



St Lawrence  
with St Paul  
Longridge



## Family Activities: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

### Easter Day

*Introduction: Children's Church at St Lawrence with St Paul is not meeting at present due to the advice given by the Church of England to suspend services but the team is putting together a sheet each week for families to do 'Children's Church at Home'! We are very grateful to the Blackburn Board of Education and their 'Weekly@' resources which we are drawing on to help us to put together each week's activities.*

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**Theme:** To understand that Jesus came to bring us new, everlasting life.

**Song:** Sing and dance along to 'Jesus You're My Superhero' at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVnHYmc744s>



**Bible Passage:** John 20, vs 1 - 18

A cartoon of the bible passage can be found here:

Watch from approx. 15 mins 50 secs to approx. 19 mins 15 secs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PSgoPdKQFQ&t=1028s>



*...or you may prefer to read it:*

## Jesus' Tomb Is Empty

**20** Early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. It was still dark. Mary saw that the large stone had been moved away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So Mary ran to Simon Peter and the other follower (the one Jesus loved). Mary said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb. We don't know where they have put him."



<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other follower started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> They were both running, but the other follower ran faster than Peter. So the other follower reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down and looked in. He saw the strips of linen cloth lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then following him came Simon Peter. He went into the tomb and saw the strips of linen lying there. <sup>7</sup> He also saw the cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up and laid in a different place from the strips of linen. <sup>8</sup> Then the other follower, who had reached the tomb first, also went in. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (These followers did not yet understand from the Scriptures that Jesus must rise from death.)

## Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

<sup>10</sup> Then the followers went back home. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood outside the tomb, crying. While she was still crying, she bent down and looked inside the tomb. <sup>12</sup> She saw two angels dressed in white. They were sitting where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and one at the feet.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She answered, "They have taken away my Lord. I don't know where they have put him."

<sup>14</sup> When Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Jesus asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Whom are you looking for?"

Mary thought he was the gardener. So she said to him, "Did you take him away, sir? Tell me where you put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary."

Mary turned toward Jesus and said in the Jewish language, <sup>16</sup> "Rabboni." (This means Teacher.)

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Don't hold me. I have not yet gone up to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them this: 'I am going back to my Father and your Father. I am going back to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and said to the followers, "I saw the Lord!" And she told them what Jesus had said to her.



### Questions to ask:

- 1) Which part of the story did you like best and why?
- 2) Did you get an Easter egg this morning?
- 3) Having watched the cartoon/read the story, why do you think eggs are such a big thing at Easter?
- 4) Do you know any animals that are born from eggs?
- 5) What do you think it means for us to have new life in Jesus?
- 6) What are you doing to celebrate Easter?

*Note:* We use eggs because they remind us of the empty tomb, new life in Jesus and the everlasting life we can have with Him.

### Explaining the Passage (adapt for younger children):

After 2,000 years of history, a large portion of mankind continues to celebrate on this day the empty tomb and the historical record of the resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ. Mary, Peter and the other disciples were faced with the truth of Easter up front. Jesus, who they had seen killed and buried, was no longer in his tomb. The stone had been rolled away and his body had gone.

While the other disciple saw and believed, it took a face to face encounter with Mary before she could understand and believe that Jesus had risen again.

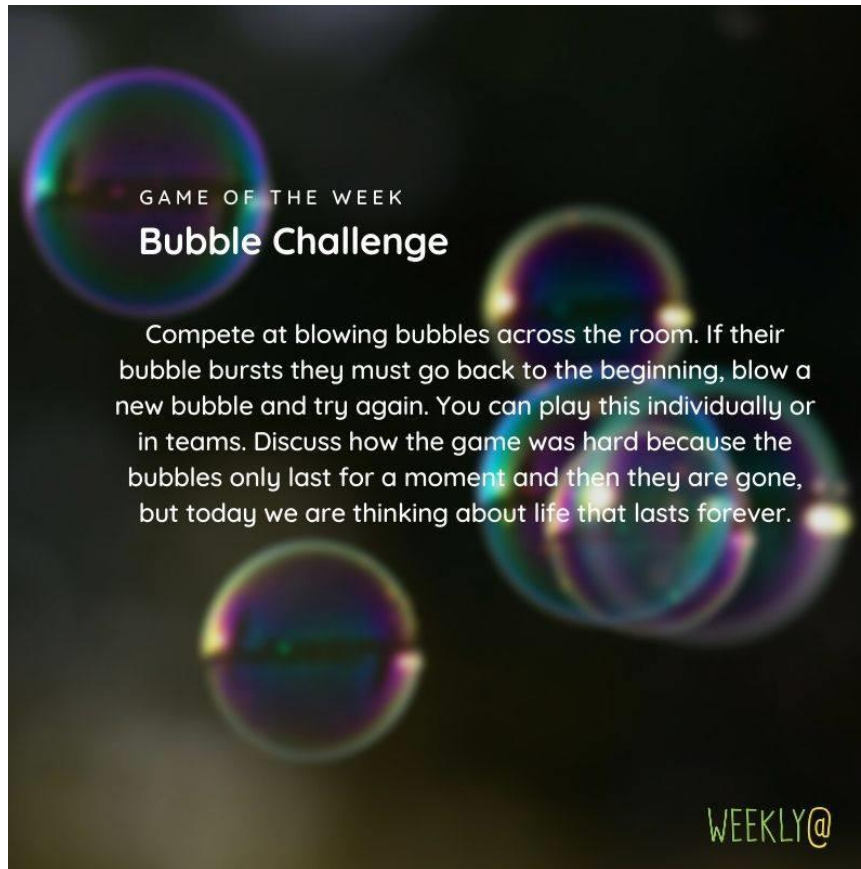
On this day we celebrate that Jesus overcame death with life and established himself once and for all as the Son of God.

### Prayer:

*Dear God, thank you for the amazing miracle of Jesus' resurrection! Thank you that we can have new life in you because of what you did for us. Amen*



**Game:**



**Activity:**

**1) Easter Colouring Sheet**

At the end of this activity sheet there is a colouring sheet to print and enjoy.

**2) Papier Mache Eggs (brilliant fun but it is messy....!)**

Take a look here.....<https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/papier-mache-easter-eggs.html>

You'll need one or more balloons, flour, newspaper and a large paint brush!



### 3) Easter Nest Cakes

#### ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK

## Easter Nest Cakes

**1** You will need chocolate, crunchy cereal of choice, cupcake cases and mini chocolate eggs.

**2** Follow the recipe in the link or follow this simple advice: Melt the chocolate, mix in the cereal, divide into the cases, pop on an egg, let it cool. EAT!!!!

#### DISCUSS

Ask the children if they know why eggs are such a big thing at Easter. Ask if they know what animals are born from eggs, i.e. birds and reptiles. We use eggs because they remind us of the new life of Jesus and the everlasting life we can have with him. Make Easter nests with the children to remind them of this new life.

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