

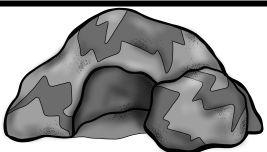
EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

JESUS IS RISEN

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS



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Jesus Is Risen

This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group together and read the story of Jesus' resurrection from your children's Bible or preferred translation of the Bible. It can be found in Matthew 28:1-10. If you are completing all four Easter Bible lessons in this series, you will likely read the same story on multiple weeks from your children's Bible. This is okay! Repetition can help kids to remember the story in a deeper way.

If you'd rather watch the story, many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Search "The Easter Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch the video fully before showing it to your class to be sure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

Why is the resurrection so important?

Resurrection means to come alive again. When Jesus was resurrected, it proved that He has control over death and sin. If we believe in Jesus, our sins are forgiven. We do not have to fear death because Jesus is in control. When we die, we get to live in heaven with Jesus forever.

Why were there guards at the tomb?

The religious leaders asked for guards to be stationed at the tomb because they didn't want anyone to steal the body of Jesus. They remembered Jesus had said He would be risen after three days. They didn't believe Jesus, but they thought the disciples might come to steal the body and trick people.

Jesus Appears to Women First

It's very special that Jesus appeared to women first. In Bible times, women were viewed as less important than men. But Jesus went against what society said and did things God's way – showing love to everyone!

The Religious Leaders Bribed the Guards

After Jesus rose, the guards reported back to the religious leaders. The religious leaders gave the guards a lot of money to lie and tell people that the disciples had stolen the body. Even after being told that Jesus had risen, the religious leaders refused to worship Him. (See Matthew 28:11-15)

Step Two: Explore the story.

Share some of the information above with your kids to help them understand the story's significance. Then, use the retell the story worksheet to explore the four main parts. This can be done individually or in small groups. If you don't want to print it out, you can map the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

Jesus is Alive: Quickly map out the four main parts of the story.

- A stone was rolled in front of the tomb, and soldiers were stationed there.
- After three days, Jesus rose from the dead.
- An angel tells the women that Jesus is risen.
- Jesus appears to different people.

When you're done, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	
QUESTION #1 Why were there soldiers in front of Jesus' tomb?	QUESTION #2 Who came to the tomb?
QUESTION #3 What did the angels say?	QUESTION #4 What happened to Jesus?

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Step Three: Do the craft and worship together.

Craft: Jesus is Alive!

Before the lesson begins, print a [set of craft pieces](#) for each child. Gather yellow construction paper, scissors, and glue.

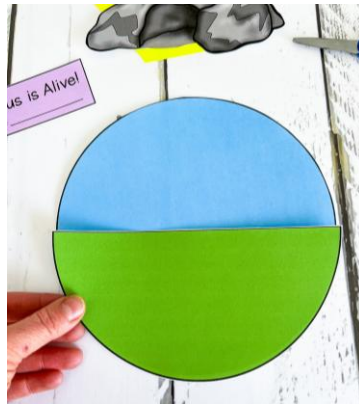
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Cut out the craft pieces: the whole circle, semicircle, empty tomb, and small rectangle. Then, trace each child's hand on a piece of yellow paper and cut it out.



Step Two

Give kids time to color their pieces. (The whole circle is the sky, and the semicircle is the land.) Then, glue the semicircle to the bottom of the circle.



Step Three

Glue the handprint onto the middle. This is the sunrise.



Step Four

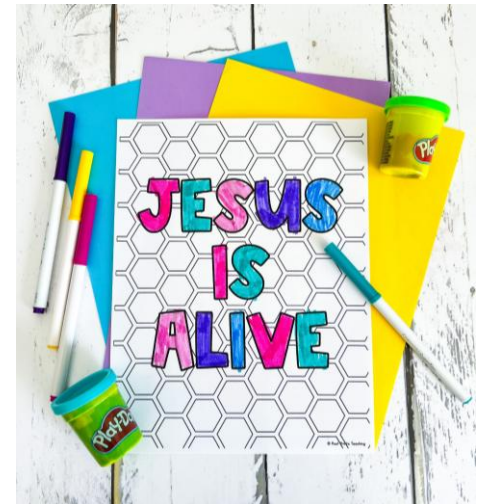
Glue the empty tomb and small rectangle onto the craft. It is now complete!



Activity: Worship Together

The empty tomb reminds your kids that Jesus is alive! He came back to life and is no longer in the grave. That means that even though people die, we have hope for a new life in heaven.

Take time to listen to worship with your class as you color or play with a simple sensory toy. You can print out the [coloring sheets on pages 12-15](#) or set out small tubs of play dough. The playlist '[Kids Worship Music](#)' from [Hillsong Kids](#) on YouTube is a great set of songs to help praise Jesus for all He has done for us!



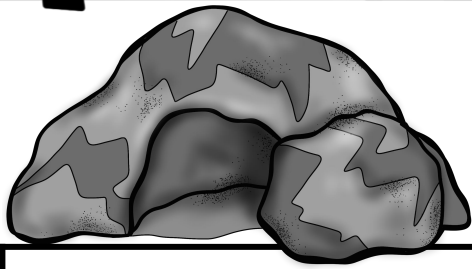
Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Jesus is Risen' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Kids will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. - Matthew 28:6 NIV

Big idea suggestion: Jesus is alive!



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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QUESTION #2

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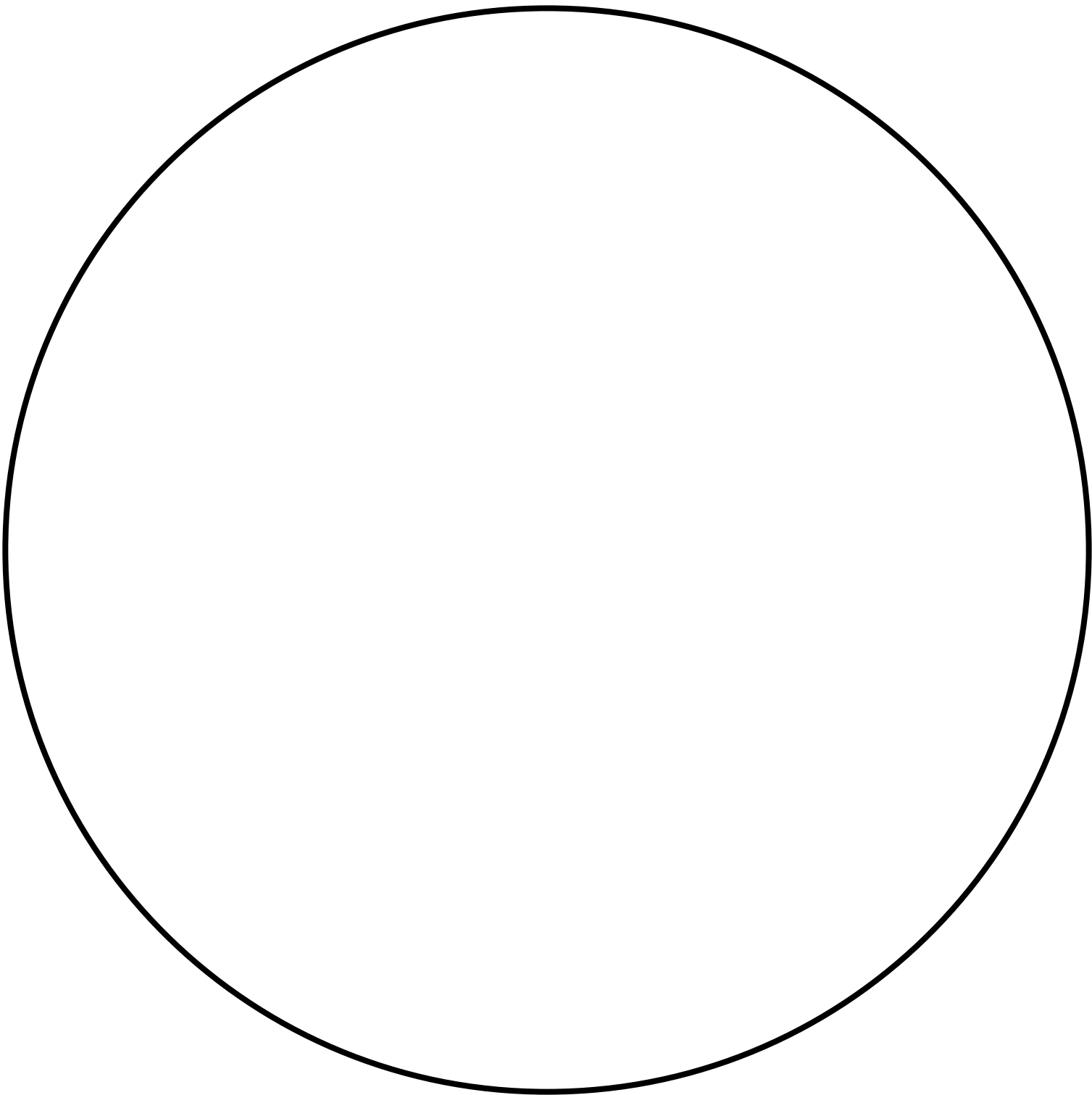
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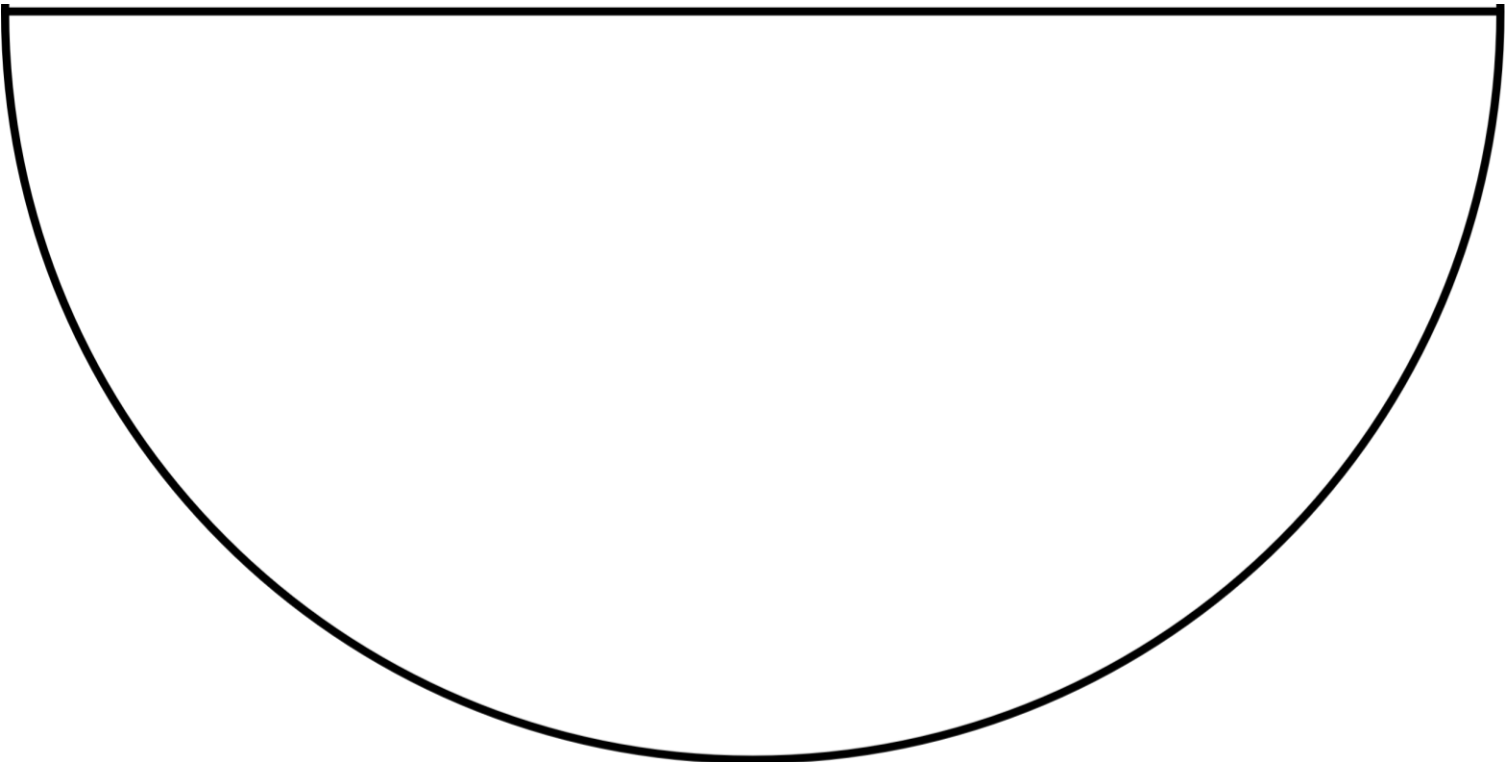
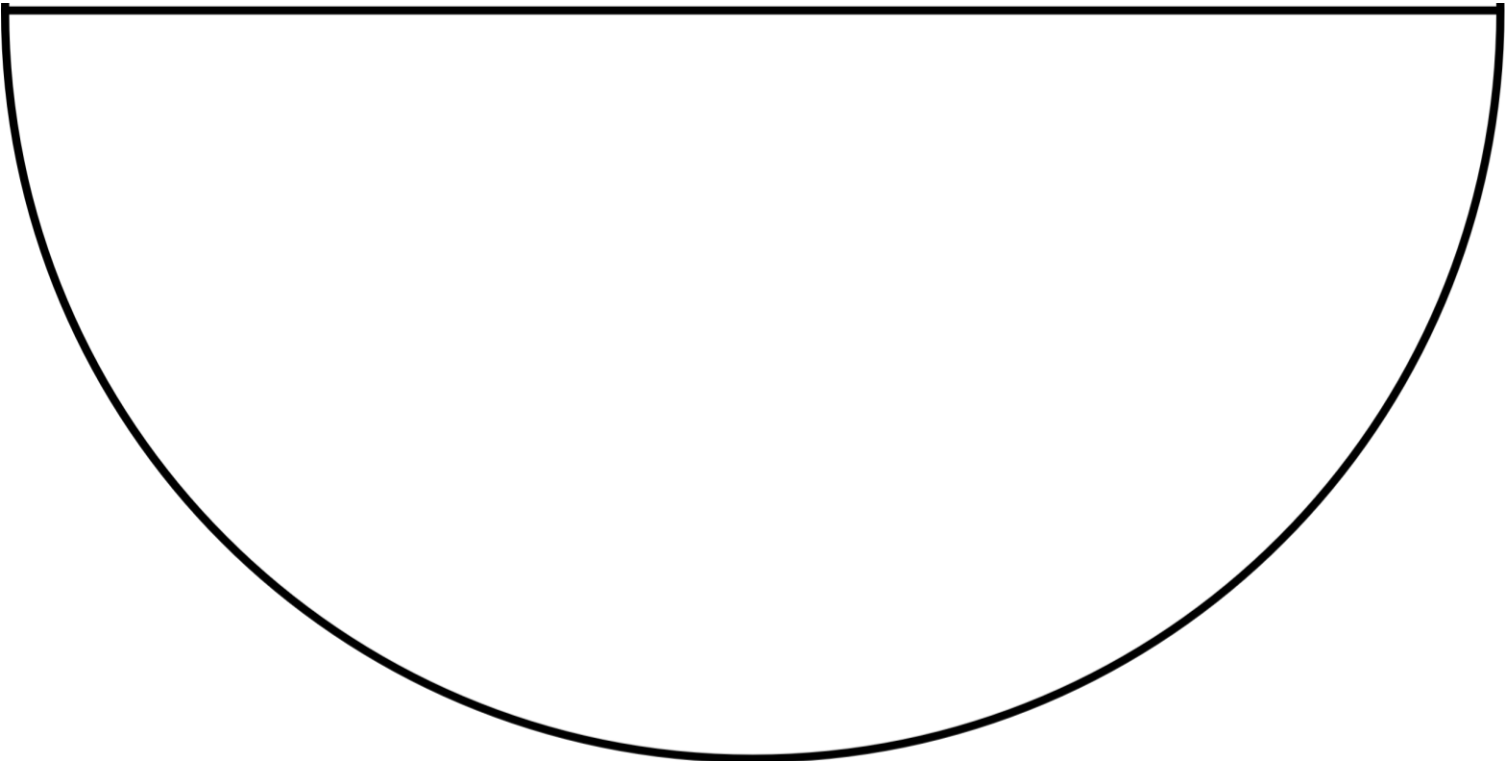
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QUESTION #4

What happened to Jesus?

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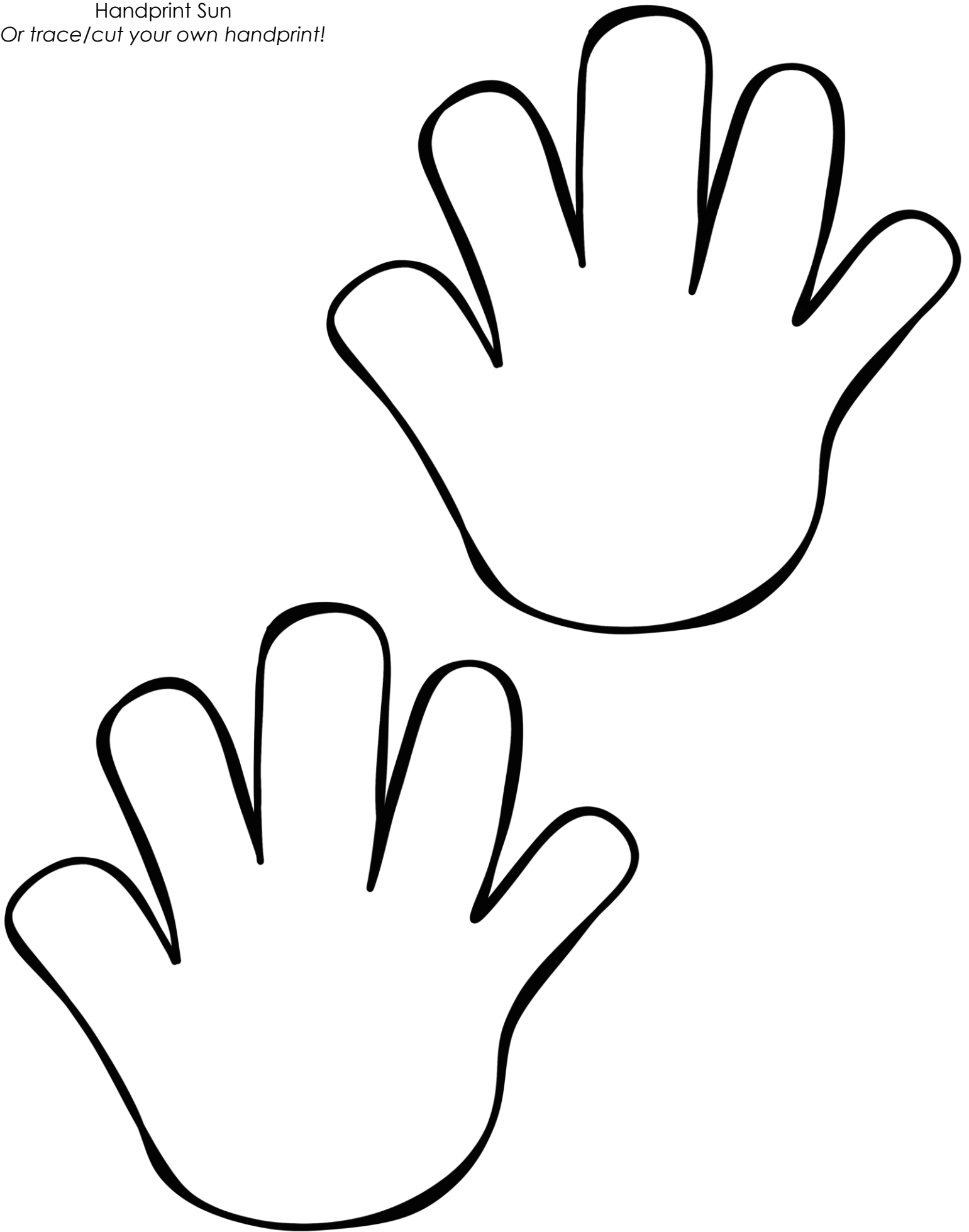




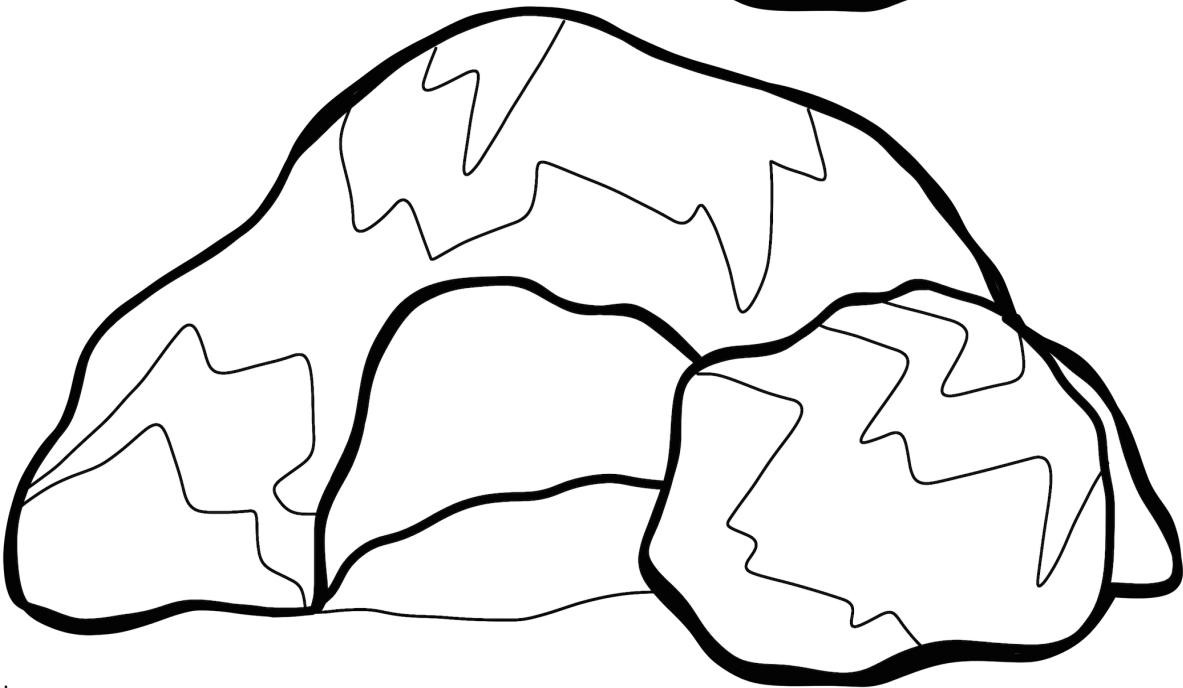
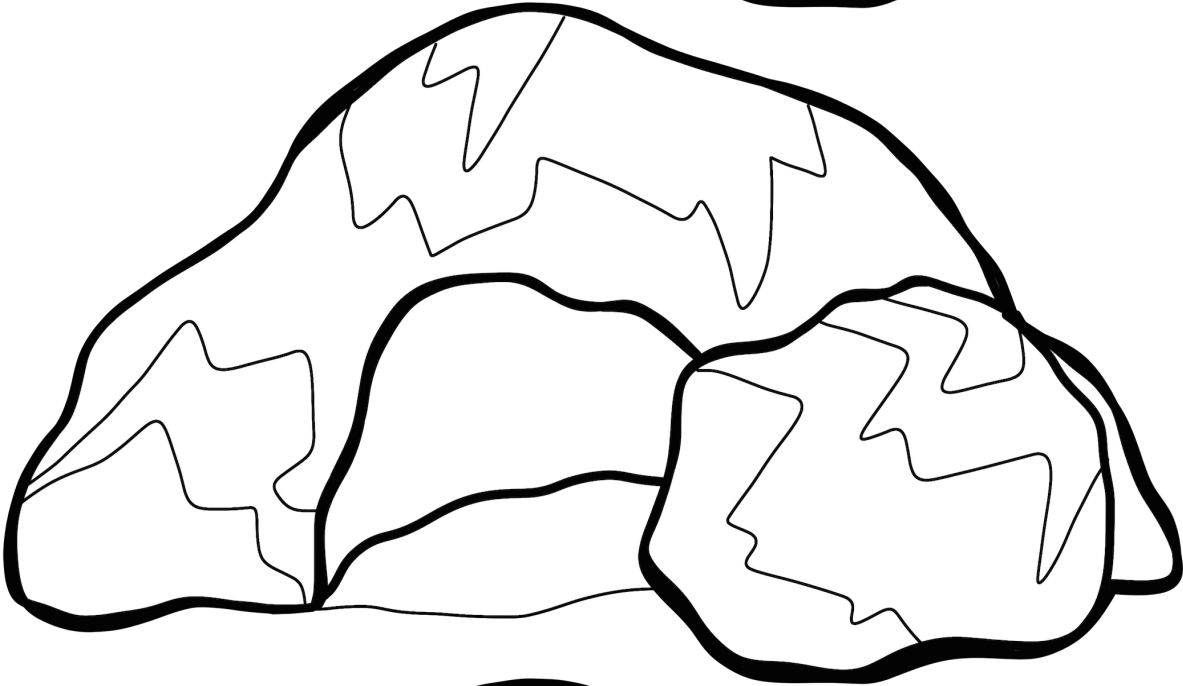
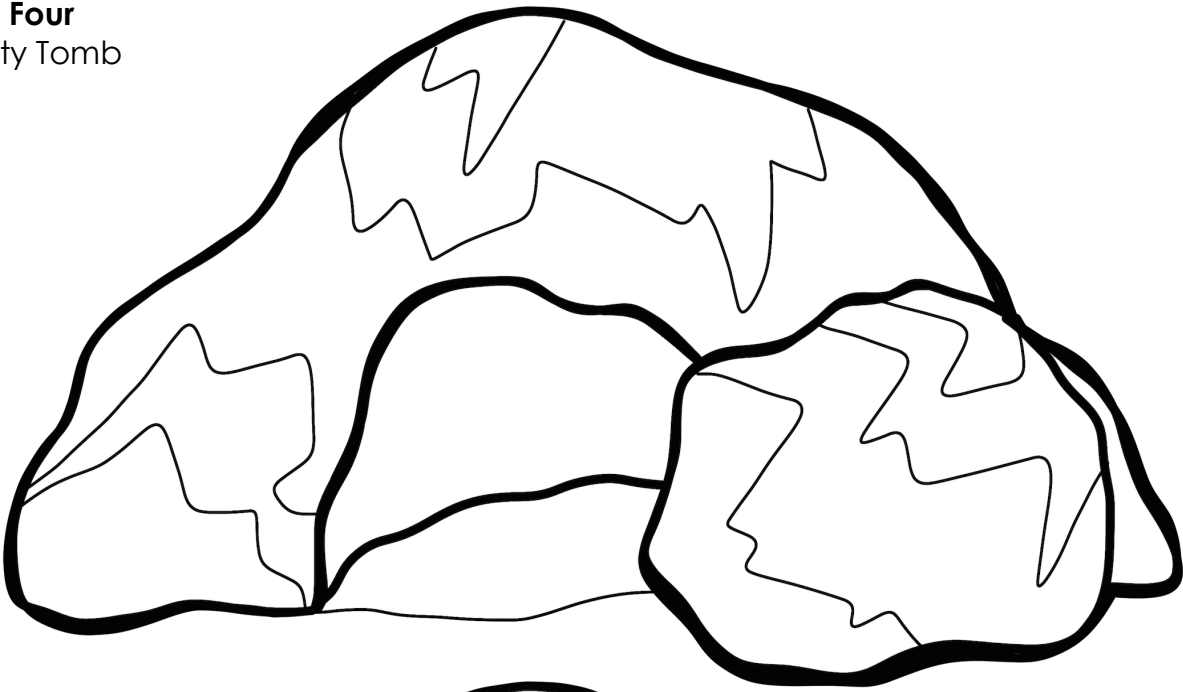
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Layer Four
The Empty Tomb



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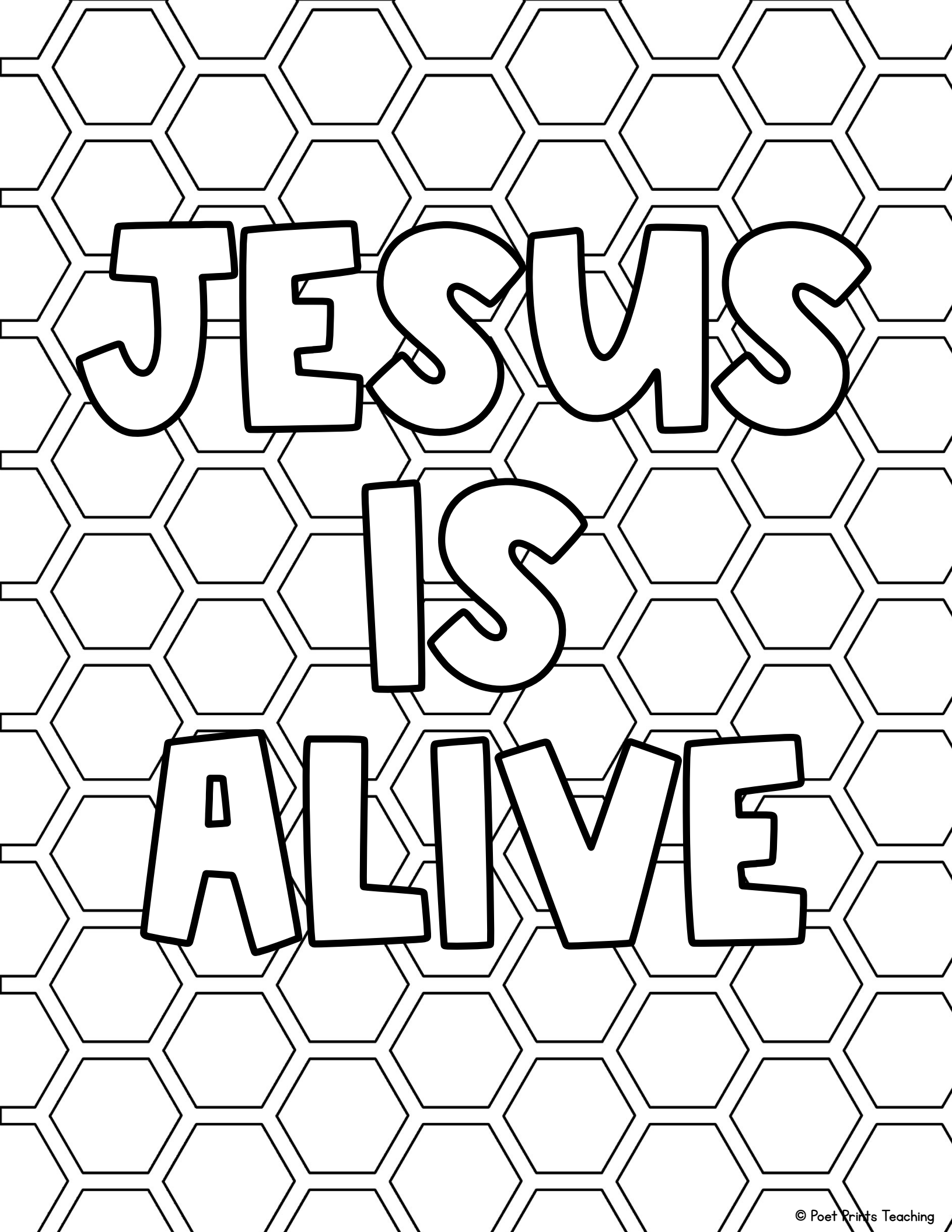
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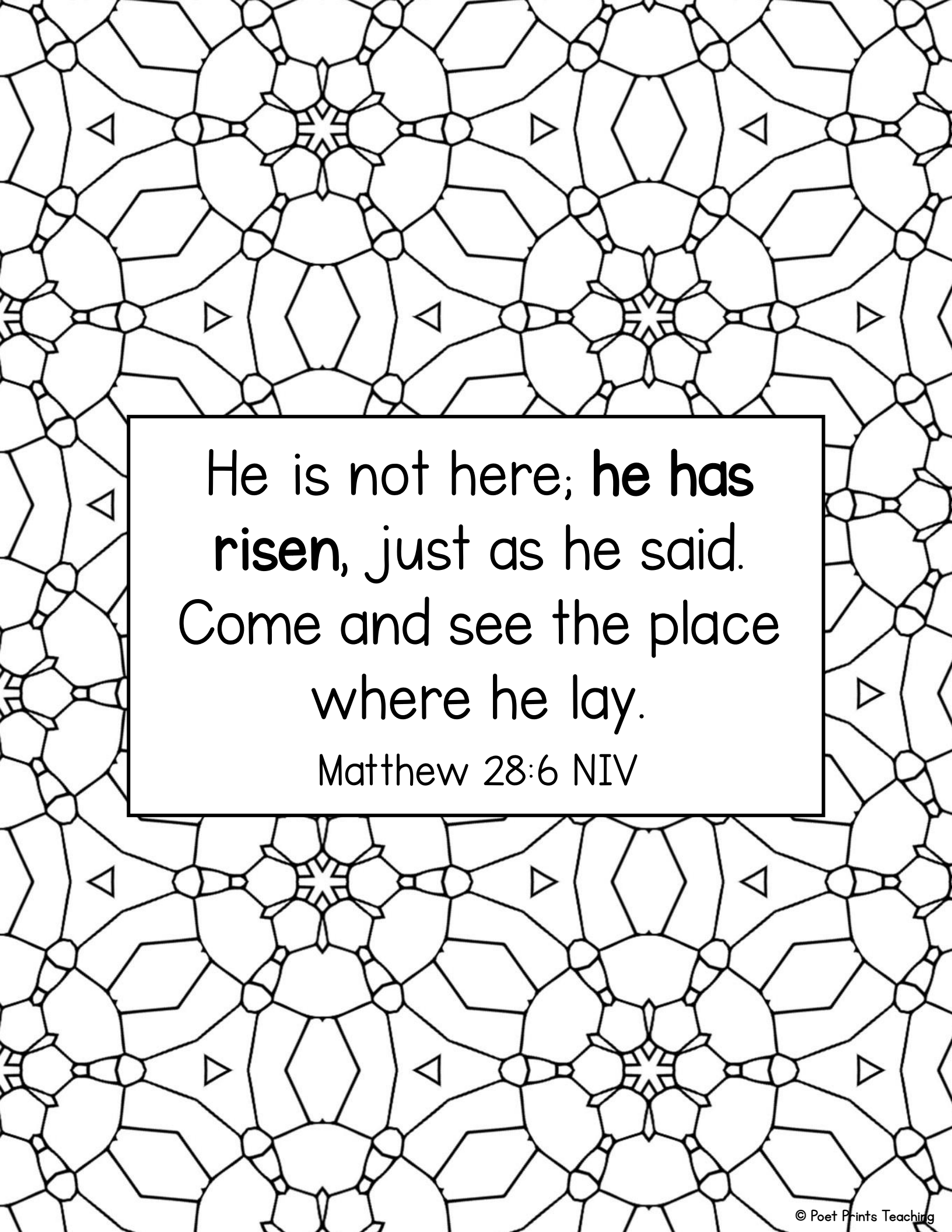
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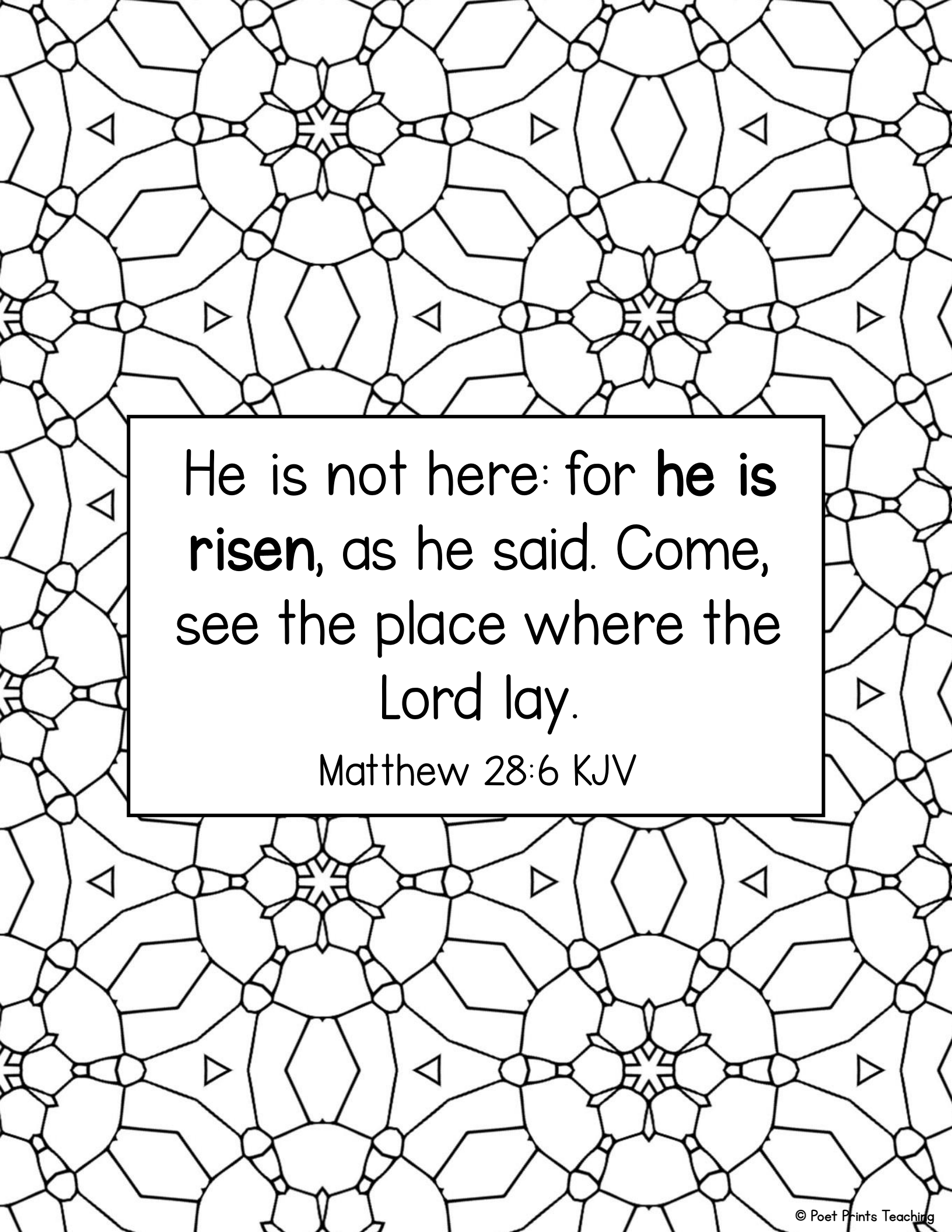
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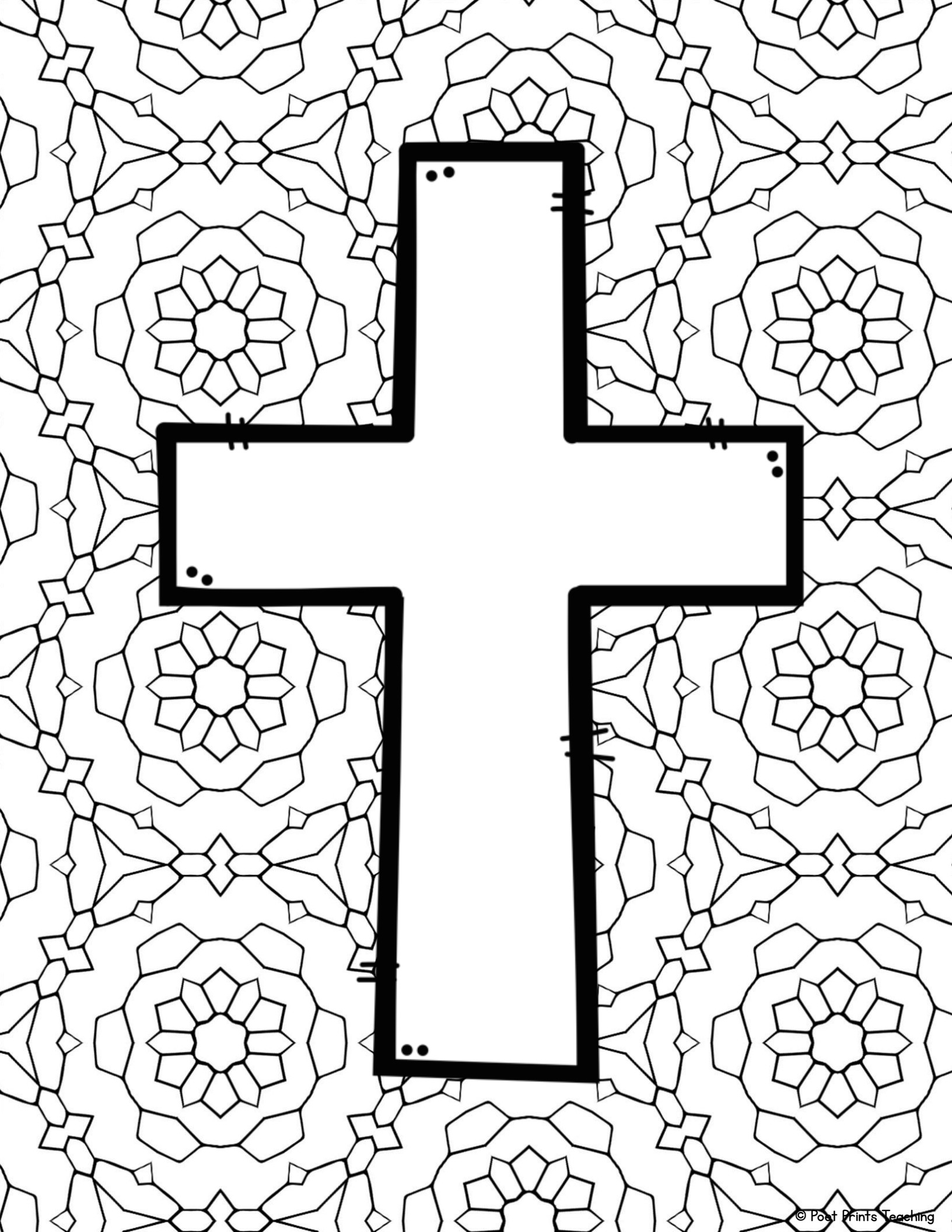
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Matthew 28:6 NIV



He is not here: for **he is risen**, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Matthew 28:6 KJV



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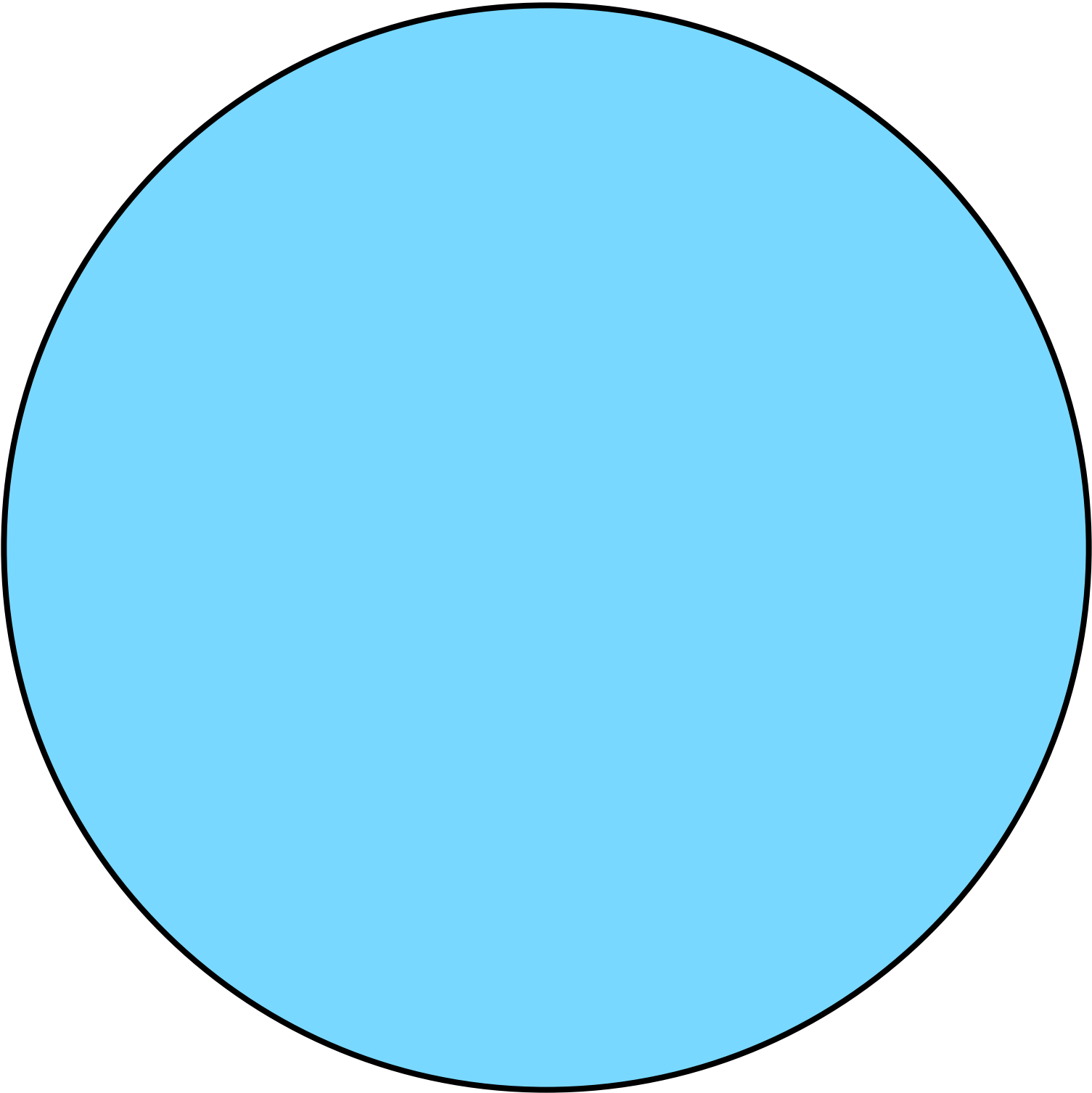
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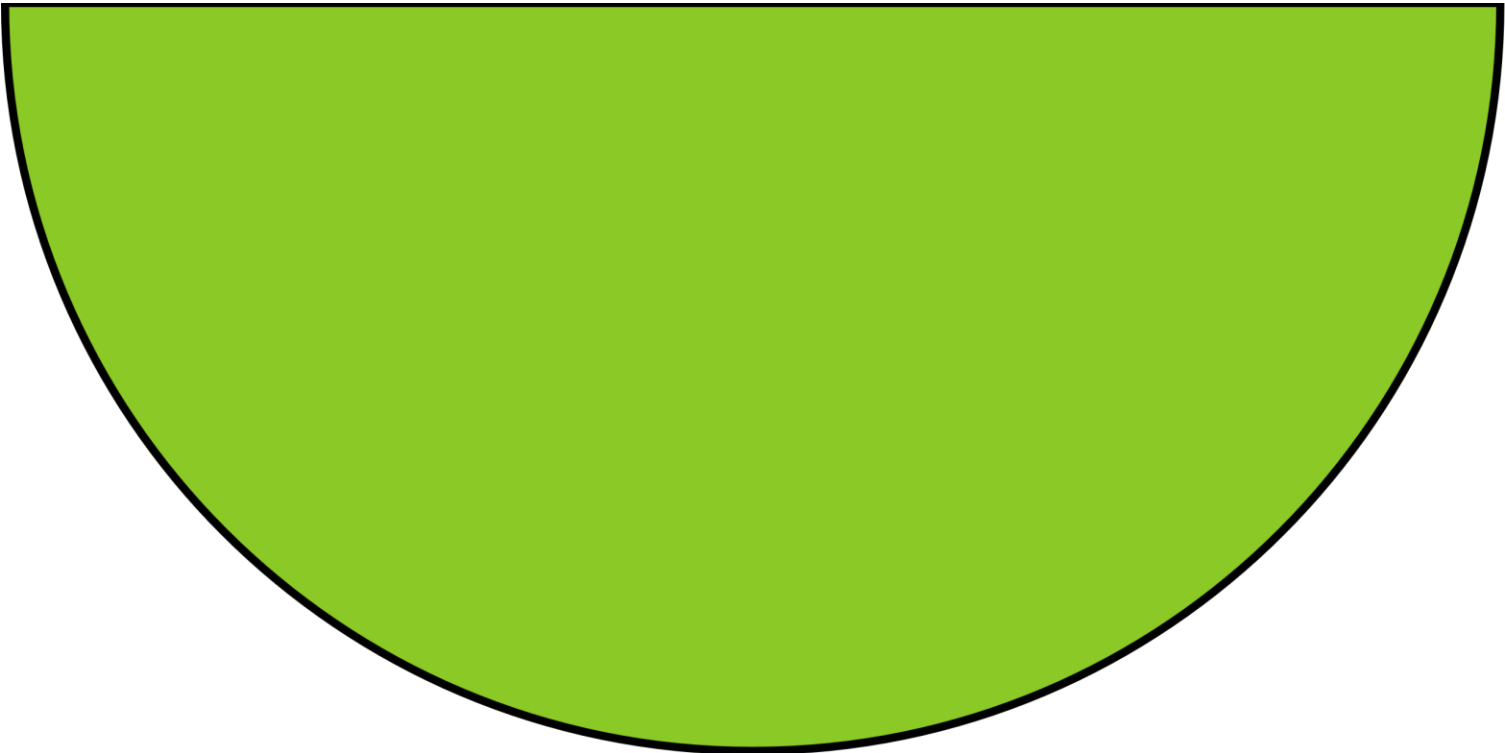
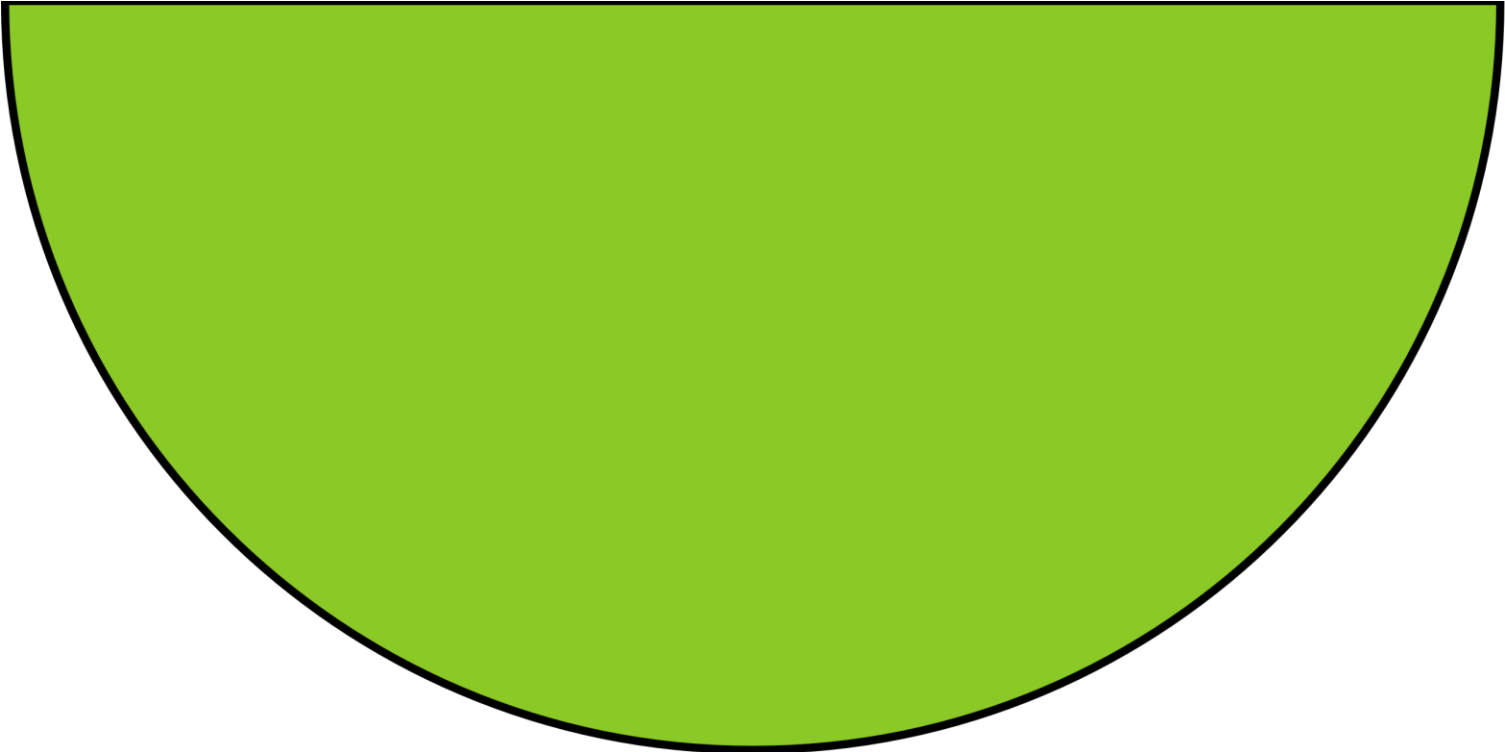
THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

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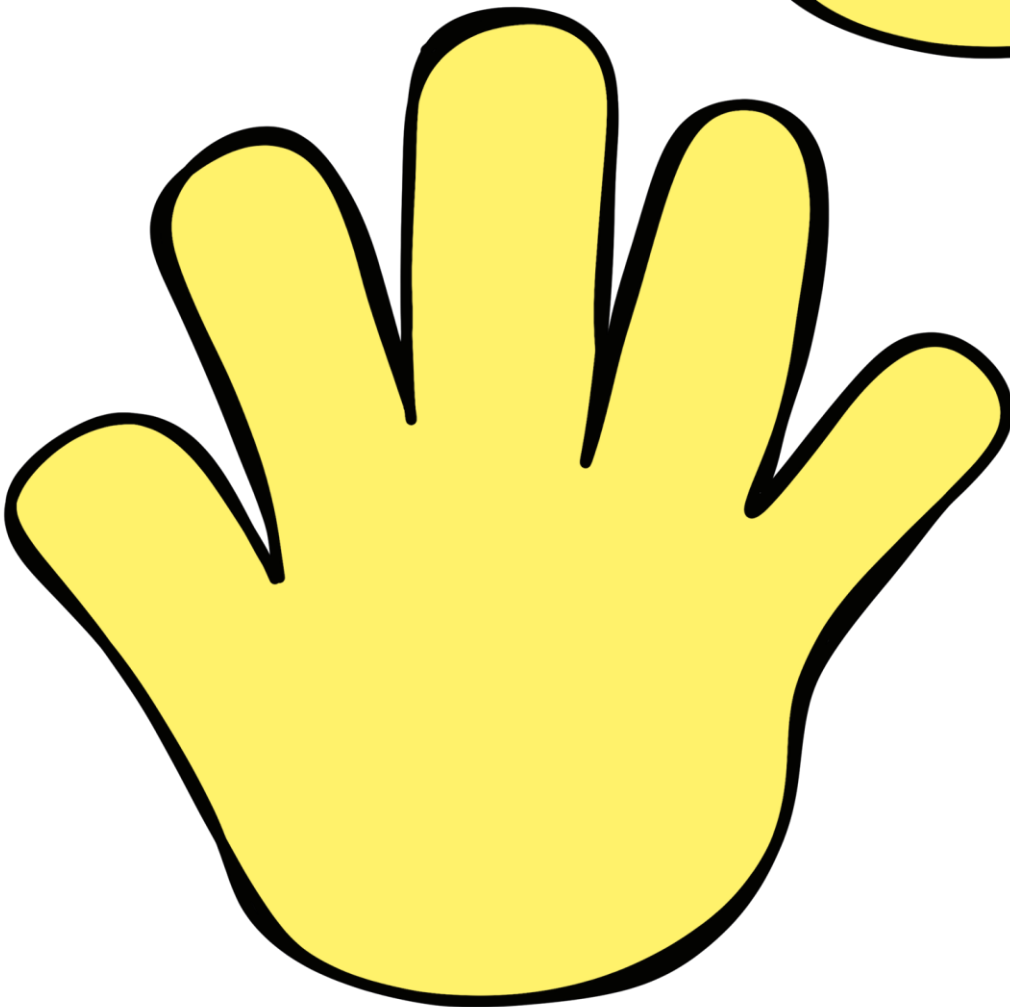
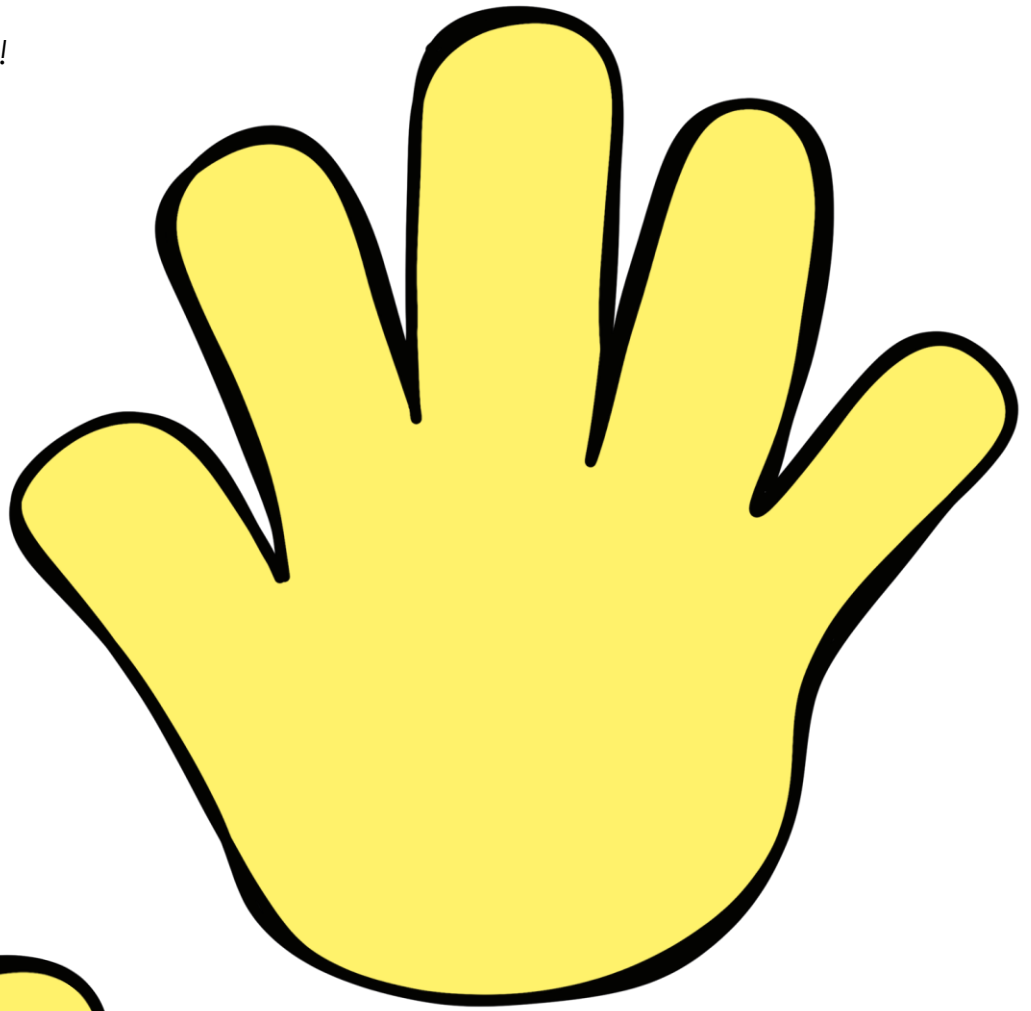
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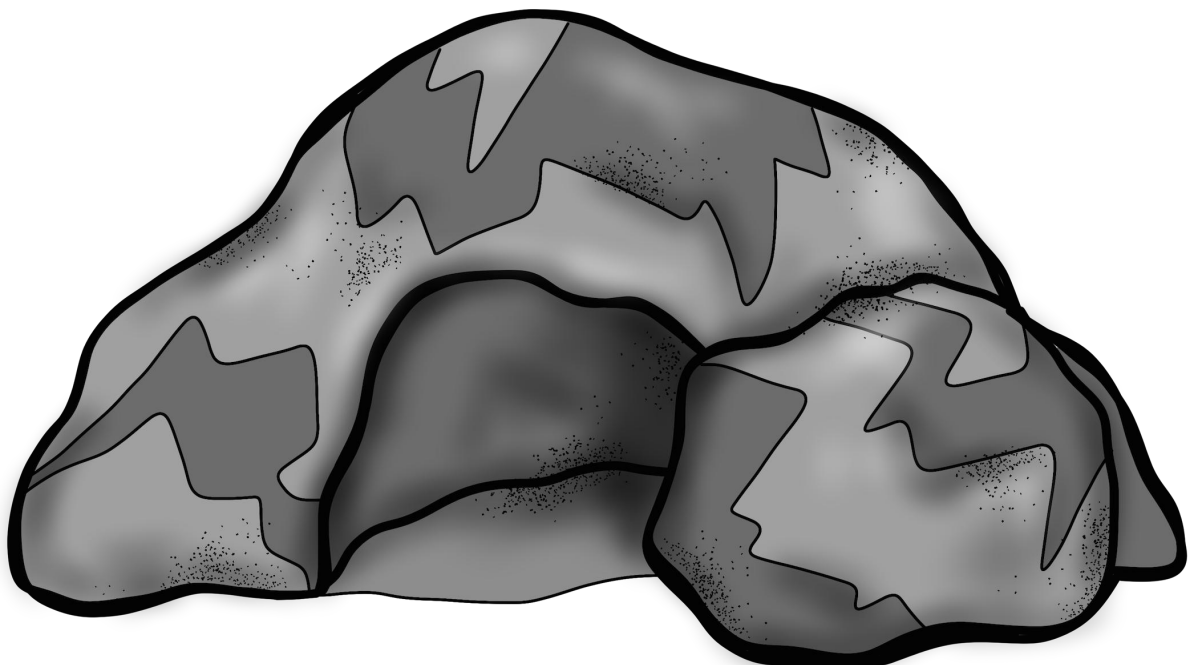
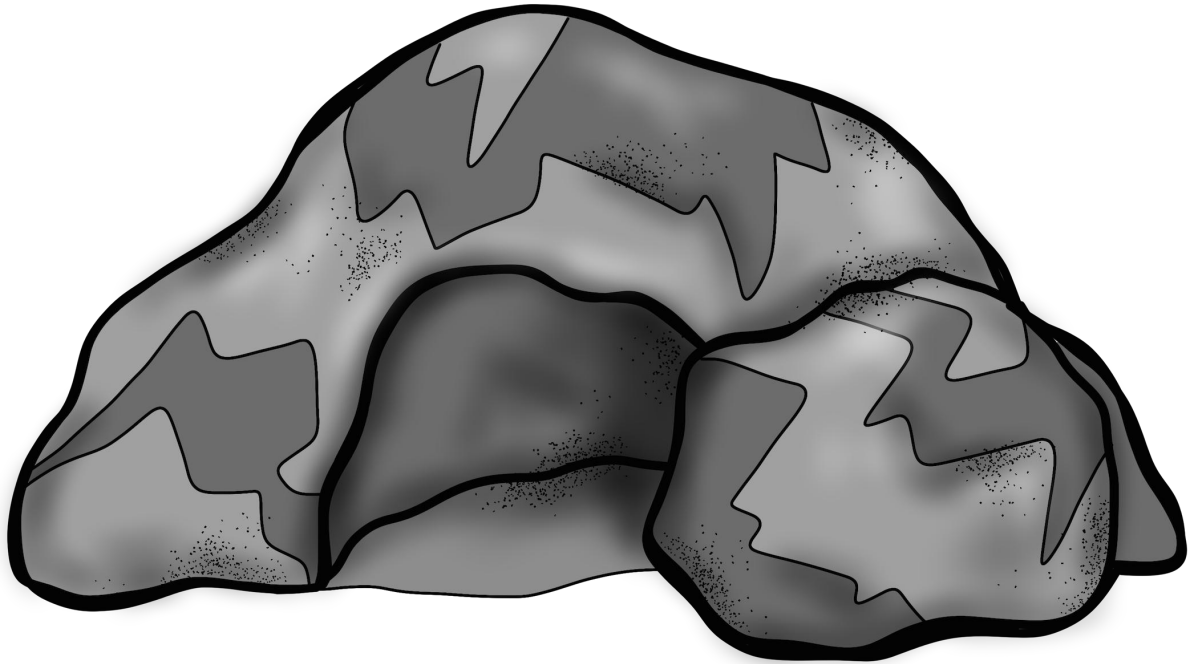
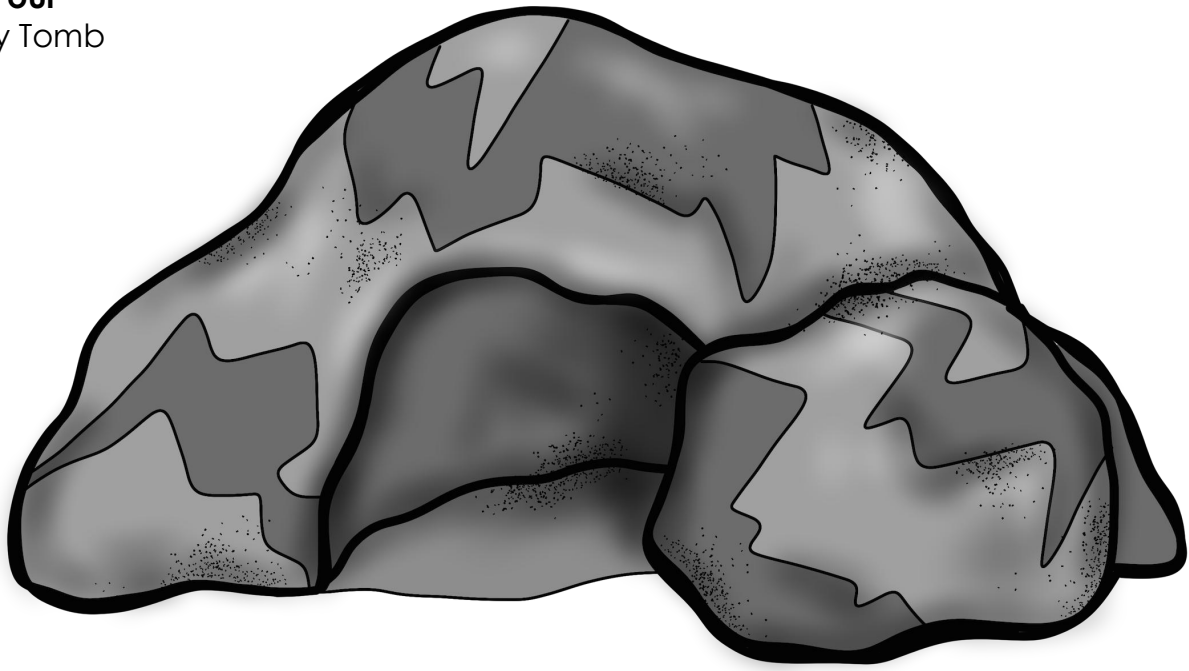
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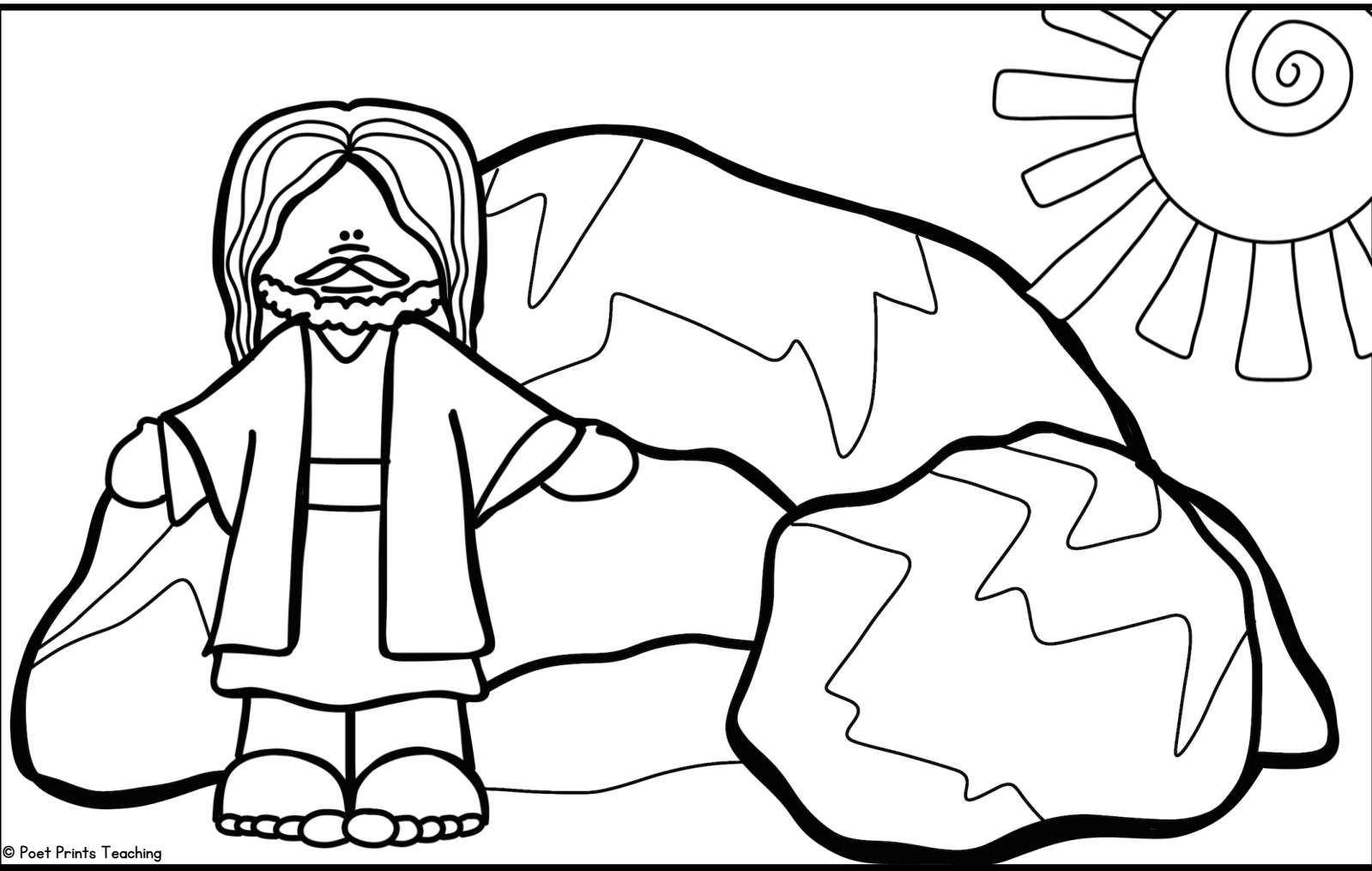
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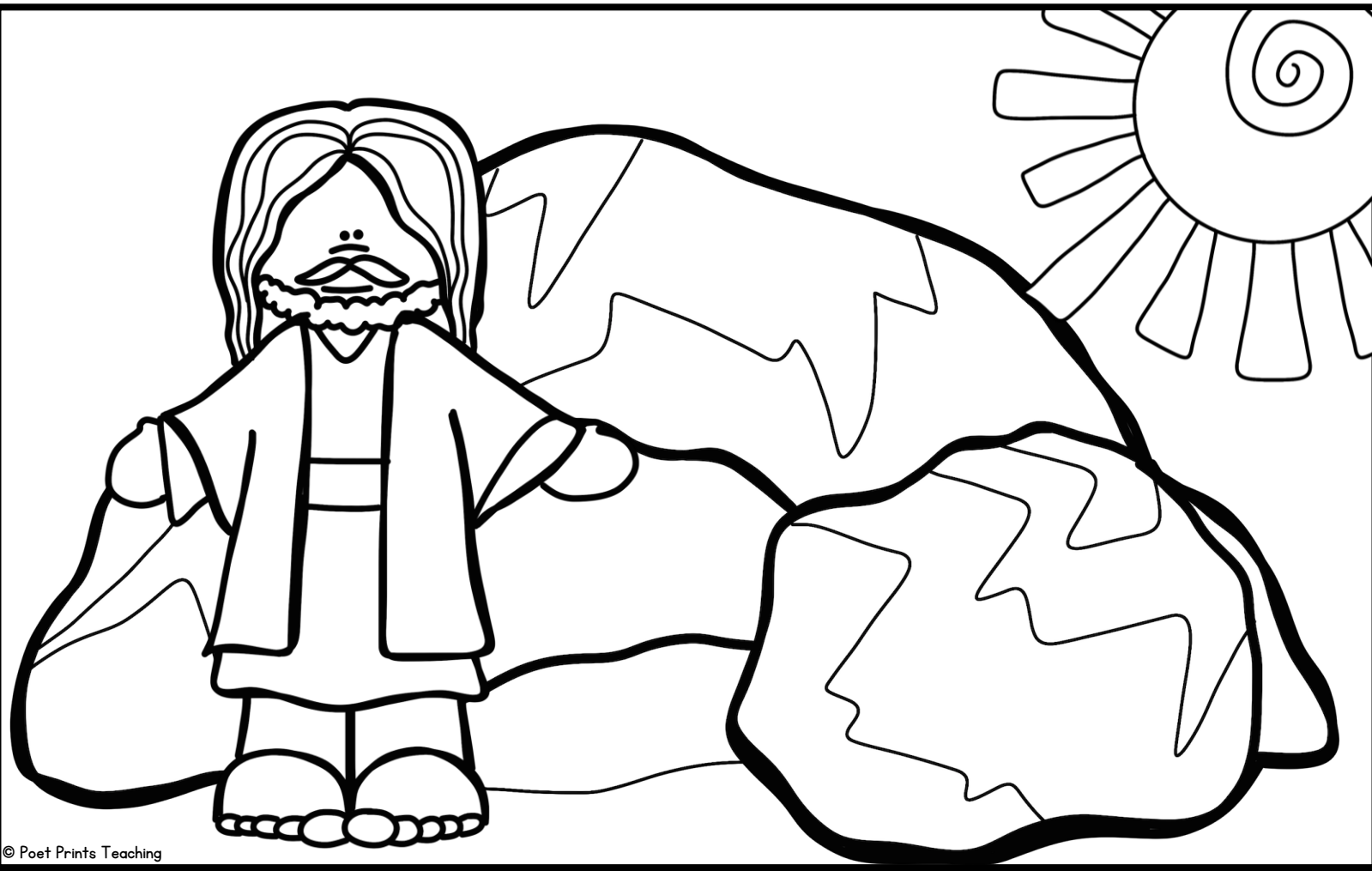
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