

Jesus went through a terrible time in that last week. The leaders in Jerusalem ganged up against him. He was let down by his closest friends. He was punished for something he didn't do and was killed in a cruel way on a cross. Then he was put in a cave with a big stone rolled in front of it.

But I wonder if you've spotted it? Look again at the stone, it looks like an egg. Is an egg always dead? No - it looks dead, but one day it might break open to let a new chick be born. Although Jesus was dead and buried, three days later he came back to life, breaking out of the grave just as chicks break out of the egg. So, after all the sadness and pain came a bigger joy than anyone could have possibly imagined. Jesus was alive again and he can be with us for ever and ever, especially when our world today has turned upside down!

Prayer time:

Write or draw what makes you sad and put it on the crosses; then draw or write what makes you happy and put it in the empty grave. Think about people you know who are sad and how you can make them happy.

Say a quiet prayer for them and yourself. Amen

Can you remember the MESSY Church grace?

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (*Hold out your hands as if expecting a present*)

And the love of God (*Put your hands on your heart*)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (*Hold hands*)

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen (*Raise hands together on the word 'Amen' and shout loudly!*)