

Easter assembly: worksheet

For adults: Children will need to watch the crossteach Easter assembly video and answer the questions on the worksheet. Help younger children to read the parts in red. The 'smiley face' activity is for discussion.

Easter is a time where Christians celebrate Jesus' death and Jesus being raised from the dead. Christians read about Jesus' life, death and resurrection in the Bible which is a Holy book. This is where you can find the story of the very first Easter.

Today you are going to learn what Christians believe about Easter.

Burst the first quiz

Watch the video. Draw a line to match up the correct answers.

Name

Picture

What were they the first to do?

Neil Armstrong



The first man on the moon

Barak Obama



The first author to earn one billion dollars

J.K Rowling



First black president of the United States of America (USA)

Q1: Who is it that Christians celebrate that did something amazing at Easter time?

J _____

In the video the detective was looking at the evidence that Jesus was the first and only one to die, bring himself back to life and live forever.

The Roman Soldier

The Bible teaches that Jesus did many amazing things such as feeding thousands of people with 5 small loaves and two fish¹. But the religious leaders hated him, and Roman soldiers were sent to kill him. Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

Picture 1



Picture 2



Q2: Look at Picture 1 and 2. What did the Roman soldier do to make sure that Jesus was dead?

From the Roman soldier we learn that Jesus was definitely dead. Read what is said in the Bible:

But one of the soldiers stuck his spear into Jesus' side. At once blood and water came out. (The one who saw this happen has told about it. The things he says are true. He knows that he tells the truth. He told about it so that you also can believe.)

John 19:35

How do you think the Roman soldier felt about Jesus' death?



Shocked



Happy



Unsure

Write down any more evidence that you found out from the Roman soldier in the video:

From the Roman soldier, I found out that...

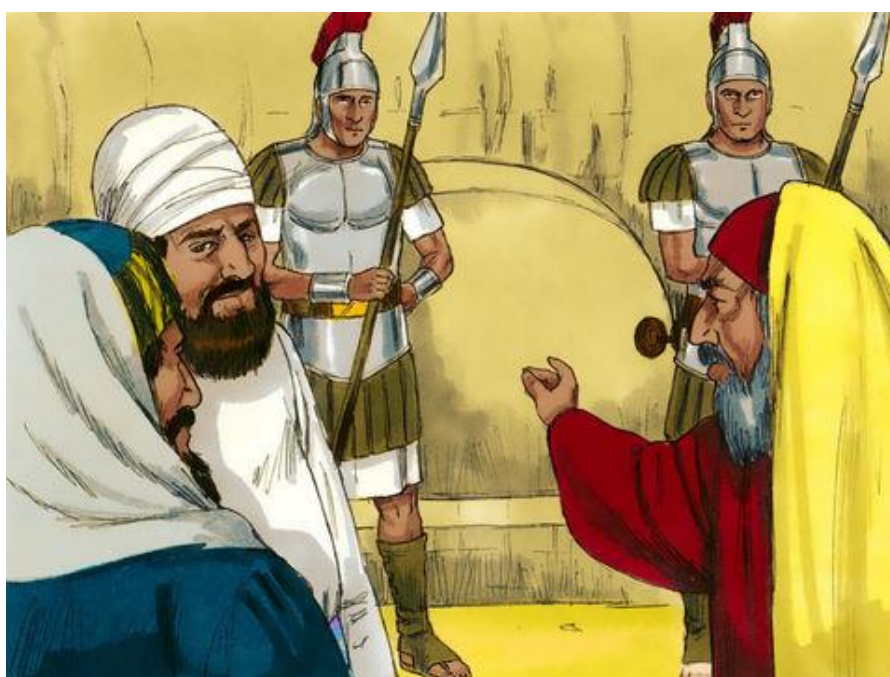
The Religious leader

In the Bible, the religious leaders thought that Jesus was breaking the religious laws, so they had Jesus killed on a cross. Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

Picture 3



Picture 4



Q3: Look at pictures 3 and 4. What did the religious leader find out from the soldier's report?

- The tomb was full
- The tomb was empty
- The tomb was dirty

How do you think the religious leaders felt when they found out that the tomb was empty? Circle one (or more) faces.



Happy



Shocked



Angry

From the Bible, this is what happened after the tomb had been found to be empty:

... some of the soldiers who had been guarding the tomb went into the city. They went to tell the leading priests everything that had happened. Then the priests met with the Jewish elders and made a plan. They paid the soldiers a large amount of money. They said to the soldiers, "Tell the people that Jesus' followers came during the night and stole the body while you were asleep."

Matthew 28: 11-13

Write down some more evidence that you found out from the religious leader in the video:

From the religious leader, I found out that...

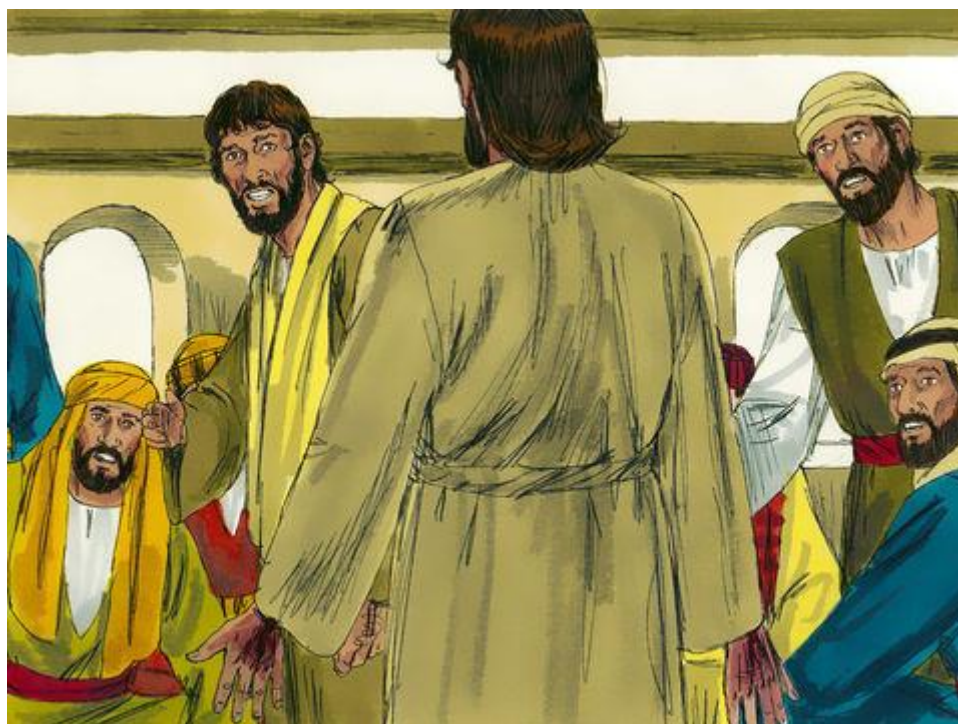
Mary Magdalene and Thomas

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the tomb had been rolled away and the body wasn't in there. Thomas did not believe that Jesus was alive. Look at the pictures below and answer the questions.

Picture 5



Picture 6



Look at pictures 5 and 6

Q4: What did Mary tell the disciples?

Q5: Jesus appeared to Thomas and his friends (his followers). How did Thomas know it was Jesus?

Jesus appeared to Mary, to Thomas and to the rest of his followers (His disciples). Here is what is written in the Bible:

Mary Magdalene went and said to the followers, "I saw the Lord!" And she told them what Jesus had said to her.

A week later the followers were in the house again. Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you see me. Those who believe without seeing me will be truly happy.

John 20:18 and 26-29

How do you think Mary felt when she saw Jesus? Circle one (or more) faces.



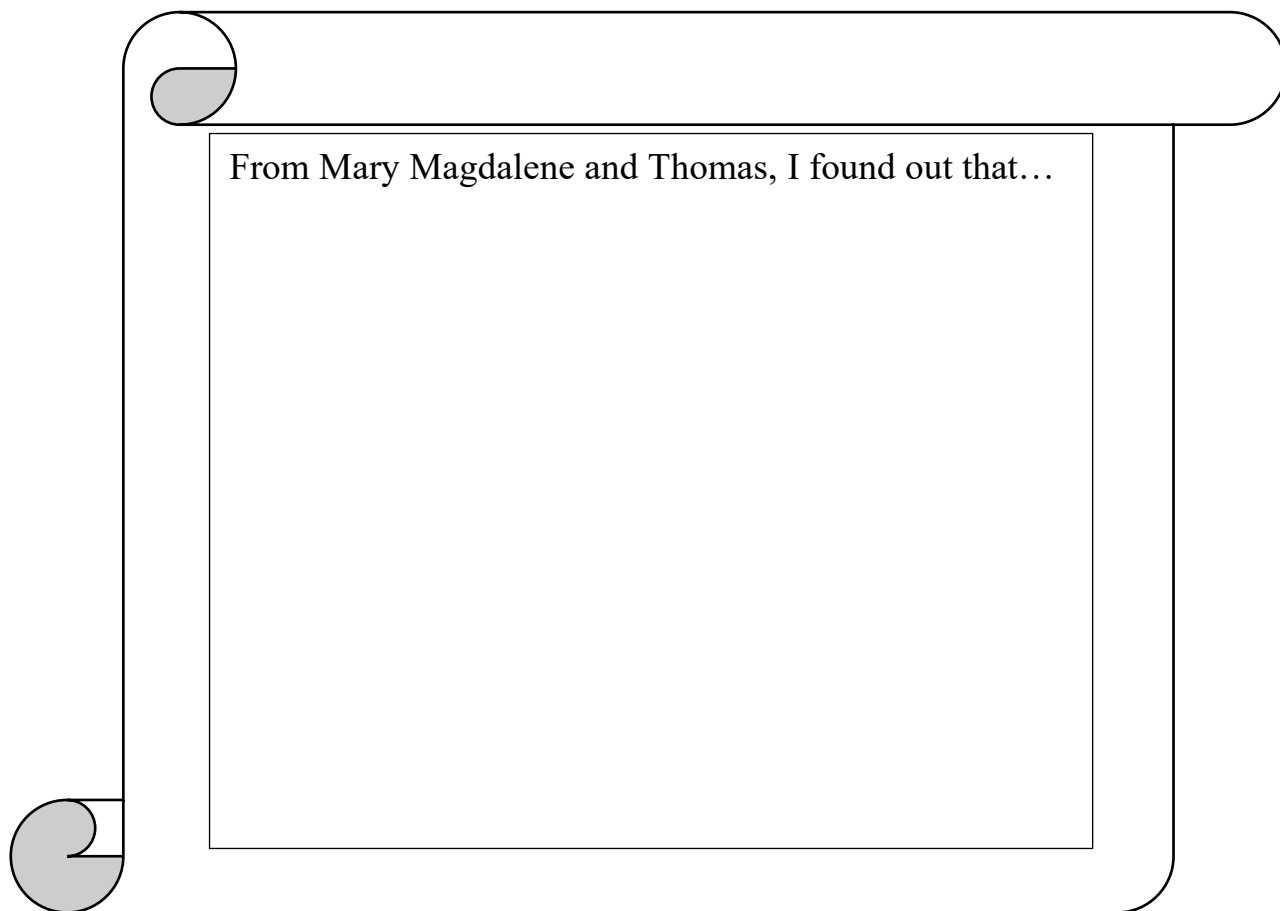
Very happy Shocked Confused

How do you think Thomas felt when he saw Jesus? Circle one (or more) faces.



Very happy Shocked Sad

Write down some more evidence that you found out from Mary Magdalene and Thomas in the video:



From Mary Magdalene and Thomas, I found out that...

In the Bible Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will have life even if he dies. And he who lives and believes in me will never die..." **John 11:25-26**

For many Christians, Easter is a very important time. In the Bible, Jesus promises that people who are trusting in him will also be raised to life, so they are not only friends with God now but that they will also be with God forever after they die.

Why is the resurrection so important for Christians today?

Christians believe, from the Bible, that Jesus died to take the punishment for sin- the things that people have done wrong, so that they can be forgiven by God. The resurrection is like the proof that it worked, that Jesus beat death!

Christians celebrate the resurrection and it gives them great hope that death is not the end and they will live with Jesus now and forever.

Have you learned anything new about Jesus today?

What do you think about the evidence for His death and resurrection?

Do you want to find out more?

The Easter story is found in the Bible. There are many different translations of the Bible. A child friendly version is called the International Children’s Bible. You can find it online at: biblegateway.com

The Roman soldier and Jesus

John 19:35

The soldiers report to the religious leader

Matthew 28: 11-13

Jesus appears to Mary and his followers

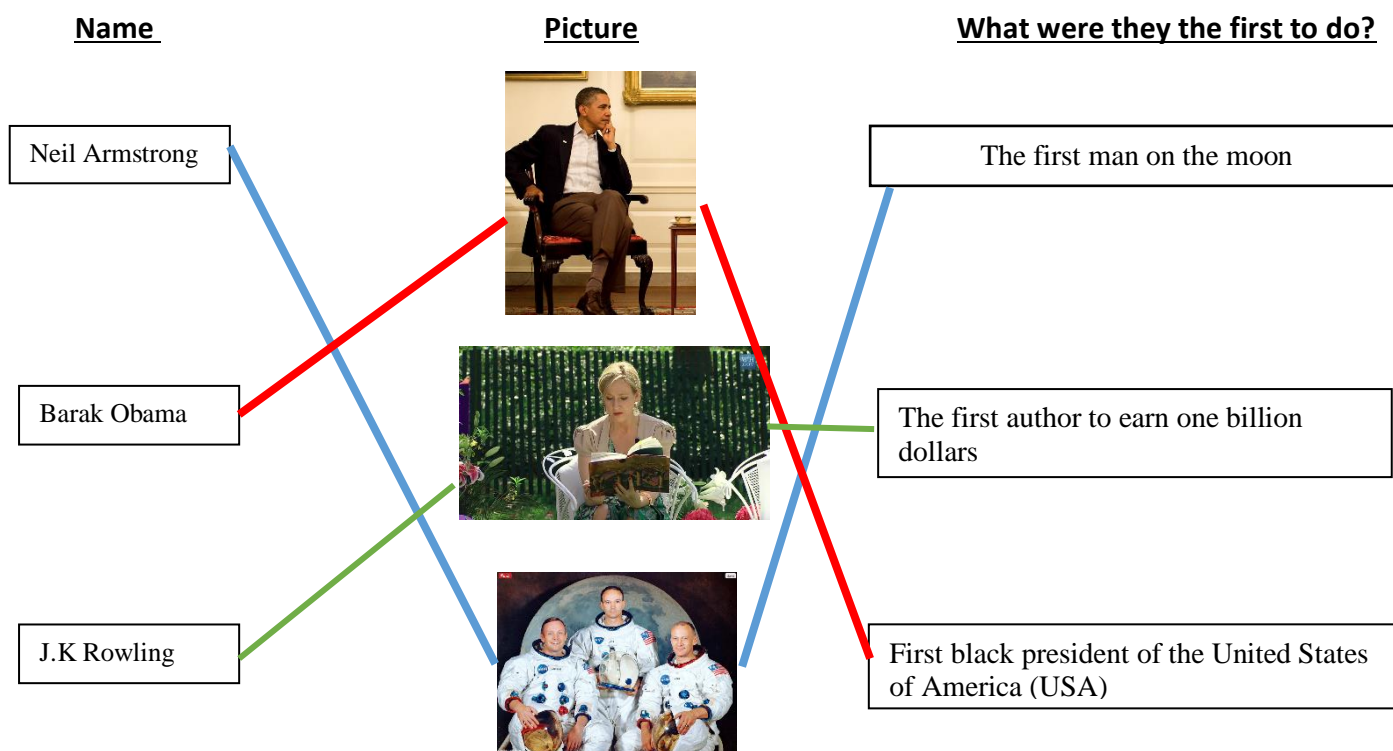
John 20:18 and 26-29

Words of Jesus

John 11: 25-26

Answers:

Burst the first quiz



Q1: Jesus

Q2: Stuck a spear into Jesus’ side (water and blood came out). See the bible verse in red John 19:35

Q3: The tomb was empty

Q4: Jesus was alive. She said, “I have seen the Lord!”

Q5: Thomas saw Jesus and put his finger in Jesus’ hands and his hand in Jesus’ side.

Appendix

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ⁱ This story can be found in Matthew 14: 13- 2, Matthew 15: 32-39, Mark 6: 30-44, Luke 9: 10-17, John 6:1-14