

JESUS IS ALIVE JOHN 20:11-18

Mary stood outside the tomb crying because she thought that Jesus was dead. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been. The angels asked her, *"Woman, why are you crying?"*

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put Him." Mary then turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

"Woman," Jesus said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking He was the gardener, Mary said, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward Him and cried out *"Teacher!"* Now she knew that she had been talking to Jesus himself.

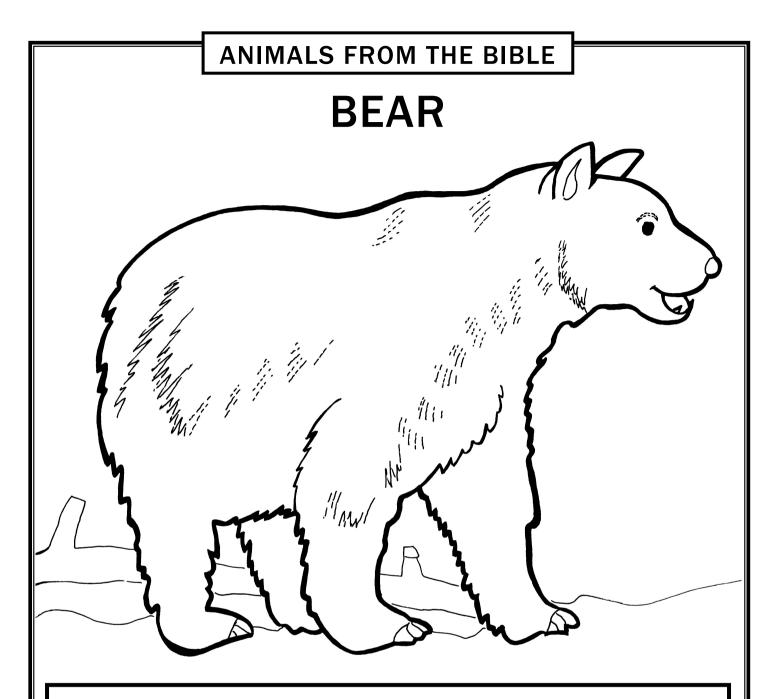
Jesus' rising from the dead tells us that He is God, that our sins are forgiven, and that He will raise up our bodies on the last day. This is what Easter is all about.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, We thank and praise You for all that Easter now means to us - because You live, all who believe in you will live forever also. Amen

Bible passage for older children to memorize: JOHN 11:25, 26

"Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."



When it is winter, the bear goes into its den and hibernates (*sleeps*) until spring. You would think the bear is dead until one day, it wakes up and comes out of the den.

Jesus' followers thought they would find Him dead in the tomb. Instead, they found the tomb empty and were told that Jesus was alive.



JOHN 11: 25,26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told Him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

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