

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Empty Tomb

from Luke 24:1-12.

Jesus is alive! God does amazing things!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Women
- Tomb
- Angel
- Jesus

At the time that Jesus died, women cared for a loved one's body after he or she had died. They would wash the body and rub it with oils and spices to help prevent the smell of decay. Then the body was placed in tomb. This was usually a rock or cave shelter above the ground.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 482-487

Spark Bible pages 1167-1168

Family Prayer

Say this prayer together while everyone holds a rock.

Thank you, God for bringing life out of death, joy out of sorrow. Thank you for Jesus and for the gift of hope and assurance that you are always working for good. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 How does your family celebrate Easter?
- 2 The Easter story is an amazing one! What other amazing things do you see God doing?
- 3 What are some signs of new life that we see in the springtime when we celebrate Easter?
- 4 Tell about funerals you have attended. What sort of service was it? Who was there? What was celebrated? What was said about Jesus? What did you sing or do in the service?



Eye Spark

When you see an Easter egg, remember this story of the very first Easter.



Ear Spark

When you hear someone talk about God or Jesus, remember that God is always doing something amazing in our world!

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Create a centerpiece for your meal table that celebrates Easter. Think of signs of new life like Easter eggs and butterflies. How could you feature the Easter story in your centerpiece? A picture or a quote? What about candles or flowers? Create something wonderful!

For younger kids

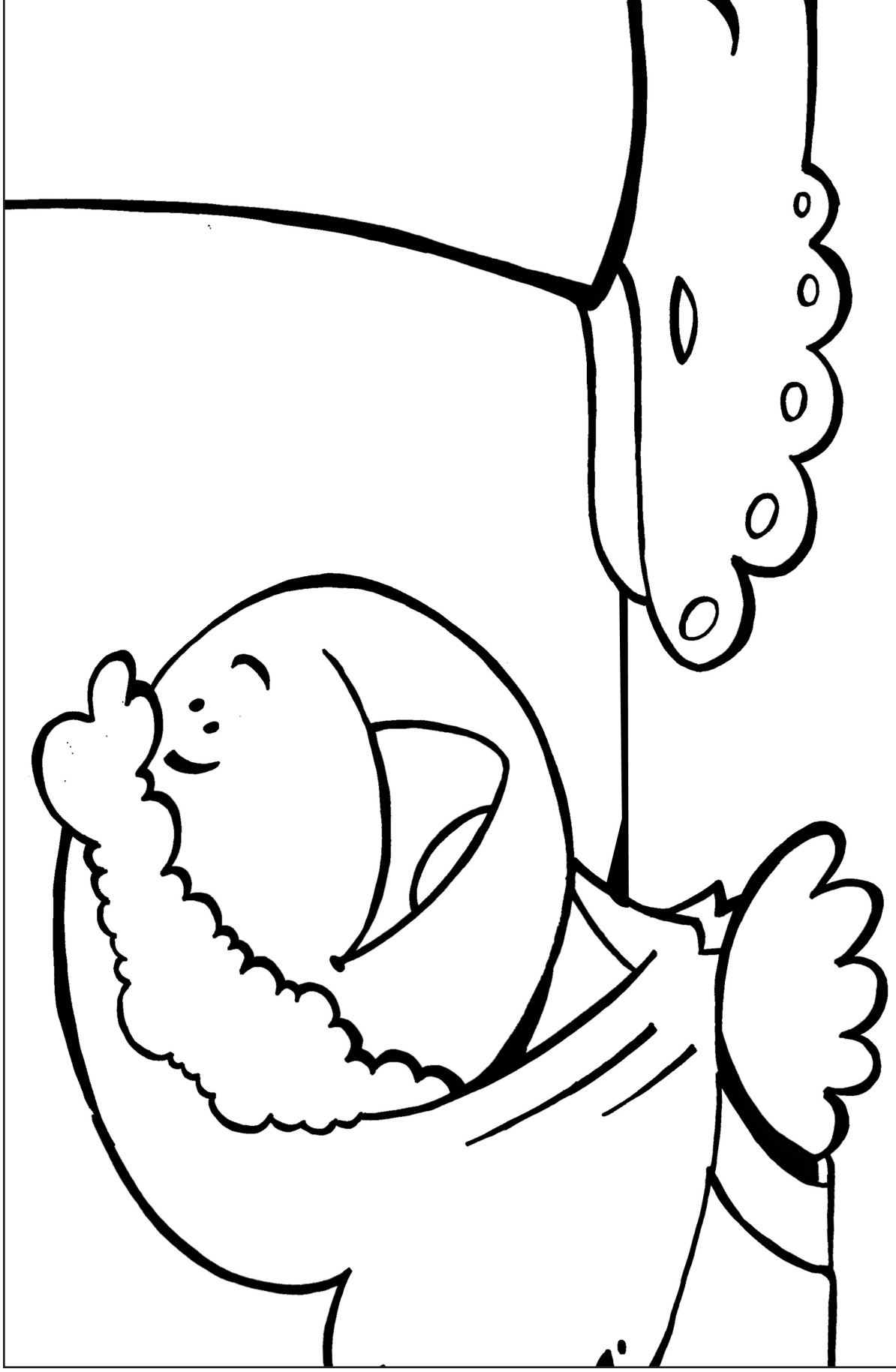
Decorate some Easter eggs to celebrate this story. You can dye real eggs or make some from clay or with paper. Make them really beautiful — just like this story!

For older kids

Research Easter customs from other cultures. The web is a great source, and your local or church library probably has some good resources, too. Are there new ways to celebrate Easter that your family could try?



The Empty Tomb



It was Jesus! Jesus was really alive!

Search the Tomb

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EASTER

BIBLE

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GOD

FAITH

EMPTY



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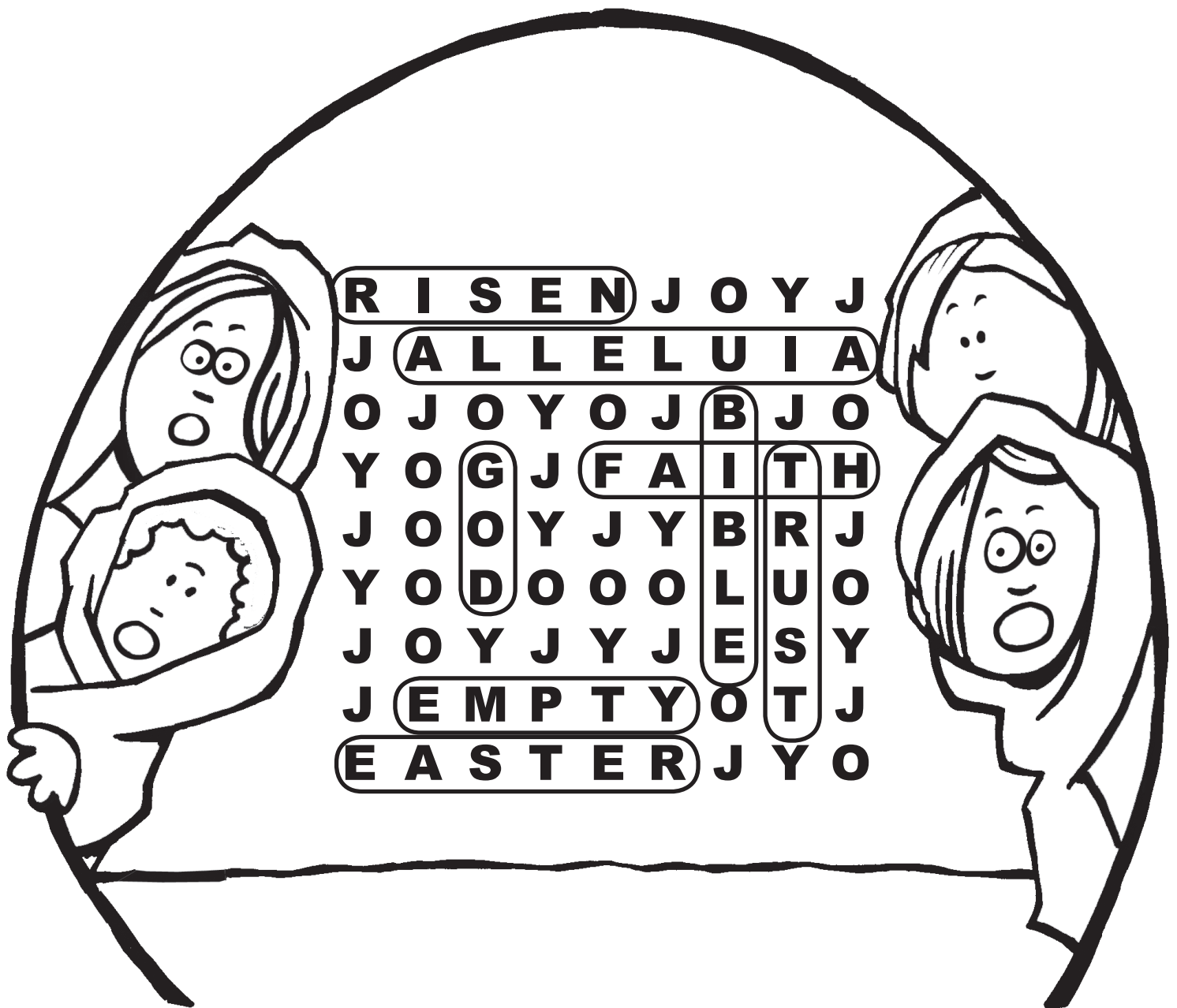
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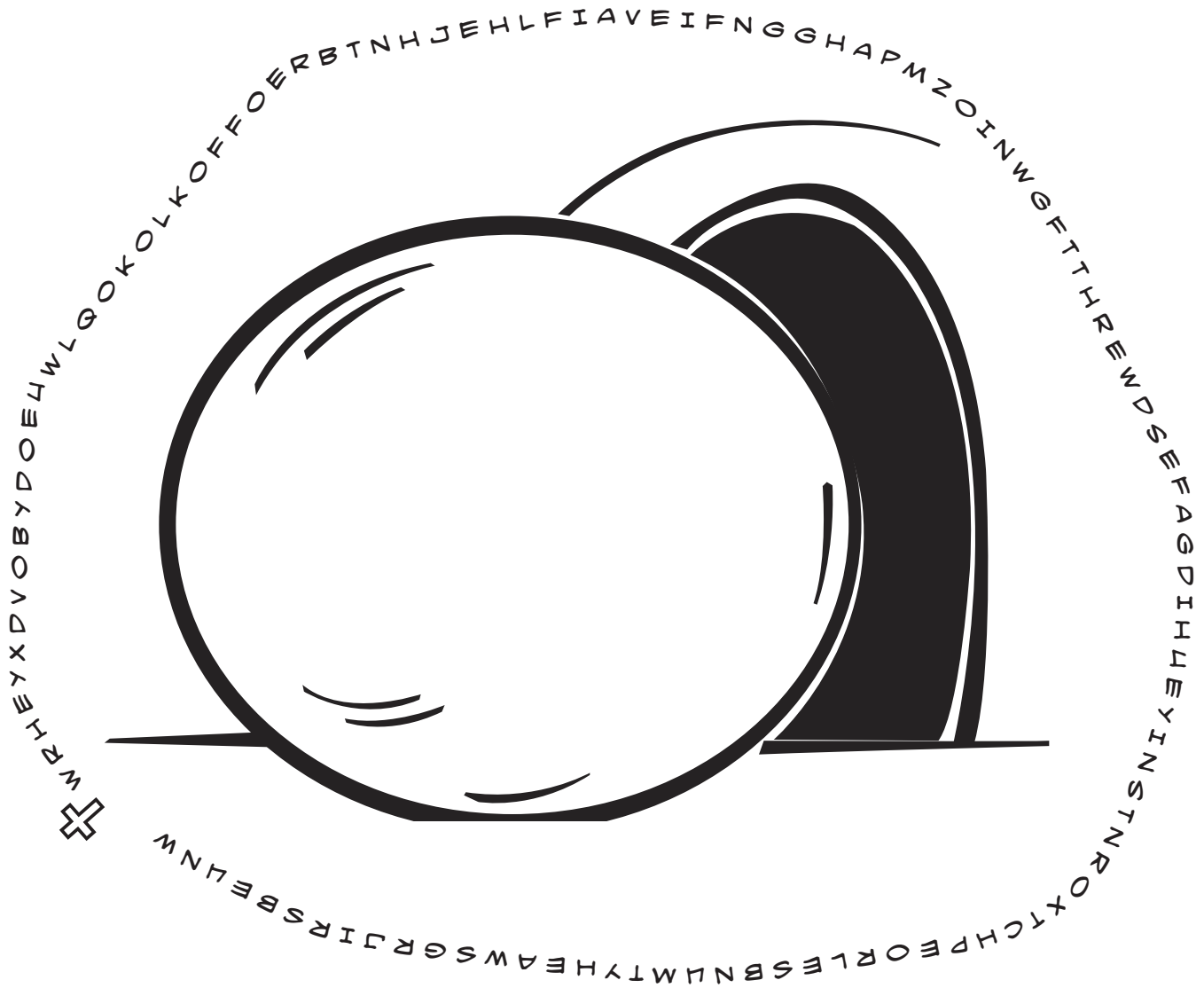
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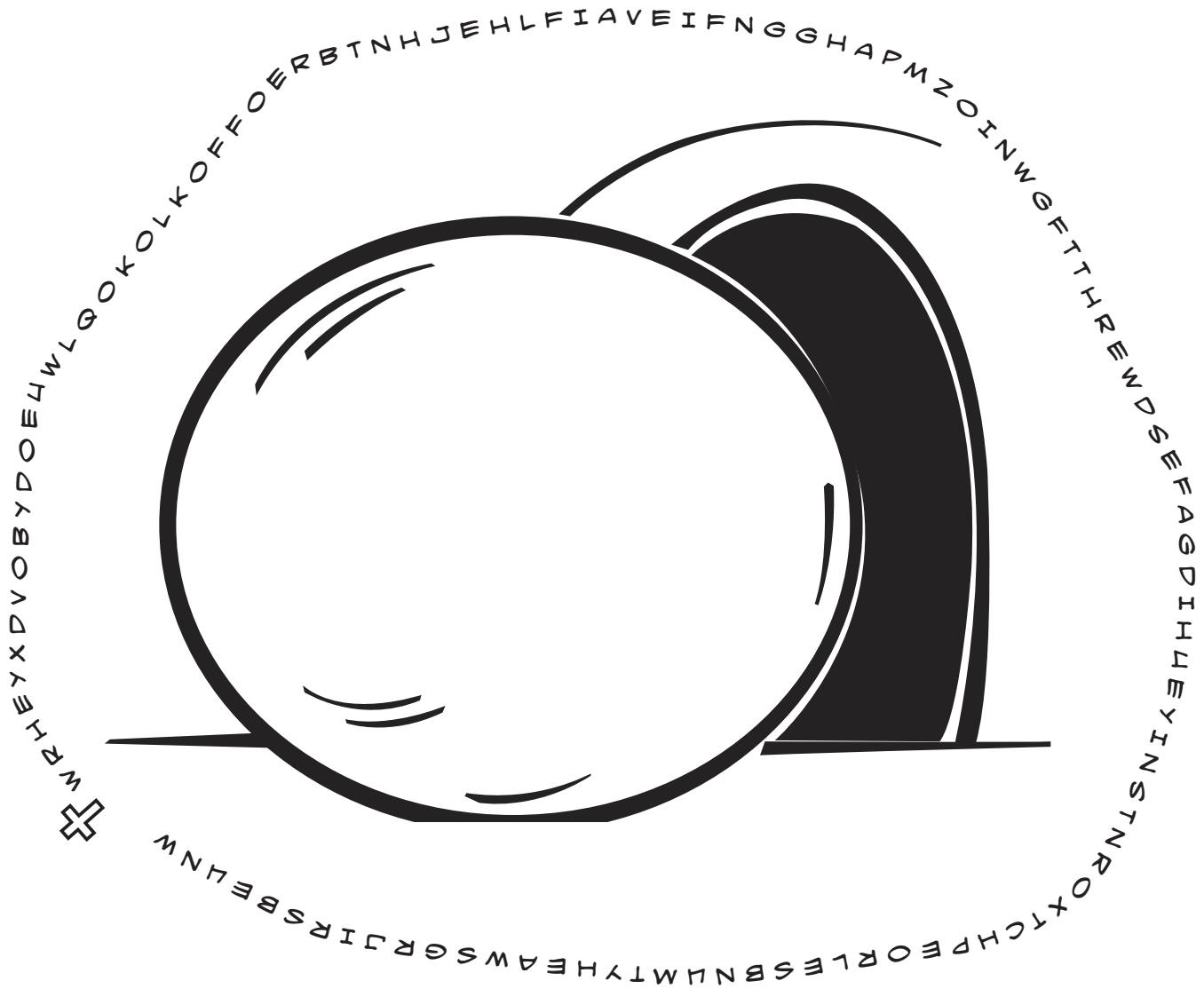
Rockin' Message

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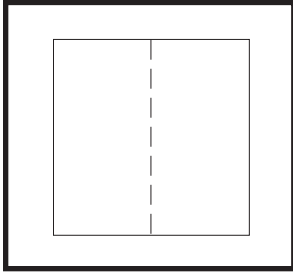
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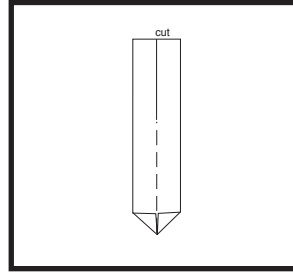
Easter Flutterers

Celebrate the empty tomb! Jesus has risen! Follow these directions to make whirly flutterers that your whole group can toss together.



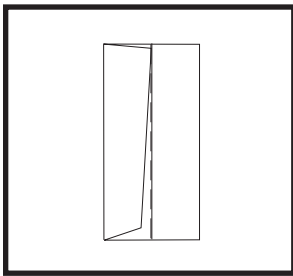
STEP 1

Fold a square piece of paper in half.



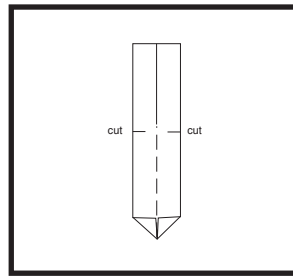
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On the top, cut along the fold until almost the center of the strip.



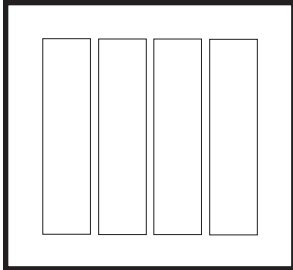
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Fold the sides of the paper to the center fold.



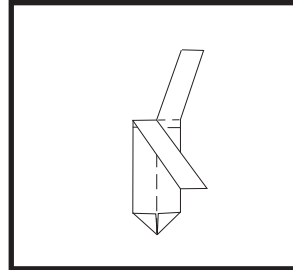
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Cut two slits toward the middle fold.



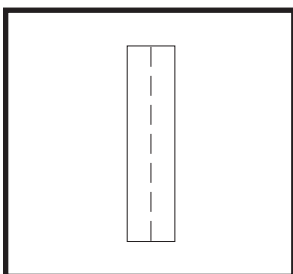
STEP 3

Cut on each of the three folds. Now you have four strips.



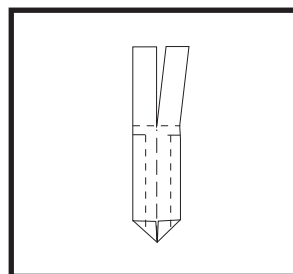
STEP 8

Fold one of the top strips forward and the other one back.



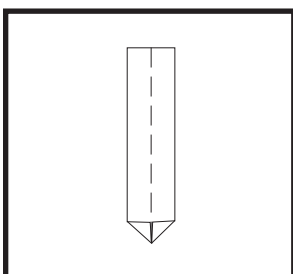
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Fold the strip lengthwise



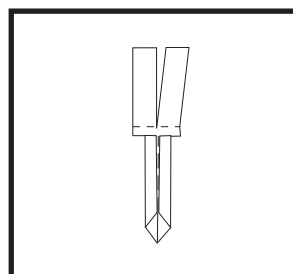
STEP 9

Fold the lower parts in to the center.



STEP 5

Fold up the bottom two corners.



STEP 10

Hold the flutterer by the two strips at the top and release!