



Easter Sunday

John 20: 1-9

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Some things to think about...

- How do you think the disciples felt when they saw the empty tomb?
- What does this story tell us about Jesus?
- How can we trust Jesus, even when we don't understand things?

Activity

- Complete the poster activity overleaf

Materials needed

- "He is Risen" poster (overleaf) - 1 copy per child
- Colouring pens/pencils

Teacher's Notes

This Gospel tells us about the moment the disciples discover that Jesus has risen. At first, they are confused and unsure about what has happened, which helps children see that it's okay to have questions. This gospel is from the Easter Vigil and marks the beginning of the celebrations of the Resurrection. It begins on Saturday evening with the blessing of a fire from which the Paschal (Easter) candle is lit and then the celebrations begin!

When they see the empty tomb, they begin to believe and understand that Jesus is alive. This passage reminds us that even when we don't fully understand, we can trust in Jesus and have hope, knowing that He is always with us.

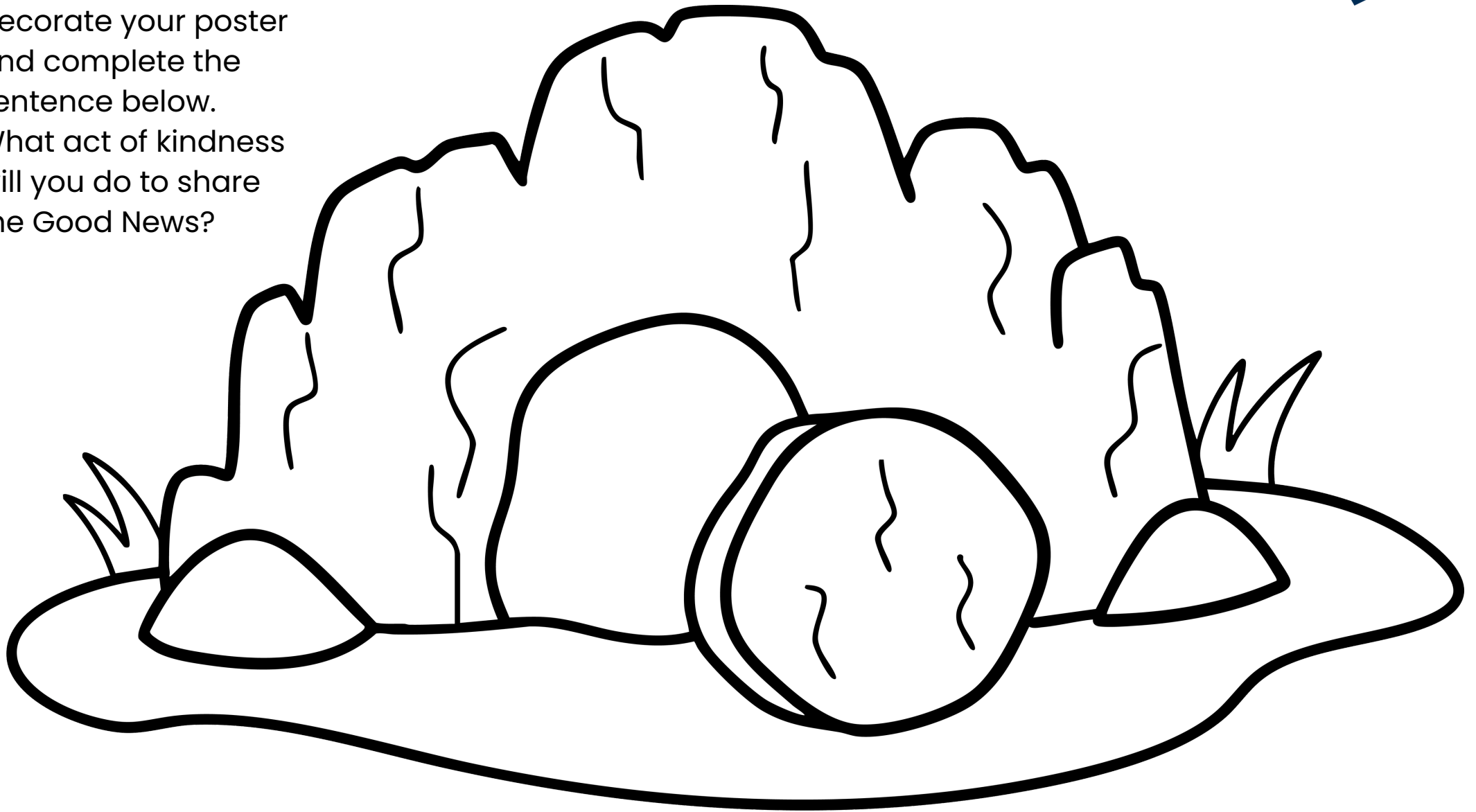
SVP members (and Mini Vinnies) are like Mary Magdalene and the disciples, bringing hope to others. When they visit people, help those in need, or show kindness, they are sharing Jesus' love through their actions. Sometimes the people we help might not fully understand why we are doing it, but our care can still bring them comfort and hope.

HE IS RISEN!



Decorate your poster
and complete the
sentence below.

What act of kindness
will you do to share
the Good News?



I will share the Good News of Jesus this Easter by...