



## EASTER

# THE EASTER STORY

**W**hen Jesus was grown up he became a preacher and a teacher. He helped people to find the good and right way to live. He told them to 'treat others as you would like to be treated yourself', 'to love your enemies' and to 'forgive others if they do wrong to you'.

People said that they saw Jesus work miracles, such as calming a storm, turning water into wine and helping to make sick people well with a touch of his hand. Followers began to believe that Jesus had God's power to heal people. Many adults and children enjoyed listening to Jesus. He told them stories and helped people to understand more about God's love and forgiveness. However, some people did not like Jesus' teaching and preaching, and they wanted to stop him, so they took him away and left him to die on a cross.

Jesus' body was carefully laid to rest in a cave and a stone door was rolled shut. A couple of days later some women went to the cave, but to their amazement the heavy stone door was open and the cave was empty. Jesus had gone!

Then one of the women saw Jesus in a garden nearby. Some of Jesus' closest friends said that they had also seen Jesus! For forty days after that, more people said that they had seen Jesus. They said that Jesus had told them to spread the good news. The people remembered all the good things Jesus had told them about, and they passed his teachings and stories on to others all around the world. This continued for year after year, and it is why he is still remembered and loved today.

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