

The COLORS OF EASTER

A READ AND DRAW STORY

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it takes to stand up for what you think is right.

People who agreed with Jesus became

his followers. Others, who disagreed with

him, plotted against him. One of his

followers, Judas, disagreed with him and

turned him over to his enemies. Jesus

was arrested and sentenced to be cruci-

fied. He was nailed to a cross and he died.

Jesus' followers were confused, sad, and

scared. They didn't know what to do.

4. Take a black crayon and color

over the whole chalice window with

black, for the fear and hate which

causes people to do cruel things,

and for the sad and painful things

in life which can leave us feeling so

confused and frightened that we

don't know what to do.

On the third day after Jesus died (known

today as Easter Sunday), Mary Magdalene

went to Jesus' tomb and found his body

was gone. Then she saw a man, who said

he was Jesus, and he told her not to be

afraid, that he was going to be with God.

Later, other followers believed they saw

Jesus, too, and Jesus told them to carry

on his message by doing what he had

done in his life. This is the miracle of

Jesus' resurrection, that is now celebrated

on Easter Sunday. The early Christians

carried on his work so it stayed alive and

did not die with him.

Easter is the time when Christians

celebrate and remember the life and

death of Jesus. Most of what we know

about Jesus' life comes from four books in

the Bible called the Gospels: Mark, Mat-

thew, Luke and John. The story of Jesus'

life as told in Mark is the oldest story. The

other Gospels take the basic story in Mark

and add on to it in a way that makes each

story of Jesus' life a little bit different.

1. Color the flame in the drawing at

right for the mystery that is Jesus,

and for all the things we do not

know.

One idea found in most of the stories

about Jesus is that he was a very loving

and caring person. The stories say Jesus

stood up for people who were left out, or

being picked on, and he listened to people

whom others ignored. He taught others

he knew to do the same.

2. Color the chalice in the window for

the love and caring Jesus showed

toward all people.

Another thing people remember about

Jesus is his courage. He spoke out against

laws and people whom he did not think

were fair and kind. He disobeyed some of

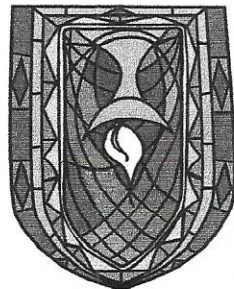
the laws and tried to change them. He

made both friends and enemies by his

teachings and actions.

3. Color the rest of the stained glass

window for the strength and courage



5. Open a paper clip. Using one end, lightly scratch off the black crayon covering each section of the window, to let the colors show through again. When we really believe in something it gives us hope, and this hope makes us strong and courageous. When we are sad and confused, sharing our memories and doing things which show our love and care for each other makes us feel better and lets our light shine through.

