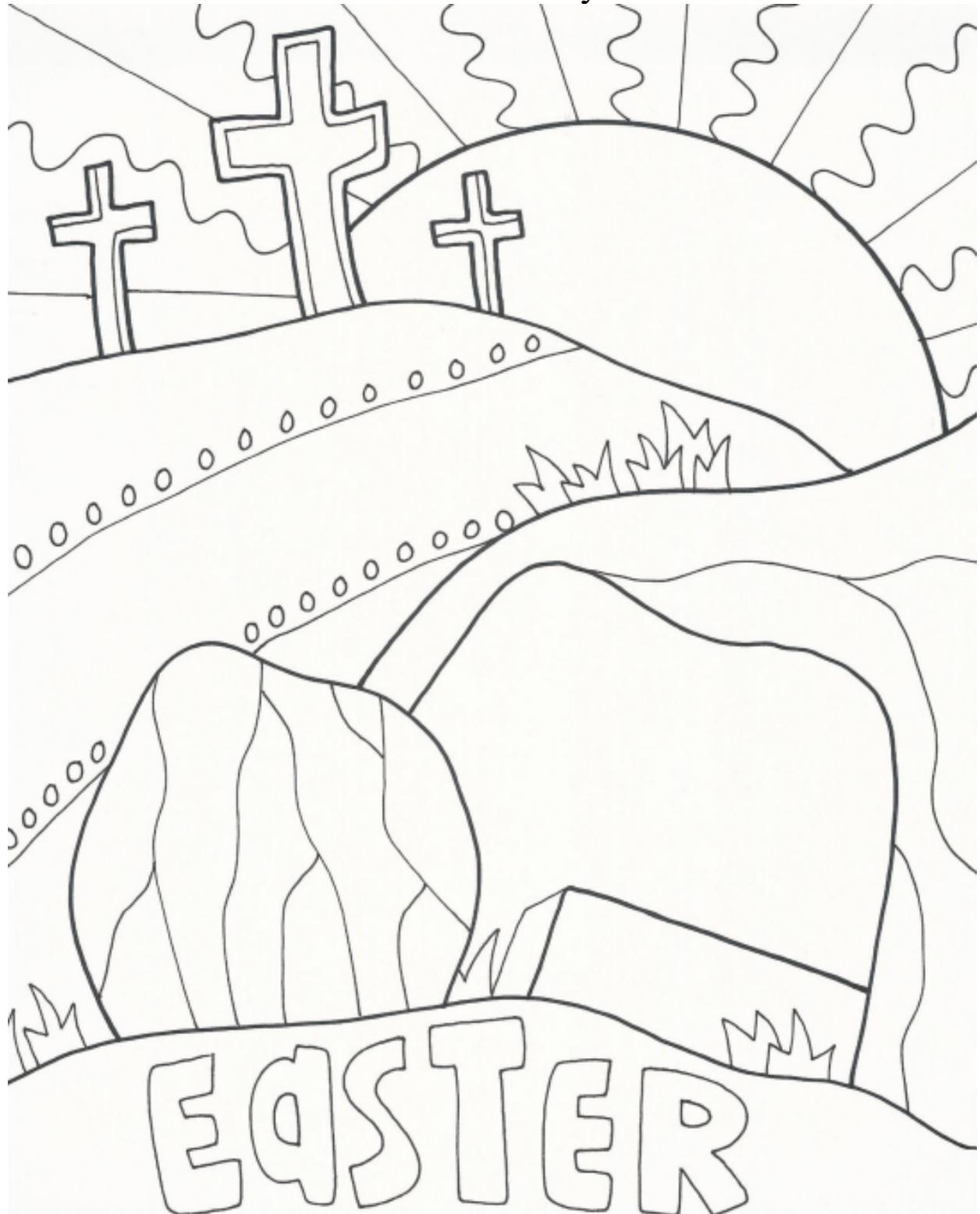
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 just as He said.

Matthew 28:6



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Crossword – Key:

Across

- 2. Tomb
- 3. Death
- 7. Celebration
- 8. Hope
- 9. Alive
- 10. Jesus
- 11. God
- 12. Joy
- 13. Love

Down

- 1. Stone
- 4. Afraid
- 5. Risen
- 6. Easter
- 7. Cross
- 9. Angel

Cryptogram – Key:

Psalm 118:1

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!