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The Resurrection

On Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene goes to prepare Jesus's body – but it has gone. An angel says that Jesus is alive and says to tell the disciples. Later Jesus speaks to Mary near the tomb and then visits the disciples. Jesus loved us so much, he died for us, so God would forgive us.



Please first introduce yourself and ask each child his or her name.

The Happiest Day: Jesus's Resurrection

Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday.

His body was placed in a tomb, which is like a cave, in a rocky hillside.

They found a large stone and rolled it over the opening.

It was very heavy, so it took a few men to do it.

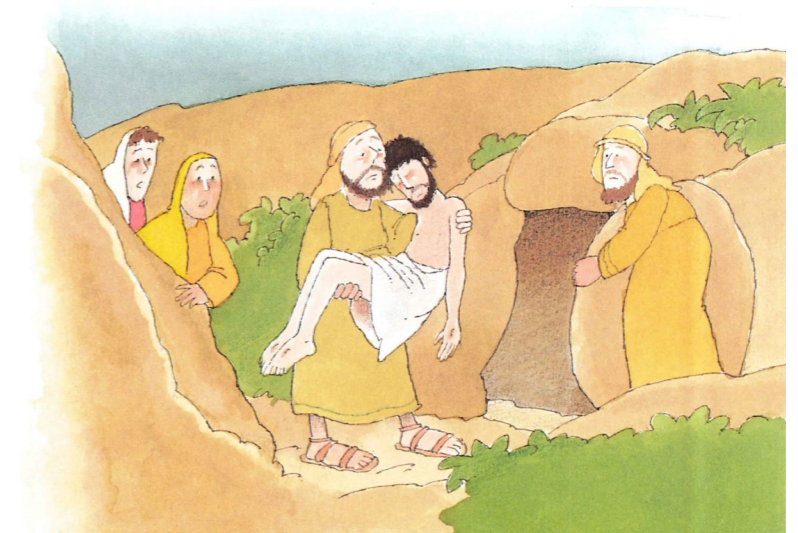
Then they had to go home for God's special day of rest.

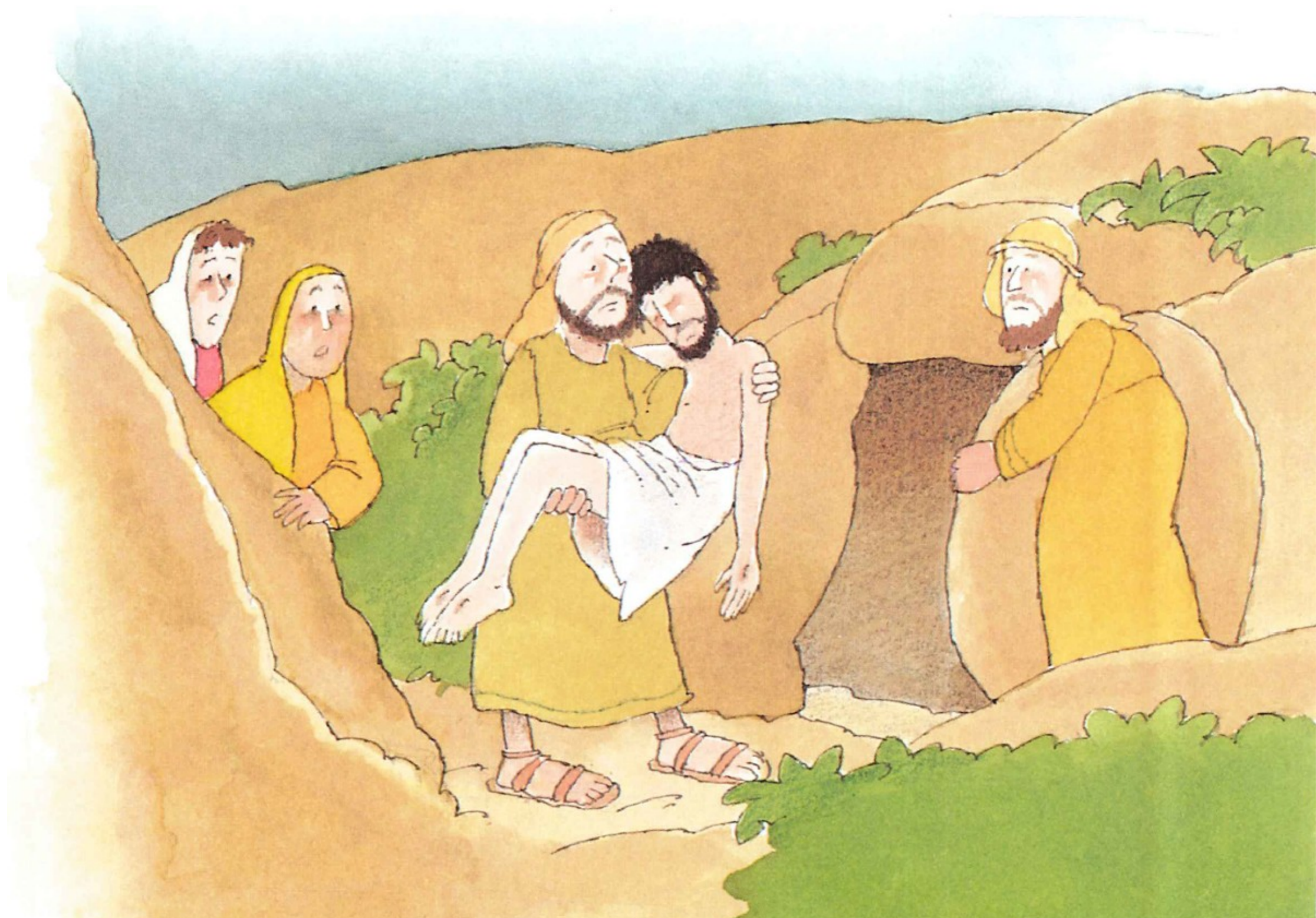
Had Jesus done anything wrong?

No! He helped bad people become good and taught people God's rules.

Where was Jesus's body put?

In a tomb like a cave, with a very big stone closing it.







Early on Sunday morning Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, went to Jesus' tomb.

They had spices to wash and care for Jesus's body.

But the big heavy stone closing the tomb had been rolled aside. The tomb was open!

Where was the stone closing Jesus's tomb?

Rolled aside and the tomb was open.







The women went inside.

But Jesus's body wasn't there!
It was gone!

The women were very, very sad.

They thought someone had stolen
Jesus's body.

Where was Jesus's body?

It was gone!







Then the women saw a shining angel.

“Don’t be afraid,” said the angel.

“Jesus isn’t here!

God has brought him back to life again.

Just as Jesus said He would.

Go and tell Jesus’s special friends that he is risen.”

The women ran and ran.

This was the happiest day ever!

What did the angel say?

Jesus was alive!







“He’s alive! He’s alive!” the women shouted to the special friends.

“Jesus is alive! An angel told us.”

The special friends shook their heads.

It was very hard to believe that Jesus had come back to life.

But Peter and John ran to see for themselves.

Did the special friends believe that Jesus was alive?

No!







John got there first, but was afraid.

When Peter arrived, they went inside the tomb.

Jesus's body had been covered up in cloths.

The cloths were still there.

But the body had gone.

Then John *knew* that no one had stolen the body.

JESUS WAS ALIVE!

Peter and John ran to tell the others.

Why were they running?

They were so happy and excited that Jesus was alive.







Mary was near the tomb, when a voice said:

“Why are you crying?”

Mary’s eyes were so red and swollen, she couldn’t see who it was.

She thought it was a gardener.

“I’m crying because Jesus’s body is gone.

Please tell me where he is,” she begged.

Who did Mary think was talking?

A gardener.







Then the voice said: “Mary!”

And she knew it was Jesus.

“Master!” she shouted excitedly.

“Go and tell my friends you have seen me,” Jesus said.

Full of joy, Mary ran to tell Jesus’s special friends.

She was laughing and crying both at once.

She was so happy.

Why was Mary happy?

She had seen Jesus.

Mary Magdalene was the first person to see Jesus after he had come back to life.







Jesus's special friends were hiding.

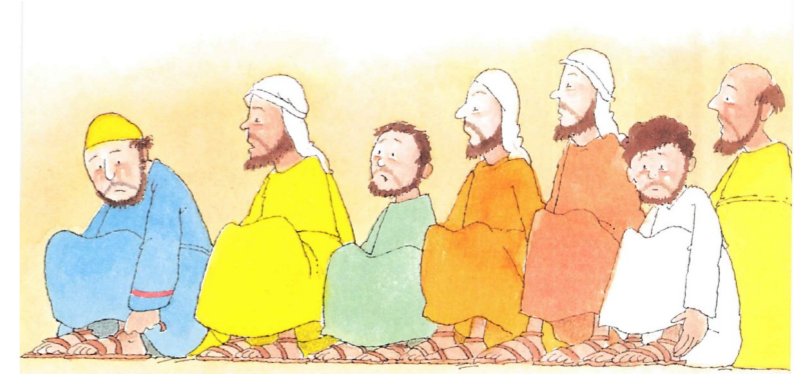
They were afraid that the people who killed Jesus might come looking for them as well.

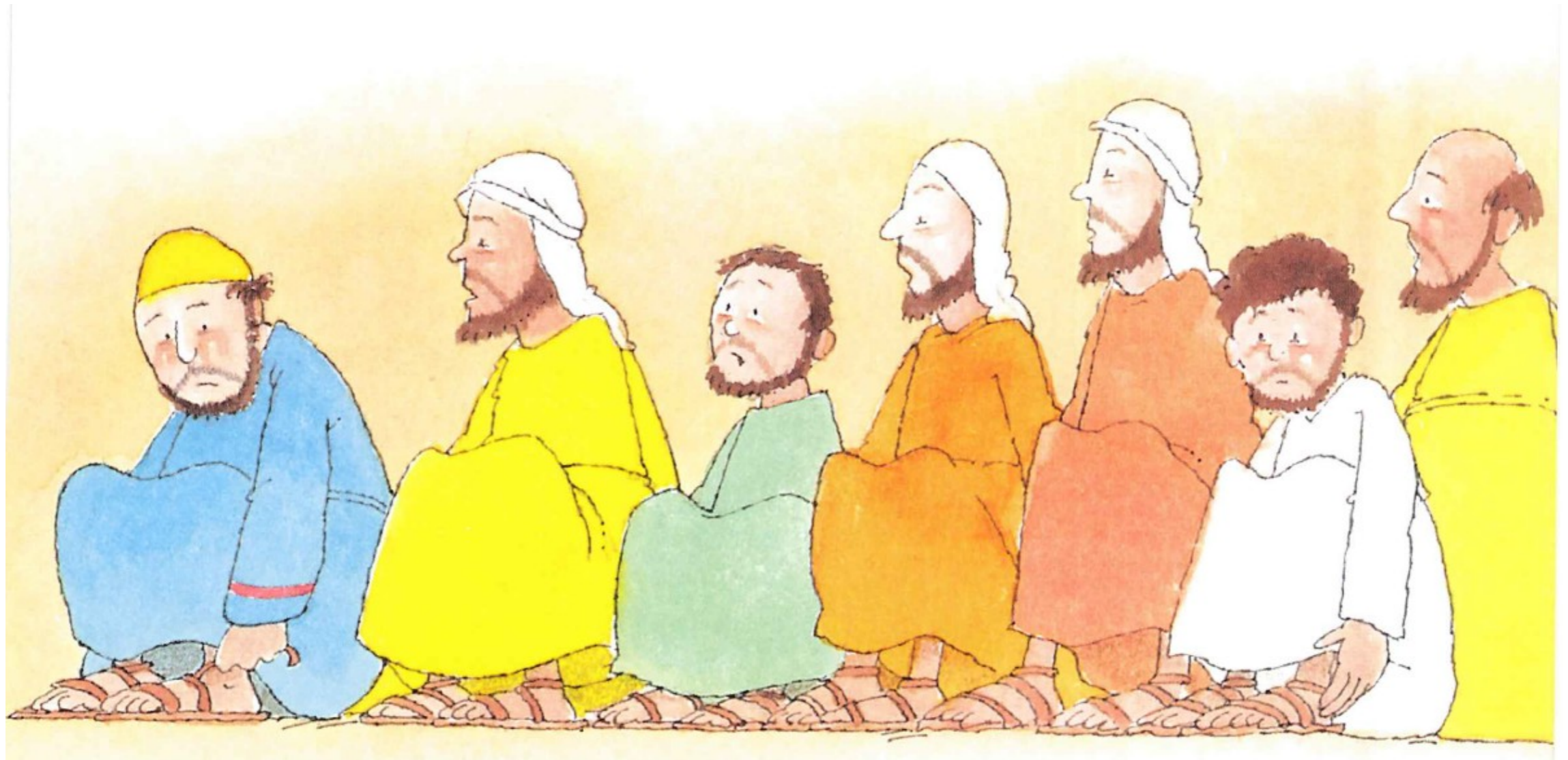
They had locked the door, so no one could get in.

And they were talking very quietly, so no one would find them.

Why were the special friends hiding?

They were scared they would be arrested and killed like Jesus.







Suddenly – Jesus was there!

The special friends were *very* scared.

They didn't think anyone could come back to life.

Or walk through locked doors.

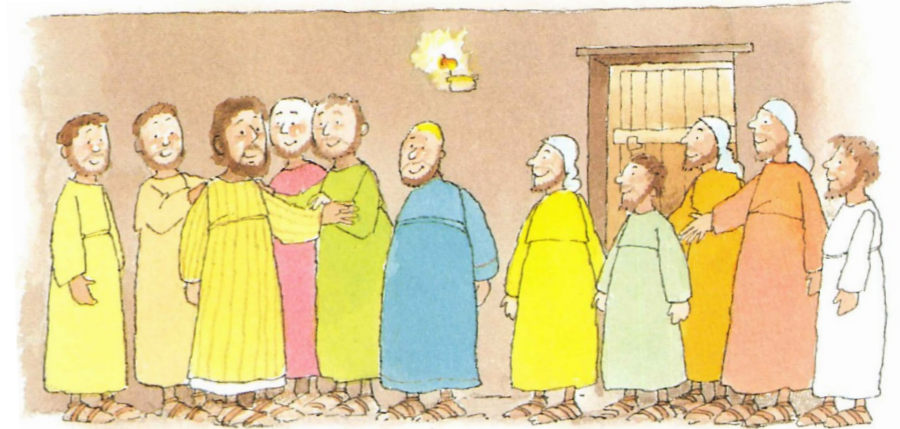
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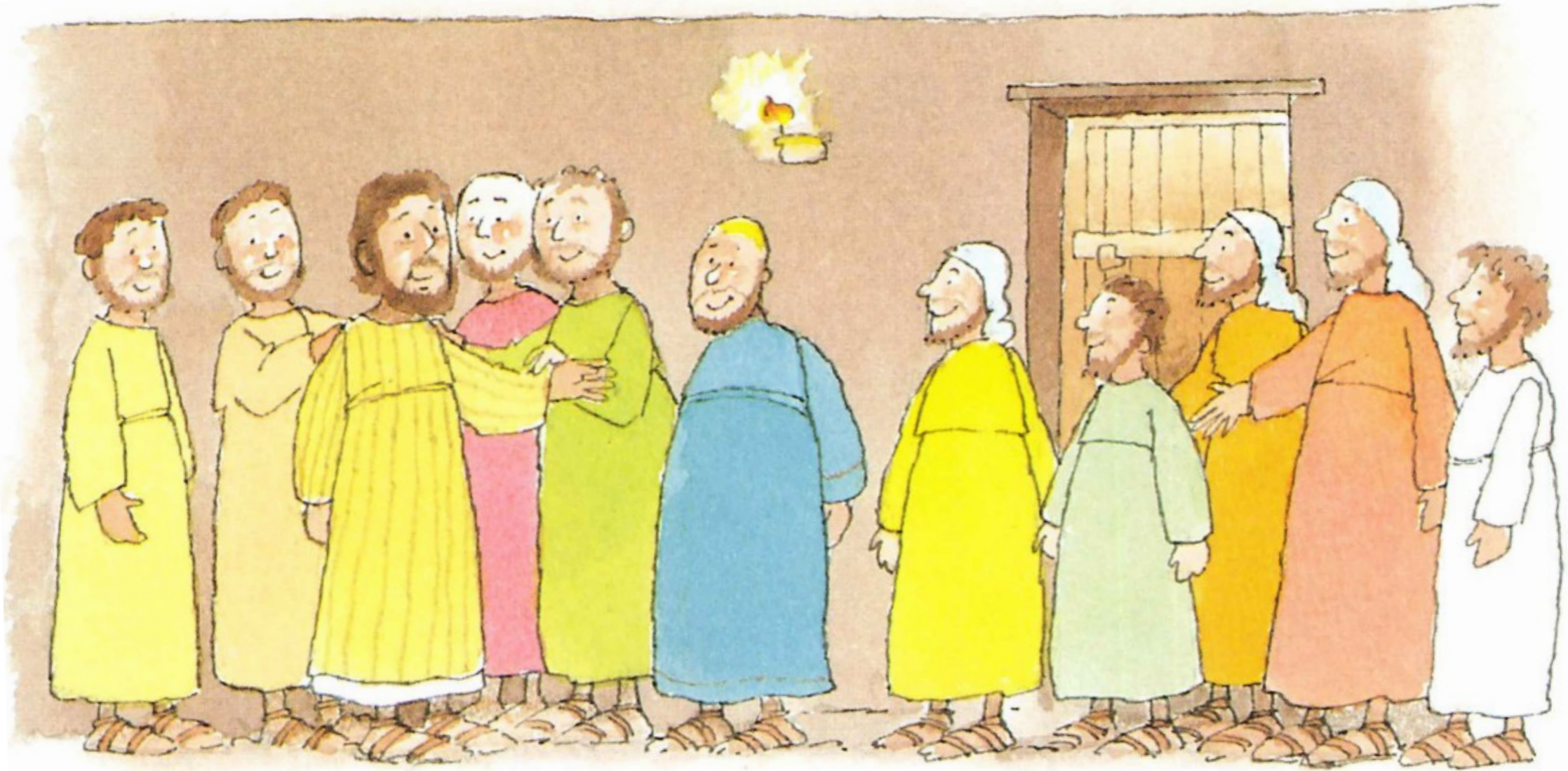
They had forgotten that Jesus was God's son.

They had forgotten that Jesus had said he'd see them again.

Why were the special friends scared?

They thought Jesus was a ghost.







“Don’t be afraid,” Jesus said.

“Look at the wounds on my hands and feet from the nails on the cross.

Touch me – I’m real!”

He even ate some supper.

The special friends knew that a ghost couldn’t eat food.

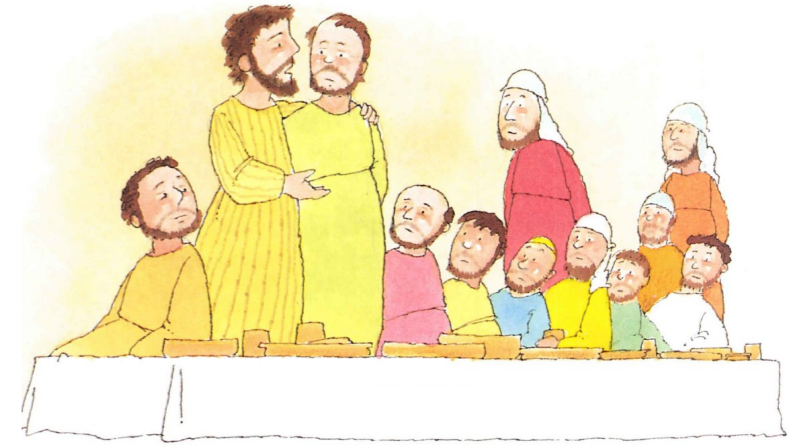
So then they knew it really was Jesus!

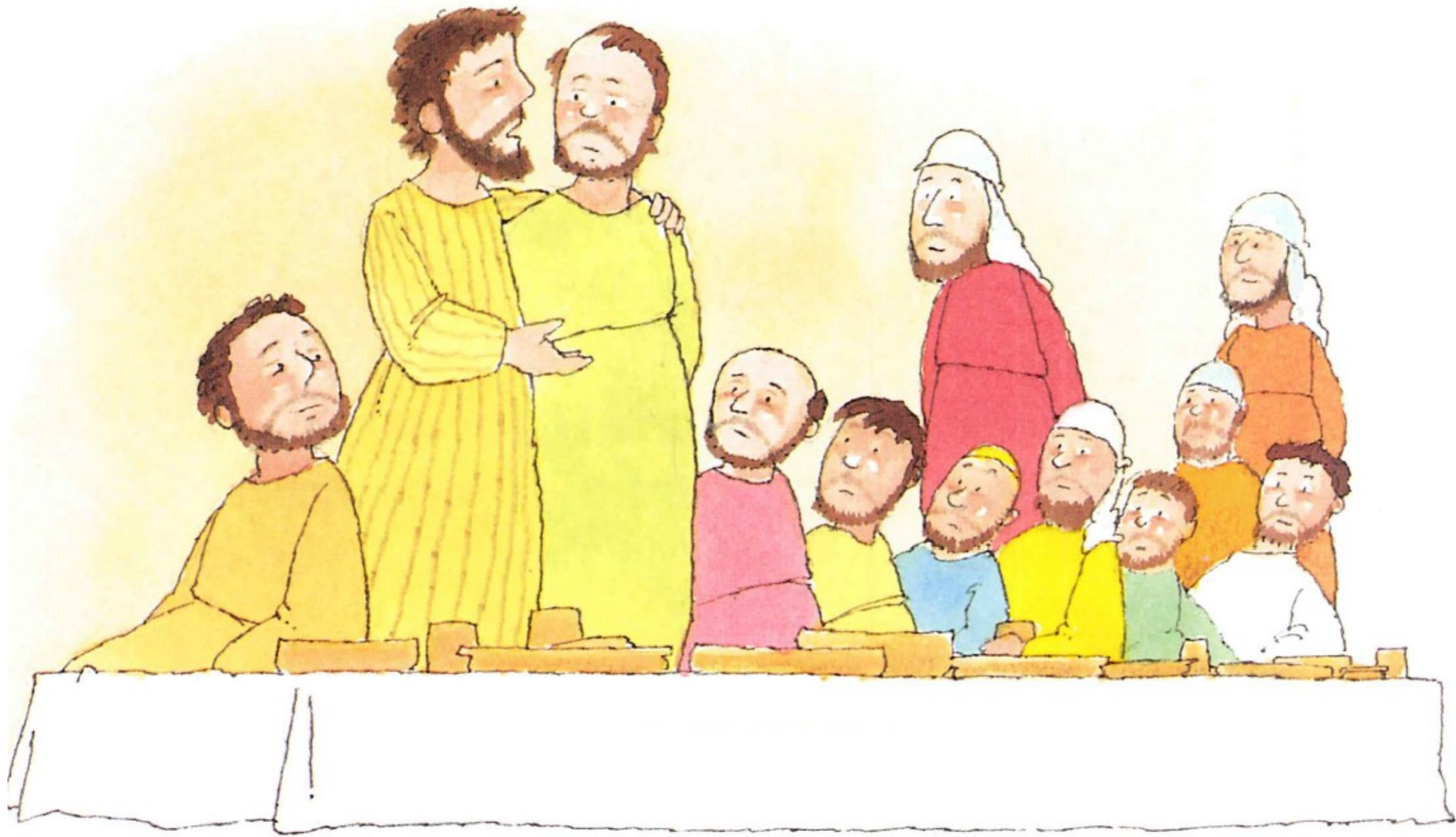
No one was frightened after that.

It was the happiest day ever.

How did Jesus show them he was real?

He showed them the wounds on his hands and feet and he ate some food.







Jesus told his special friends, the disciples, that this was all part of God's plan.

"I love you so much, I gave my life.

So God will forgive you and you can have peace.

Now you can be with me in heaven."

This was the first Easter Sunday.

Why did Jesus die and come back to life?

Jesus loved us and wanted God to forgive us.







What happened to Jesus on Good Friday?

He died on a cross with a crown of thorns hurting his head.

Where was Jesus's body put?

In a tomb like a cave, with a very big stone closing it.

On Sunday, where was the stone closing Jesus's tomb?

Rolled aside and the tomb was open.

Where was Jesus's body?

It was gone!

What did the angel say?

Jesus was alive!

Who was the first person to see Jesus?

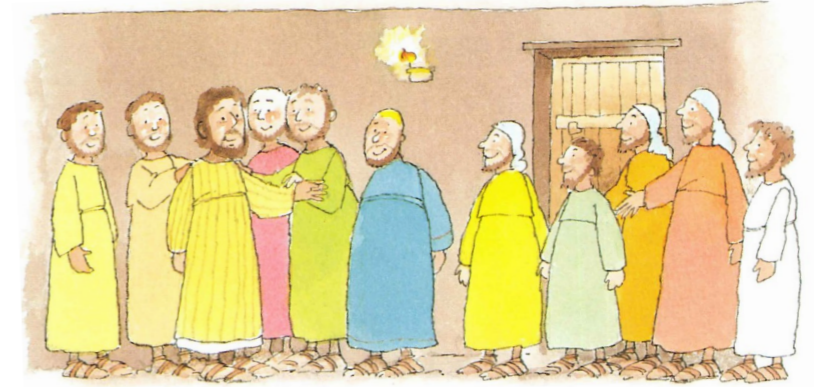
Mary Magdalene.

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What does Jesus ask us to do?

Love one another.

