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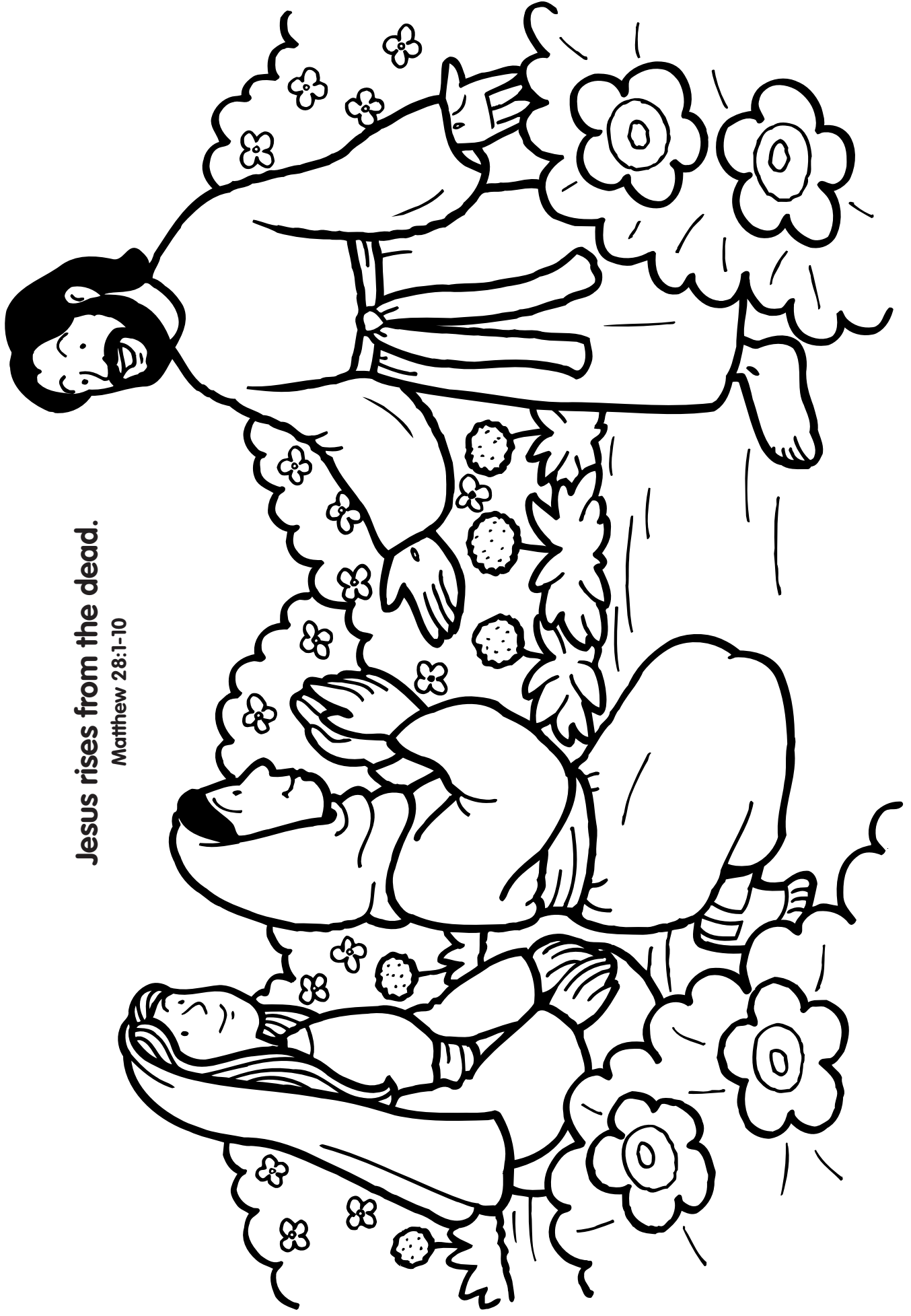
One day, Jesus told His friends, "In a few days, some people are going to take Me away. I'm going to be killed." Jesus' friends were sad. Jesus knew this was part of God's plan so people could be forgiven for wrong things they have done. And Jesus knew He wouldn't stay dead!

The people who wanted to kill Jesus did not like it that so many people loved Him. When these people came to get Jesus, Jesus let them take Him. And He let them kill Him on a cross.

Jesus' friends were sad. They took Jesus' body and put it into a tomb. A tomb was a little room cut out of the side of a hill. Some men put a huge rock in front of the doorway of the tomb. Jesus' friends were very sad. They didn't know that something wonderful was going to happen.

Jesus rises from the dead.

Matthew 28:1-10



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When Jesus was here on Earth, He did many wonderful things. He made blind people see. He made crippled people walk again. He taught people about God. Jesus loved people very much. But not everyone loved Jesus.

Some of the leaders hated Jesus. In fact, they wanted to get rid of Jesus. They didn't like it that so many people wanted Jesus to be their leader! These people decided to kill Jesus. Jesus knew that the reason He came to Earth was to take the punishment for all the wrong things people had ever done or ever would do. Jesus knew God was in charge of what was happening. So Jesus let the angry leaders kill Him on a cross.

Jesus' friends were very sad. They put Jesus' body in a tomb in a garden and rolled a big rock in front of the doorway.

On the first day of the week, two of Jesus' friends walked to the garden where the tomb was. These women were sad that their wonderful friend Jesus was dead. But when the women got to the tomb, the huge rock in front of the doorway had been moved. They looked inside. Jesus' body was gone!

Suddenly, the women saw two angels. "Why are you looking for Jesus here?" the angels asked. "Jesus is not dead. He is alive! He is risen—just as He told you."

The women were glad! They ran to tell others the good news. As they ran, Jesus met them. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid." Then the women told Jesus' friends that Jesus is alive!

**Jesus talks to Mary
in the garden.**

John 20:10-18



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Mary felt very sad. She thought she would never see Jesus again. Mary went to the tomb where Jesus' body was. Mary wanted to put some spices on Jesus' body (as people did in Bible times when someone died).

When Mary got to the tomb, she saw that it was empty! Jesus' body wasn't there anymore. Mary cried and cried. She didn't know that Jesus was alive. Mary saw two angels. They asked, "Why are you crying?"

Mary said, "Someone has taken Jesus' body and I don't know where they have put it." Then Mary turned around and saw a man standing there.

"Woman," the man said, "why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Mary thought that He was a gardener.

Mary said, "Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him."

The man just said her name, "Mary." Right away Mary knew that He was Jesus and He was alive! Mary felt so happy! Jesus told Mary to go and tell His friends that He was alive.