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Family Home Evening Made Easy

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The True Meaning Of Easter Family Home Evening Packet



Contents:

Story, Picture Sheets, Activity,
Scripture, Treat Recipe

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Springtime Rice Krispie Treats

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 4 cups marshmallows
- 5 cups cocoa crispies or rice crispies
- Jelly beans, chocolate eggs, malted eggs, etc.
- Marshmallow chicks

Directions: Melt butter and marshmallows in a pan, stirring until smooth. In a large bowl mix melted marshmallow mixture with the crispies. Grease a muffin tin. Press the crispie mixture into each muffin mold, forming a birds nest. Have the children add jelly beans, chocolate eggs, malted eggs and a little bird to the center of the nest. Be Creative!

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Home Evening Outline

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Song
- Scripture
- Story
- Game
- Closing Song
- Closing Prayer
- Refreshments

Suggested Songs: "Jesus Has Risen", pg. 70 (Childrens)
"He Died That We Might Live Again", pg. 65 (Childrens)
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives", pg. 136 (Hymn)

Scriptures: Alma 40:23, John 11:25

Story: Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

Easter Activity: Preparation - Print and cut out all of the eggs. Make 2 copies of each scripture/graphic page and cut out. Tape or glue the scripture reference/graphic to the underside of the egg to create a memory game.

Object: To be the team with the most matches.

Activity: To begin the activity, have each family member get their scriptures. Divide the family into two teams. Place all thirty-six eggs on a playing surface with the egg design, face up. Choose which team will go first. The first team begins by choosing two eggs and turning them over to reveal the scripture reference and picture on the back. If the eggs match, the family then looks up the scripture reference and reads it together. Be sure to discuss and answer any questions. If the team drew a successful match, the team then gets to go again until they do not choose a match. If a team does not choose a match, play rotates to the opposing team. Play continues in this manner until all of the eggs have been matched.

The True Meaning of Easter

It was Easter Sunday in the Hansen home. Father called all of the children to come to the Family Room, for the Easter Bunny had surely visited them during the night.

The thundering sounds burst through the house as Ryan, Kurt, Sally and Sarah came running down the stairs. Father and Mother stepped aside to watch the events unfold and smiled as each child found his or her own Easter basket. Squeals of delight came from three-year old Kurt as he immediately began tearing the wrappers away from blue, green and pink candies. Huge chocolate bunnies stood straight and tall in each basket, surrounded by candy bars, marshmallow rabbits and jelly beans of every color. New Sunday clothes were set out neatly beside each basket and new Sunday shoes glistened in the morning sunlight. Each child appeared to be very happy with what they had received and each moaned when Mother asked them to get ready for Church.

Adorned in new Easter clothes, each child took his or her place in the family car. Father began to sing as he steered the big, blue car toward the church. Father was irritatingly happy in the mornings. Soon, they were heading down the hall of the church building to the Primary room.

Mother directed Kurt to the front row, and the other children to their individual class seats. She was so glad that Easter was on Sunday and that they could all be in church learning about Jesus and the true meaning of Easter. She whispered to the children to listen carefully to what their teachers had to say today.

Ryan shifted nervously in his seat as the Primary president presented the lesson on the Resurrection of Jesus. He had heard this story many times before in his ten years of life and so it was very familiar to him. He was not thinking much about the lesson at all but was anxious to get home to all of the goodies in his Easter basket. Sister Clark continued anyway.

"Boys and girls," she said, "the story of the Savior's resurrection is very dear to my heart. I want to tell you all about it today. Can any of you tell me why we celebrate Easter?" A dozen hands went up, some waving wildly in the air. One little fellow on the front row wearing a bright, blue bow tie spoke up before anyone else got a chance.

"So the Easter Bunny can come!"

"Well," Sister Clark sighed, "yes, that is part of it, but there is something much more important than the Easter Bunny coming."

This time, an eight-year old girl in the middle of the room raised her hand and when Sister Clark called on her she spoke quietly. "It's because Jesus came back to life."

"Yes," Sister Clark continued, "it is because of the resurrection of the Savior. When someone is resurrected, they live again after they have died. Will you and I be resurrected?" She asked.

There were many audible voices saying, "Yes!" and many heads bobbing up and down enthusiastically. Sister Clark smiled.

She began to tell one of the most beautiful stories in the bible. She spoke of how Jesus lived on the earth many, many years ago. She told of the people who hated him and how they killed him. Then, she began the story of what happened when they took Jesus' body from the cross.

"One of Jesus' disciples," she said, "named Joseph of Arimathea, asked that he might be given the body of the Savior so that he could take 'care' of it. He was given permission to remove the body."

Because he was afraid, Joseph waited until it was dark to take care of Jesus. When it was night time, he and a man called Nicodemus took spices such as myrrh and aloë and bathed Jesus' body. Then they wrapped it in clean, white linen clothing, as was the manner of the Jewish people when they buried someone.

In Gethsemane, there was a beautiful garden and in that garden was a sepulcher. A sepulcher was an enclosed place that people laid their dead in. It was also known as a grave or tomb. No one had ever been buried in this sepulcher so it was the perfect place to lay the Savior. When they were finished, they rolled a huge stone across the doorway so that no one would bother it or try to see Jesus' body.

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene walked to the sepulcher when it was very early in the morning and still dark. As she approached, she realized that someone had moved the stone out of the way. She ran to get Simon Peter and one of the other disciples. She told them that they had taken away the Lord from the sepulcher and that she didn't know where they had lain him. The disciples ran to the tomb."

Ryan caught himself listening intently now. Everyone was listening. Sister Clark continued.

"The other disciple outran Peter and when he arrived at the sepulcher, he stooped down to look in. What he saw was not the Savior, but the linen clothes lying there. Peter passed the other disciple and entered the tomb. He also saw the clothes. The "napkin" that had been placed about Jesus' head had been wrapped together and placed alone and separate from the other clothing. Both disciples realized that Jesus was gone but neither understood that Jesus must rise again from the dead and so they both returned to their homes.

Mary, however, stayed outside of the sepulcher, weeping softly. She bent down to look inside the grave and there she saw two angels dressed in white. One was sitting where Jesus' head had been and one where his feet had been. They spoke to her, saying: "Woman, why weepest thou?"

She answered them saying: "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him." After she spoke these words, she turned to look outside the tomb and saw a man standing behind her.

The man said, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?"

Mary thought he was the gardener and told him that if it was he who had taken Jesus to please tell her where he was so she could go and get him. Then, the man simply said to her, "Mary."

Immediately, Mary realized that Jesus stood before her. She had not recognized him at first but when she did she called him, "Rabboni," which means "Master."

Jesus said to her, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father; and to my God, and your God."

Mary ran and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and told them what he had said to her.

Now the disciples had been in hiding from the Jews behind closed doors because of what had been done to Jesus. Suddenly, Jesus stood in their midst. "Peace be unto you." He said. Then he showed them his hands and his side where he had been injured and the disciples rejoiced and were so happy. After speaking to them briefly, the Savior breathed gently upon them and told them to receive the Holy Ghost."

"Isn't this a beautiful story?" Sister Clark asked the children. "Why is this story so important to you and me?"

A cute, dimple-faced little boy shot his hand into the air. "Because," he said as he fumbled with the buttons on his new white shirt, "because it means that because he did it" There was a pause as the little boy grinned from ear to ear. "Because he did it," he beamed, "I can do it!"

"Yes!" Sister Clark responded enthusiastically. "Yes, it is important because there were witnesses who wrote about the resurrection to tell us now that we have nothing to worry about. We will all live again, no matter what happens to us here. Isn't that wonderful?" All of the children's heads bobbed up and down again, except of course for the older kids on the back row who were too old to respond by head bobbing.

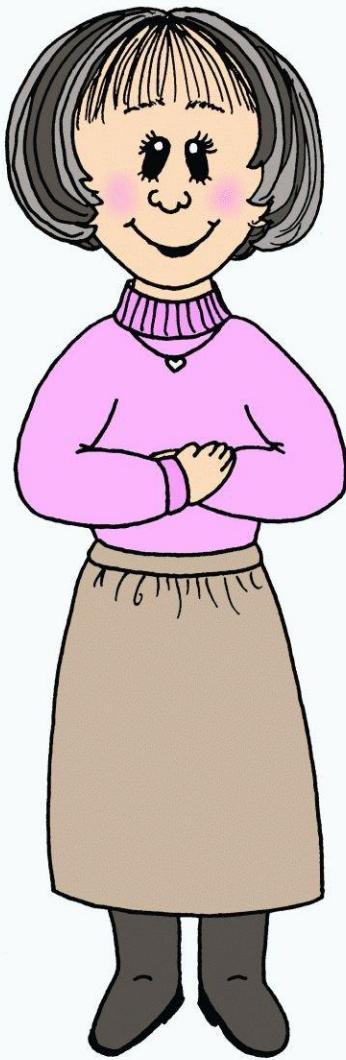
Ryan had really never realized the significance of the resurrection as it applied to him. He had nothing to worry about for he would live again, just as Jesus did. A warm feeling came over him. He felt very thankful to Jesus for not only dying for him that he might be forgiven of his sins, but for living again for him as well.

Easter is a time for rebirth and renewal. It is a beautiful time on the earth as fresh blossoms adorn the ground and new baby animals are springing up everywhere. Fresh green leaves dot the once barren branches of the trees and the earth becomes new again. What a testimony of how Heavenly Father does things. All things become new again and so will we, thanks to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

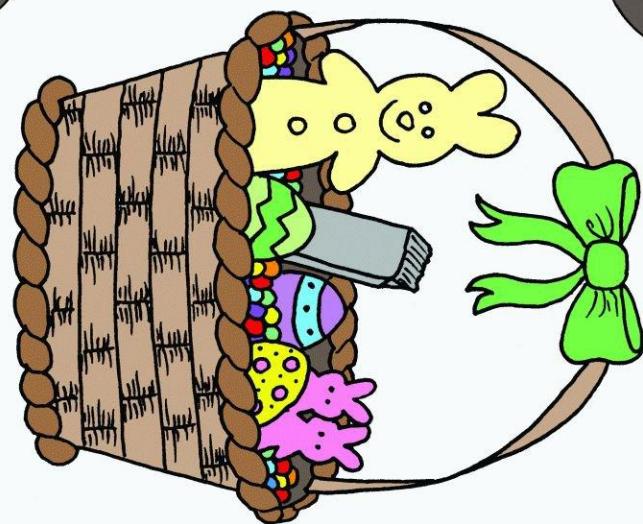
DISCUSSION

- What does it mean to be resurrected? ("The resurrection consists in the uniting of a spirit body with a body of flesh and bones, never again to be divided. The resurrection shall come to all, because of Christ's victory over death. Jesus Christ was the first to be resurrected on this earth." Bible Dictionary)
- Why is the resurrection important to you?
- How can we show gratitude to our Savior for all that he suffered for us?

On the way
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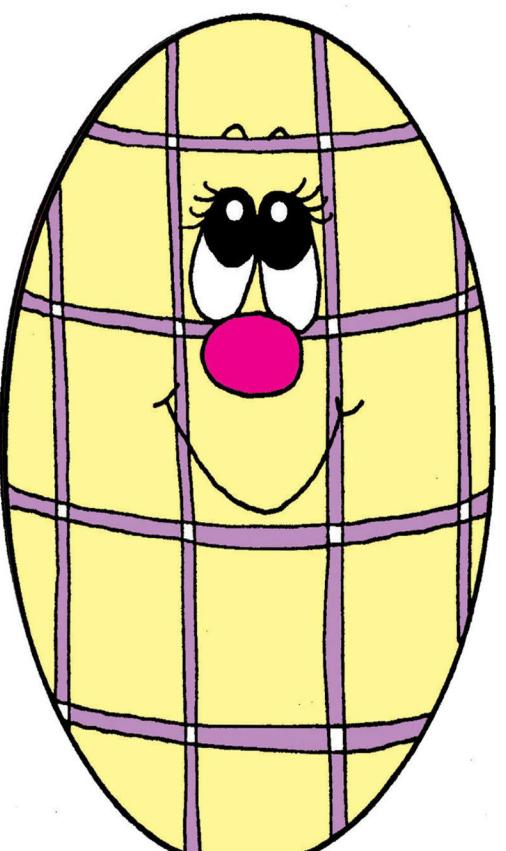
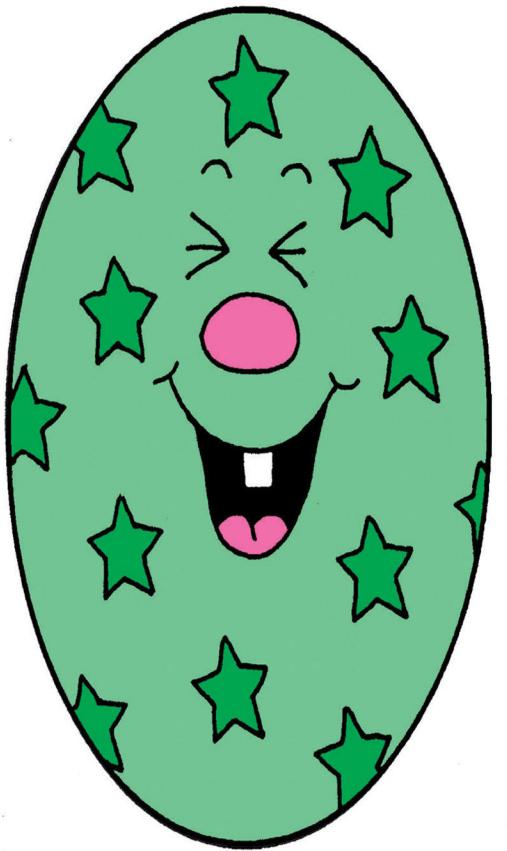
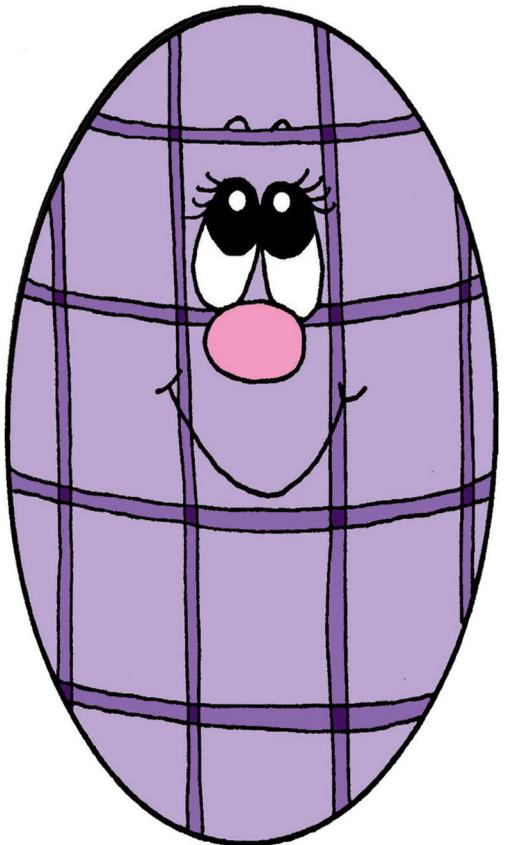
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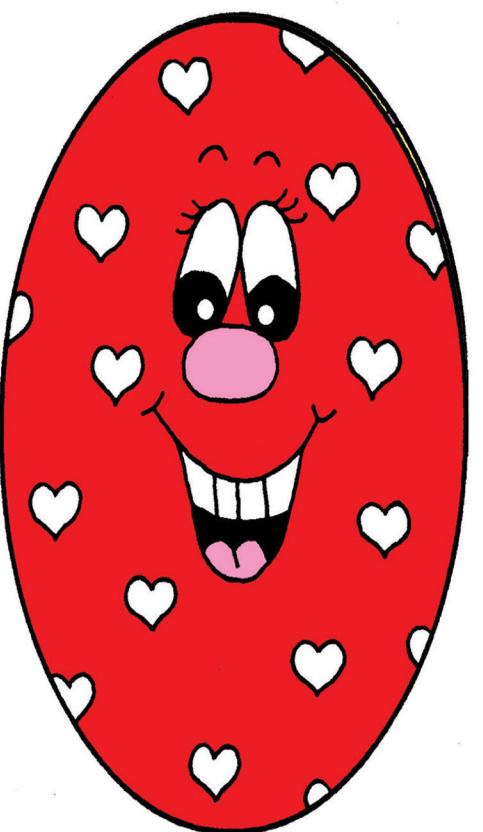
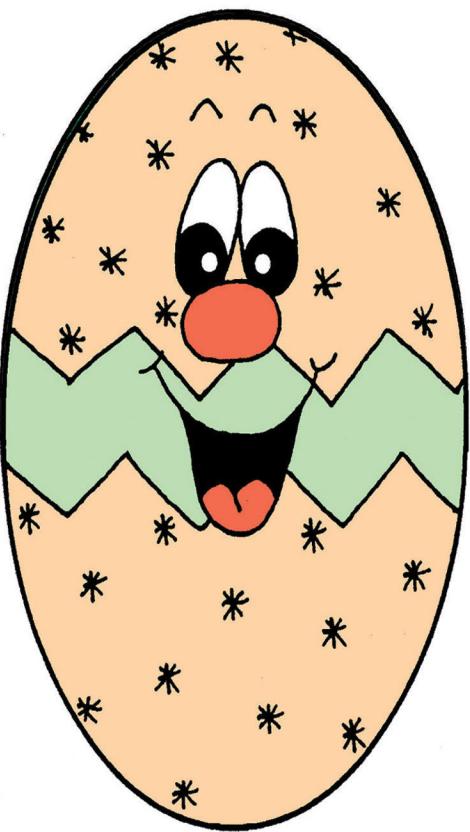
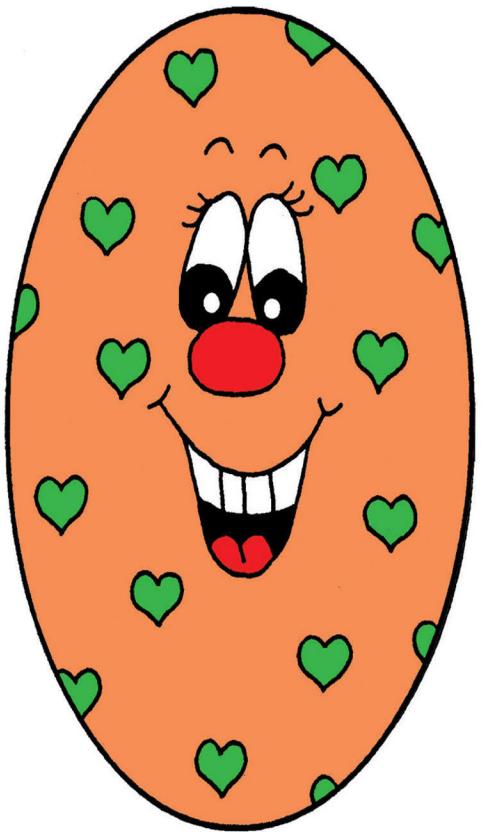


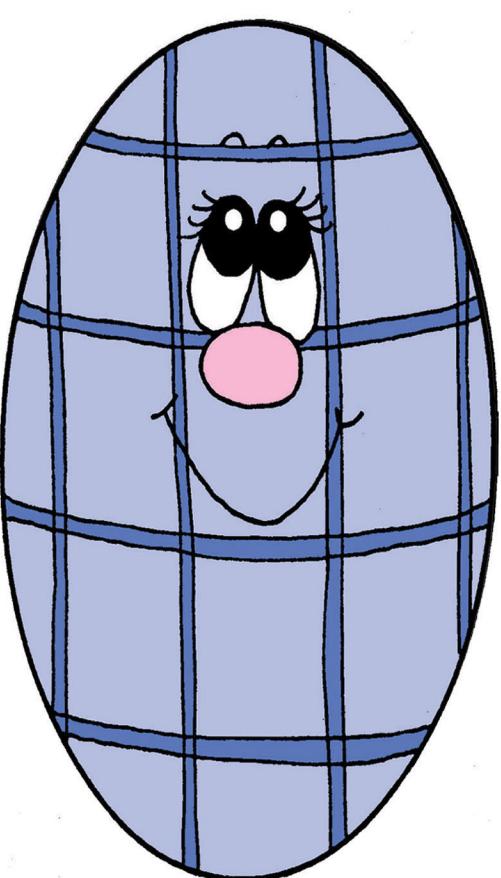
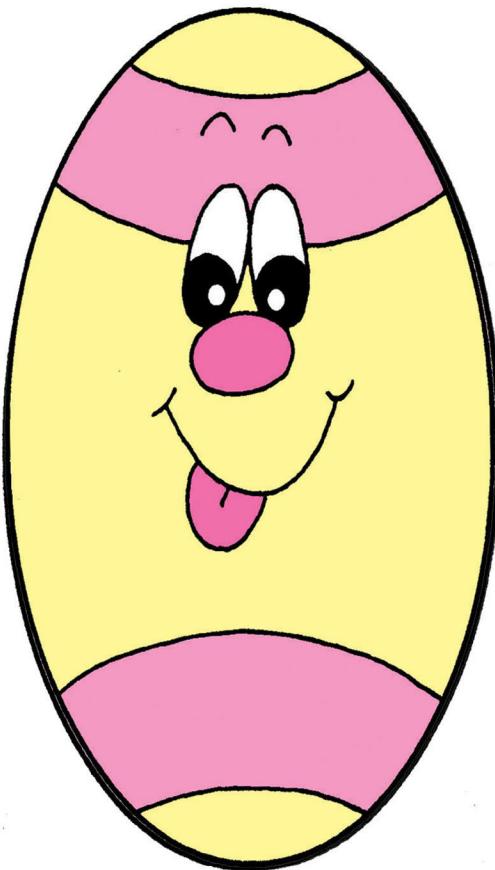
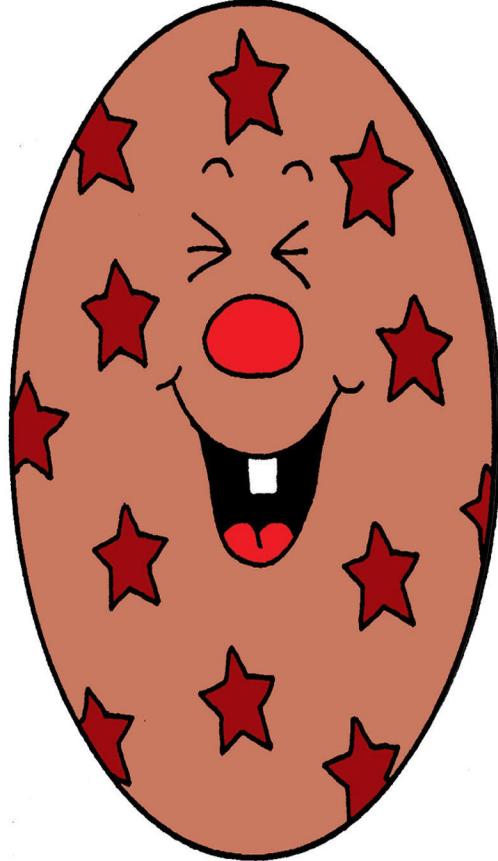
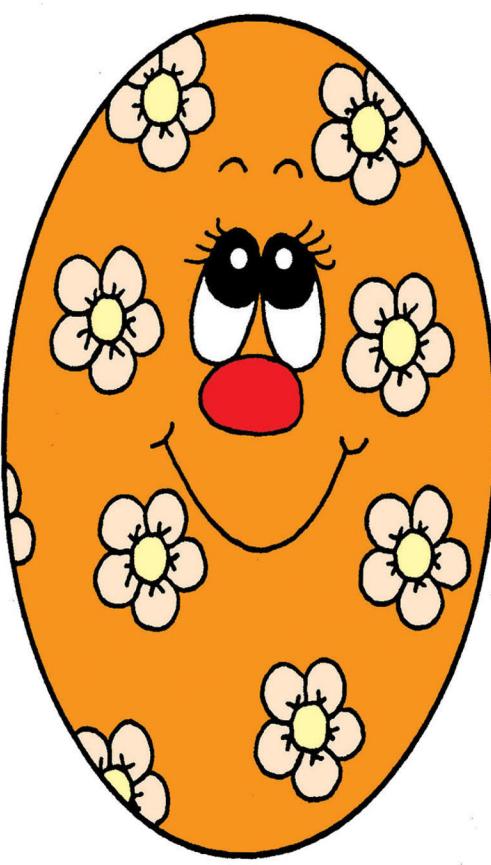
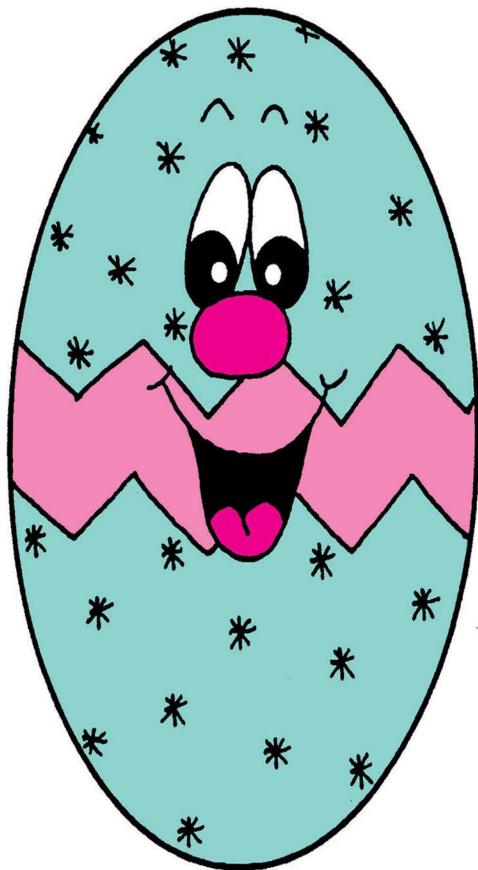
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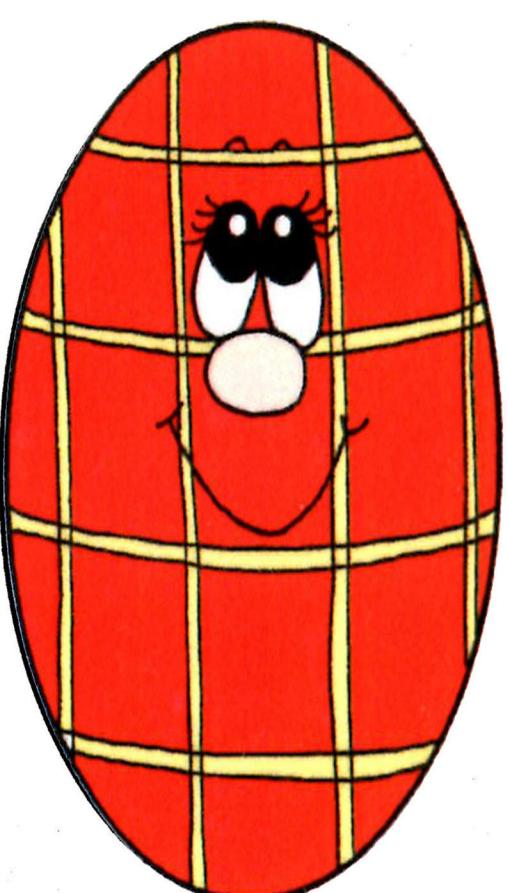
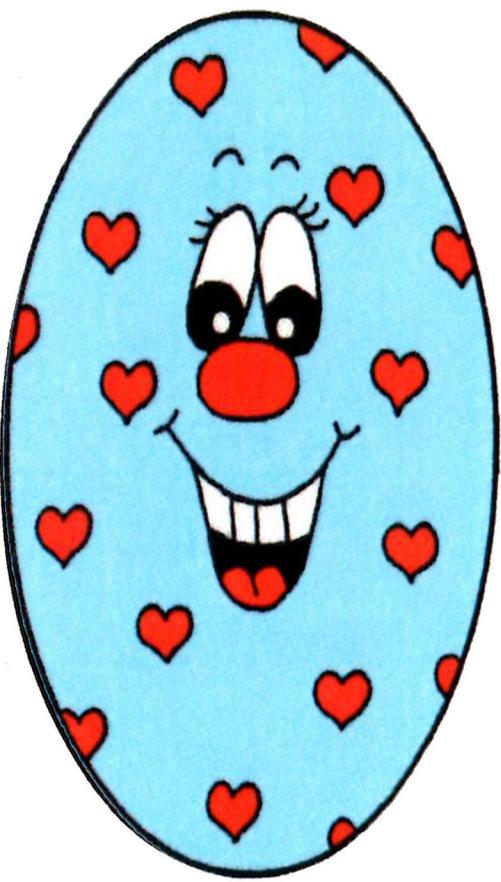
Mary looking into
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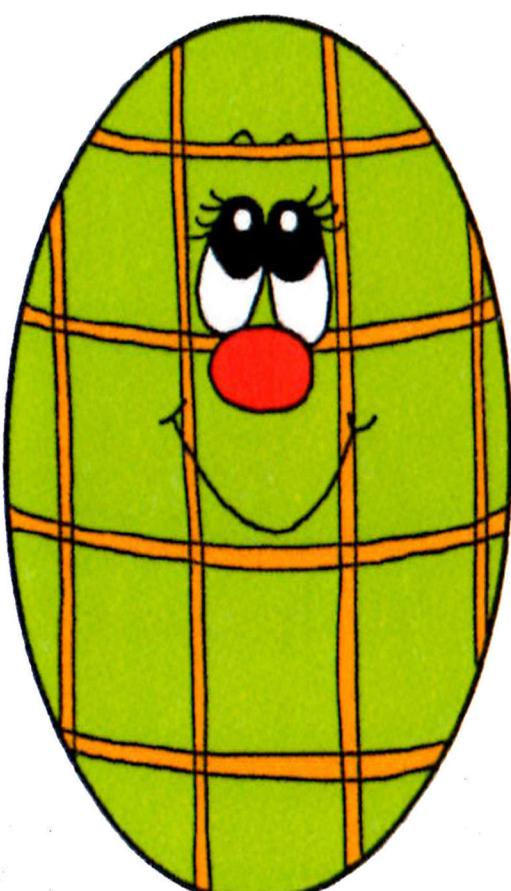
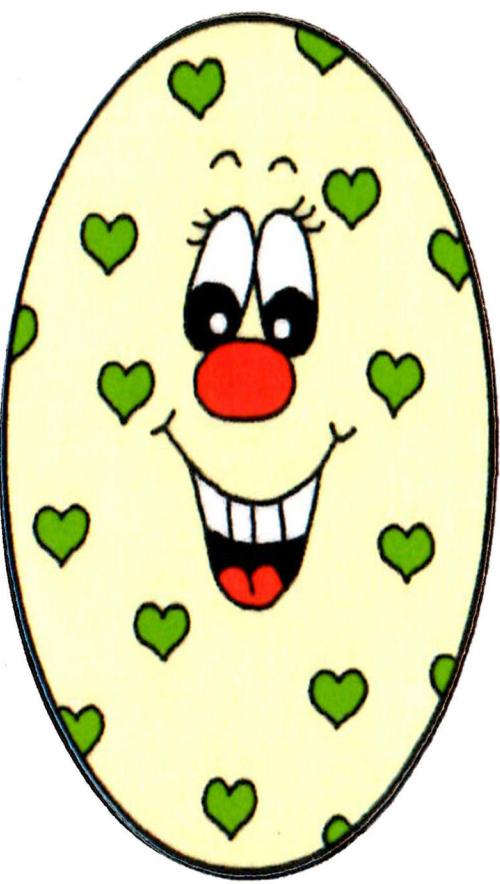
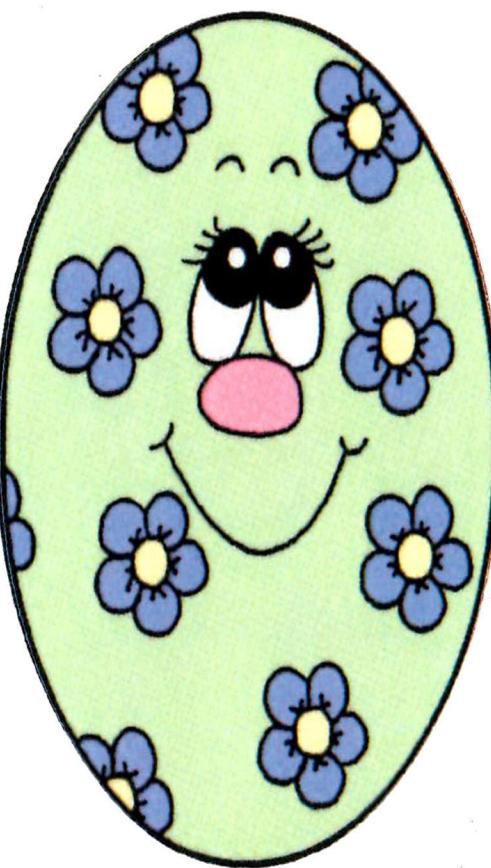


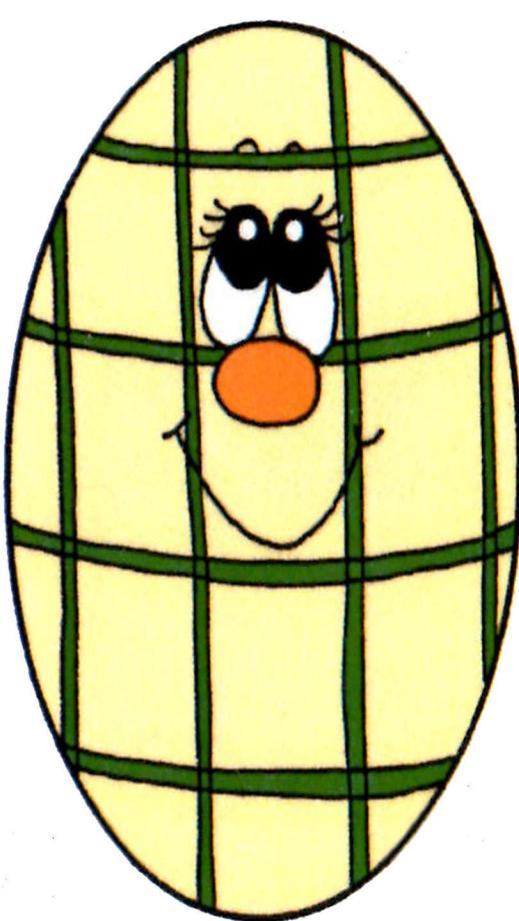
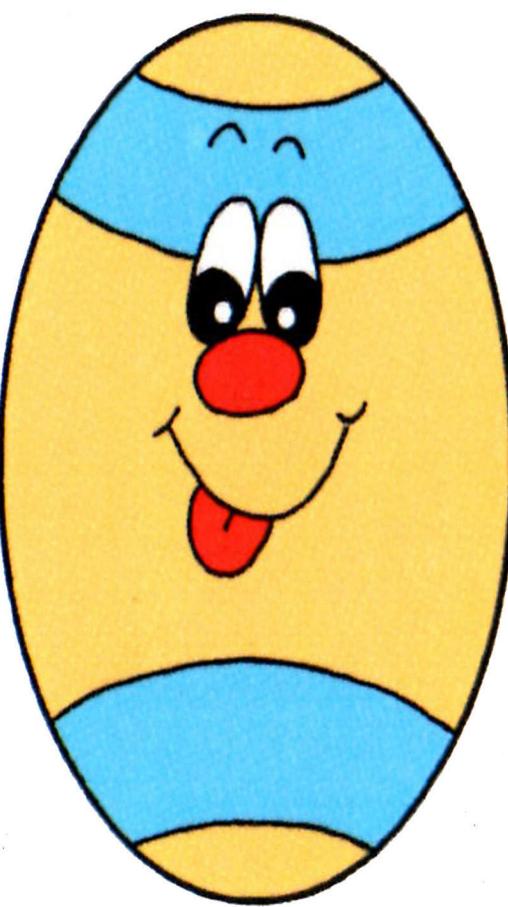
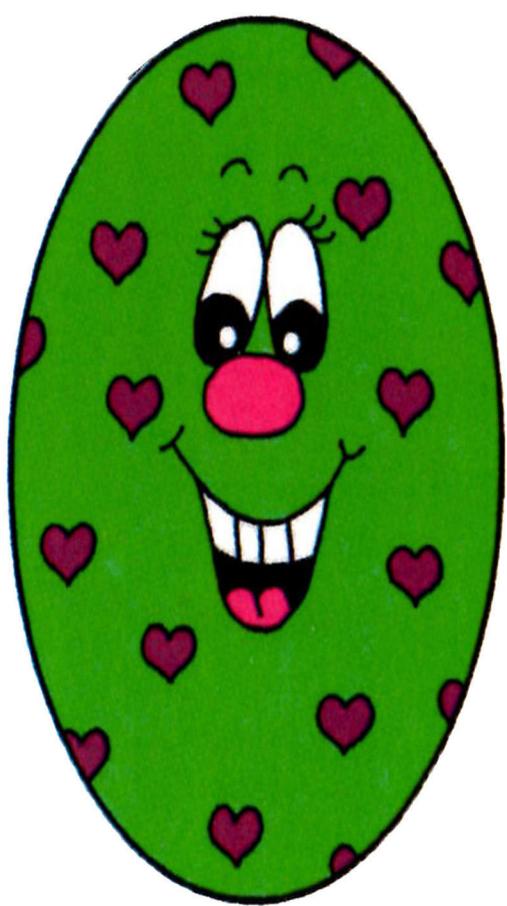


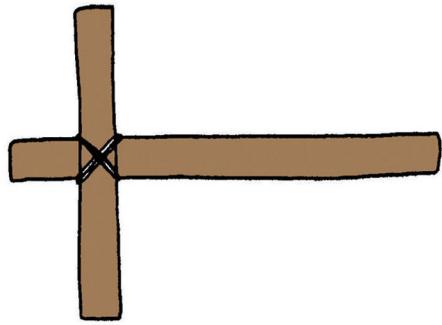




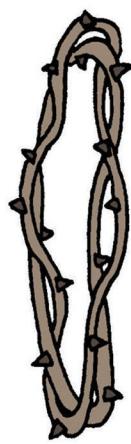




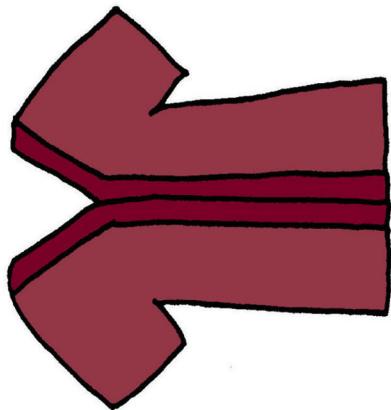




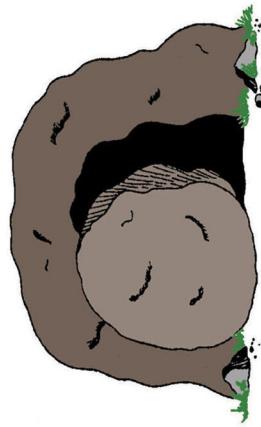
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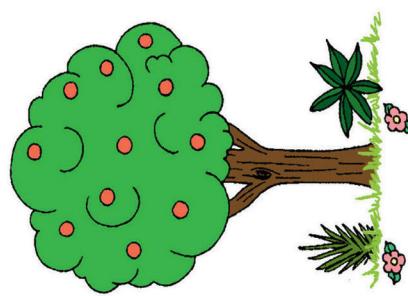
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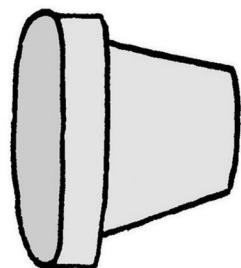
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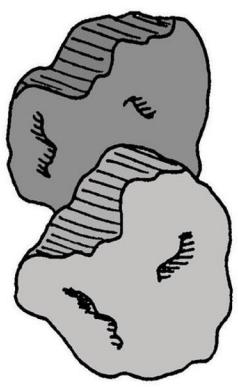


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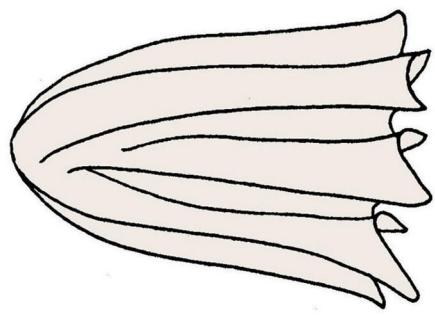


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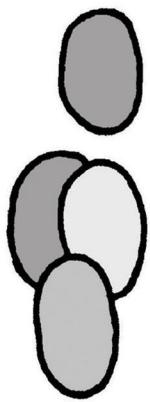
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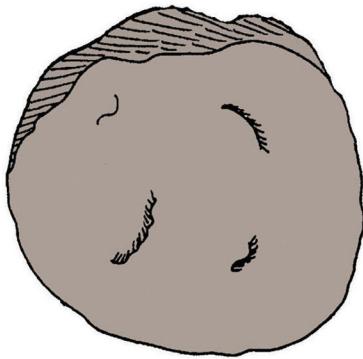
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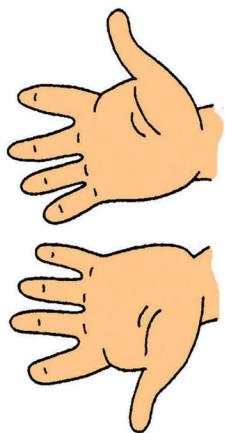


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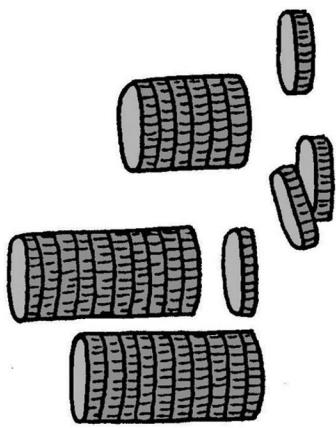


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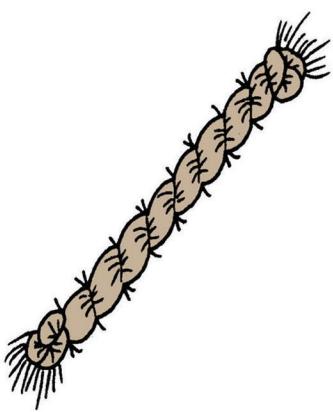
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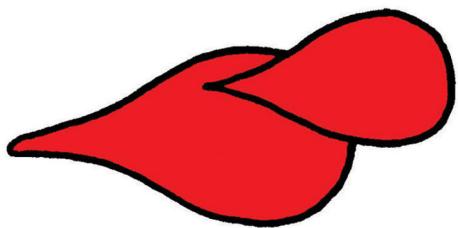
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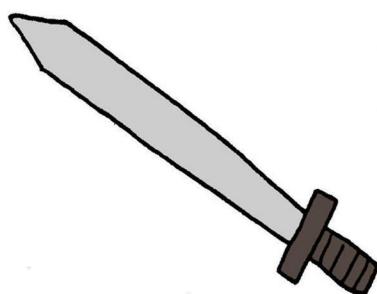
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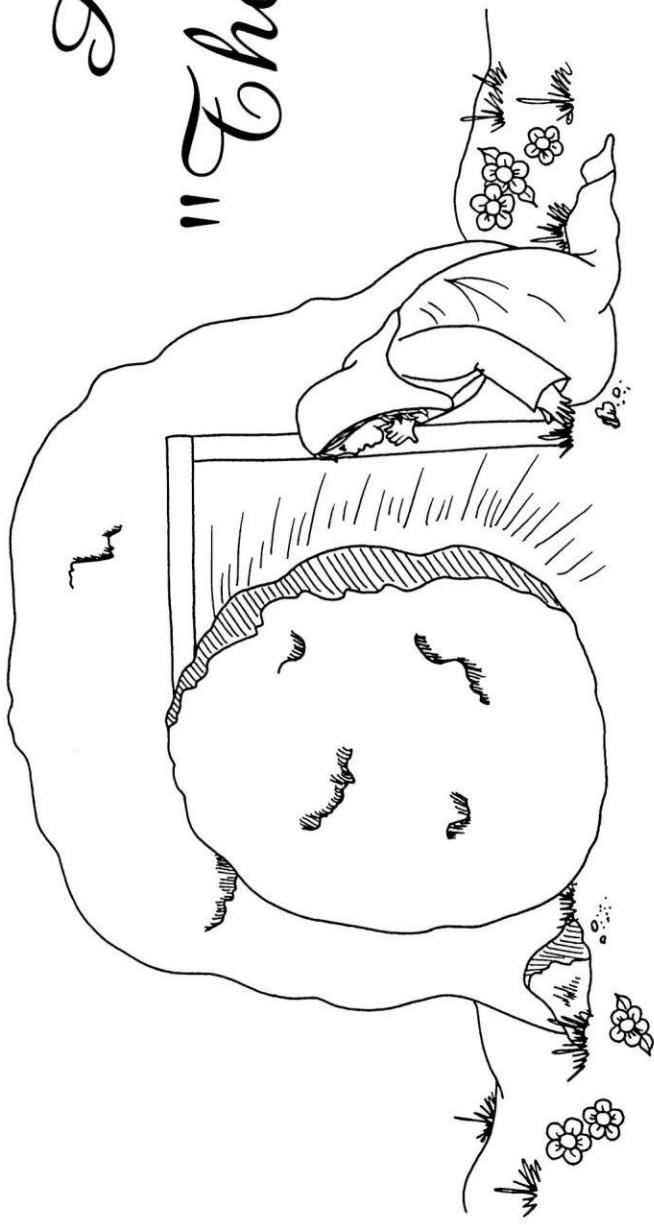
John 18:10-11



Matthew 26:40

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Alma 40:23



"The soul shall be restored to the body, and the joint shall be restored to its body; yea, even a hair of the head shall not be lost; but all things shall be restored to their proper and perfect frame."