

Wake up Worship

Respect



Love



Endeavour



Curiosity



'In him was life; and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness'. (John 1:4-5)

Holy Week and Easter



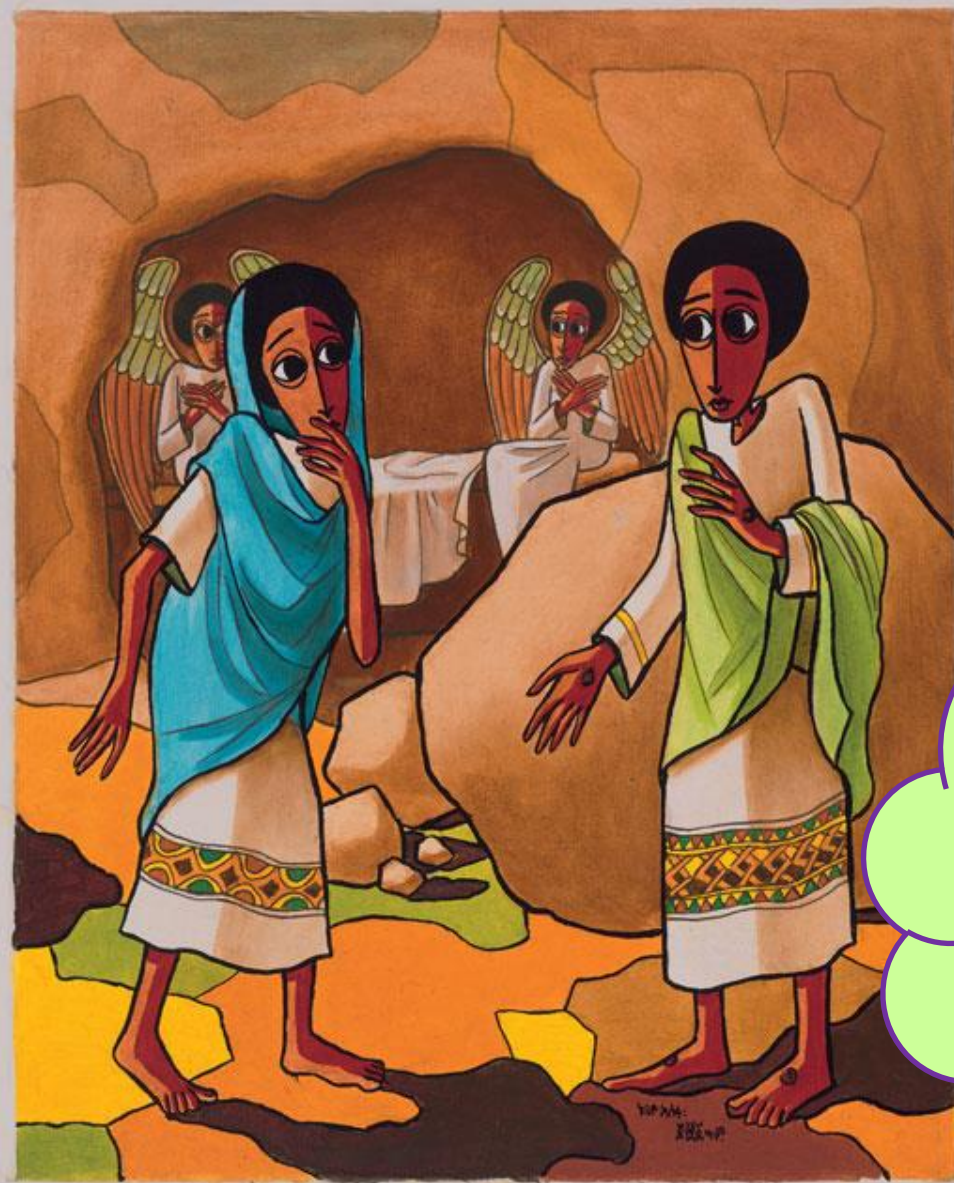
Holy Week

Today we will worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and learn about the time when Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene after he had risen from the dead.

Today's
value is
Joy.



What does this painting by Nebiyu Assefa tell you about Jesus appearing to Mary?



What do you think is happening?

Why do you think the artist was inspired to draw scenes from the story of Jesus as if it was happening in his own country of Ethiopia?



The Risen Jesus Meets Mary



Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

John 20 (11-18)

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

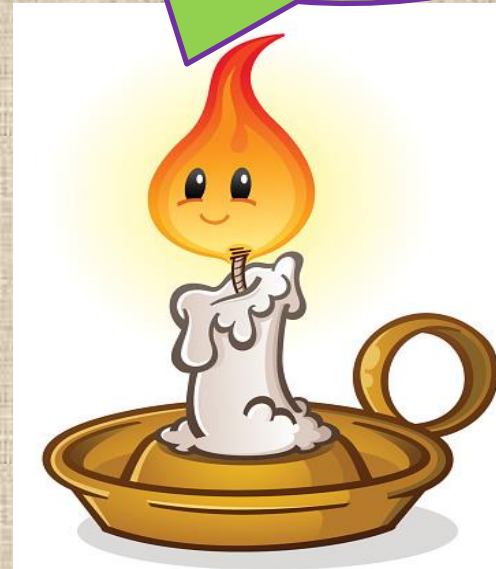
She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

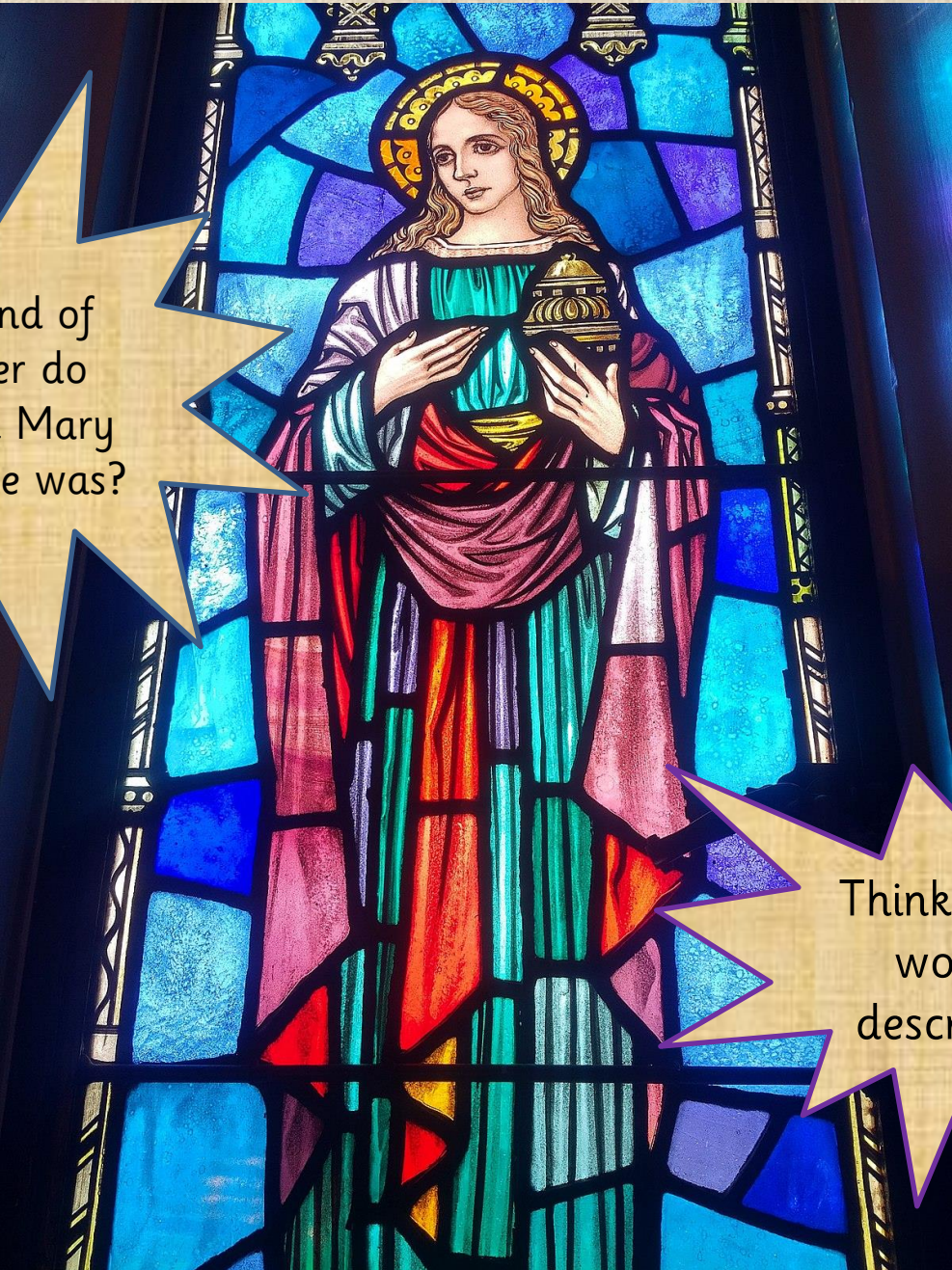
¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

- Mary Magdalene was a faithful friend to Jesus.
- Jesus' other friends were ashamed because they had all run away when Jesus was arrested.
- Mary followed all the way to the foot of the cross until his lifeless body was taken to the tomb. She refused to leave.
- Mary returned on the third day to be near Jesus once again.
- Jesus trusted and valued her which is why he appeared to her first when he rose from the dead.
- Mary was so shocked when Jesus appeared. Jesus told Mary to tell his other friends what she had seen.
- Mary's heart was flooded with **JOY**.

Reflect on the
Bible reading



A stained glass window depicting Mary Magdalene. She is shown from the waist up, wearing a red and green robe with a purple cloak. She has long, wavy blonde hair and a golden halo. She is holding a golden jar of spices in her hands. The background of the window is composed of various shades of blue and purple glass panes.

What kind of character do you think Mary Magdalene was?

Think of some words to describe her.

Hymn for the day

[Click here to
watch the
Karaoke version.](#)
[Don't forget the
dance moves.](#)

I danced in the morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
they came with me and the dance went on.

Refrain:

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a Cross to die.

Refrain:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the Dance, and I still go on.

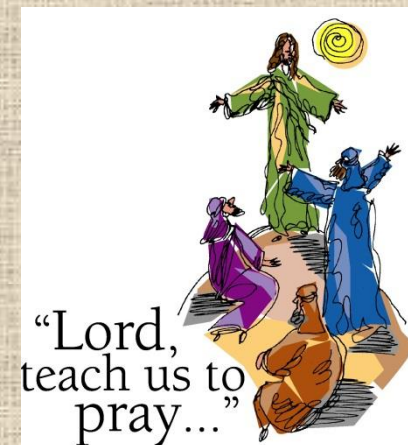
Refrain:

They cut me down
and I leapt up high;
I am the life
that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he.

Refrain:



Prayer for today



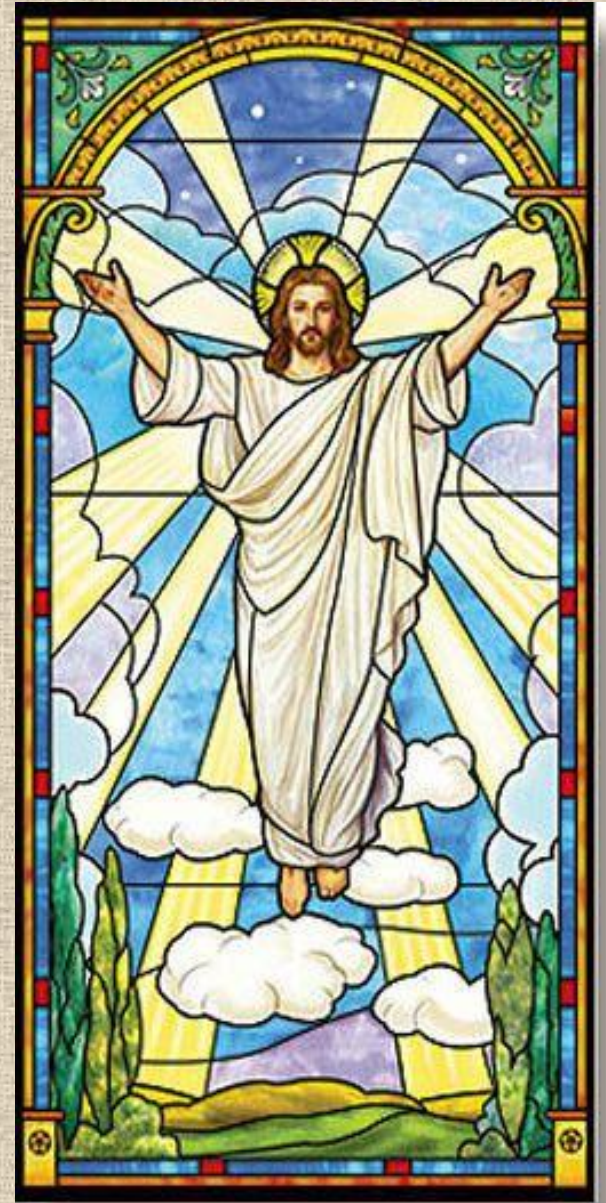
Lord Jesus

Thank you for Mary Magdalene,
For her courage, her loyalty and her compassion.
When we are tempted to run away, to give up or
forget our friends
Help us to remember her example.

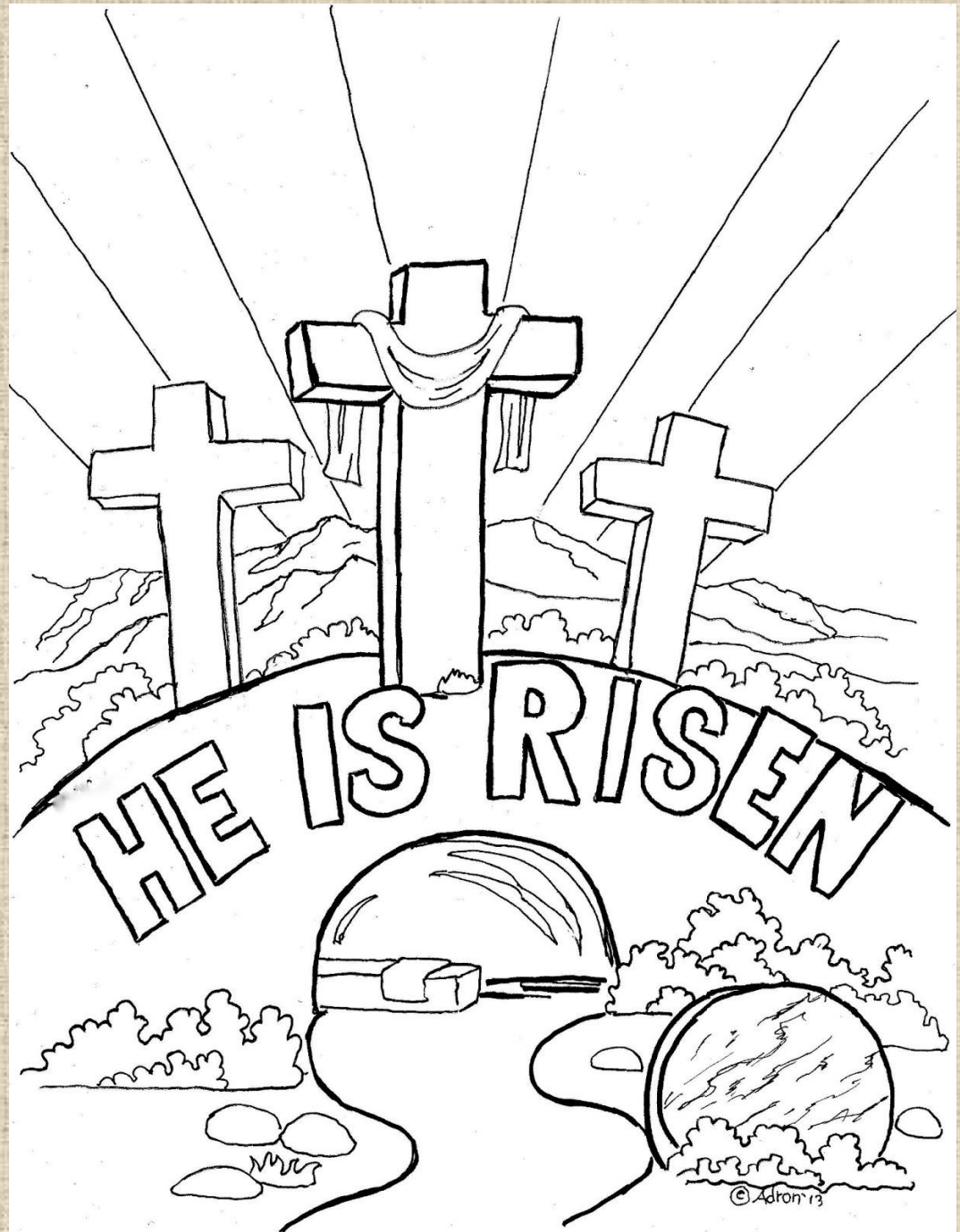
Amen

Art Activity

Represent a part of the Easter story in a stained glass window



Colouring
Fun



Now click the picture below to watch the story.

