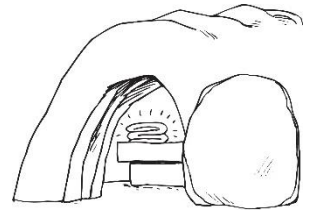




Inspector Snoop & The Case of the Empty tomb



Good Morning Children. Inspector Snoop here. I've been called in this morning to help solve a very important mystery. It's the Case of the Empty Tomb! I need you children to help me solve this mystery.

It just doesn't add up. As you know here in Jerusalem there was what seemed like a terrible crime – Jesus was put to death on the cross. It just doesn't make sense. They put him in a tomb and rolled a huge stone across the entrance. Now I've heard a report that someone stole the Jesus' body away from the grave. It just doesn't add up. I need your help in order to solve this mystery.

Please follow me – let's go over here to where they say they put Jesus' body. Do you remember what it looks like?

Draw a picture of the tomb where they laid Jesus' body...

Look at this. I think it's a big round stone. Where do you think this came from? Hmm. It just doesn't add up. Where else should we look? Yes. Let's go over here to this tomb. Hmm. The stone has been rolled away so we can look inside. Can you see anything inside?

Write down what you'd think you see inside ...

Yes, it's empty. Jesus isn't there. Better go inside to take a better look. Can you see anything? What's that? Just some white cloth? *(Use your magnifying glass)* Hmm. Those are no ordinary pieces of cloth. Those are grave cloths – the kind they use to bury dead people in. Hmm. It just doesn't add up. Jesus died, they placed him in this tomb, and they wrapped him in grave clothes, and rolled a stone across the entrance. Now the tomb is empty and all that is here is these grave clothes! Hmm. What do you children think? What happened to Jesus?

Write down what you think you happened ...

Strange. A few of his friends came to the tomb earlier. We'll have to interview them.
Can you remember from today's Gospel who was there?

Who visited the tomb on Easter morning, and what did they see ...



OK! Let's put all the clues together – What do think happened??...



That's right! You've got it! You kids have solved the mystery of the Empty Tomb. Now I remember that Jesus said that he would rise again but no one believed him. We've solved the case.

Jesus rose again from the dead and is alive!

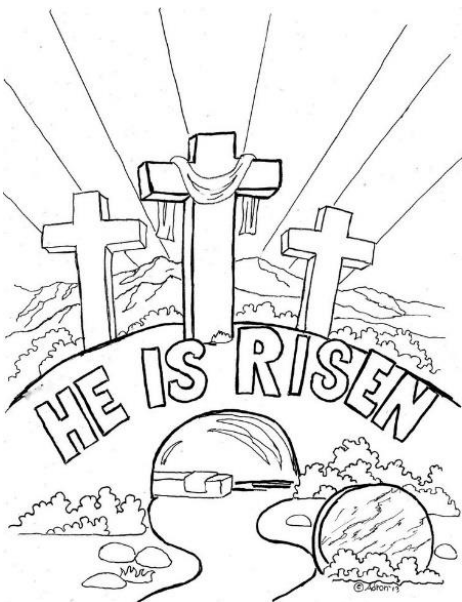
There you have it. You Children have helped me (*Inspector Snoop*) solve the case of the Empty Tomb. This is the most important mystery in the world that has been solved.

The good news is that because Jesus rose from the dead he is alive and we can know him as our Saviour and friend. That is something to celebrate. Jesus is Alive. Halleluiah!

Be sure to Say a little Prayer:

Thank you God for Easter Day – The day Jesus rose from the dead.

Thank you God that you brought him back to life and that he is alive. He is always with us – caring for us and loving us. That's the best news in the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Christ is Risen!
Alleluia!
He is Risen Indeed!