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Children's Sermon (John 12:20-33) Dying to Live

Greet the children, holding flowers, flour, grain, or other plants of some sort

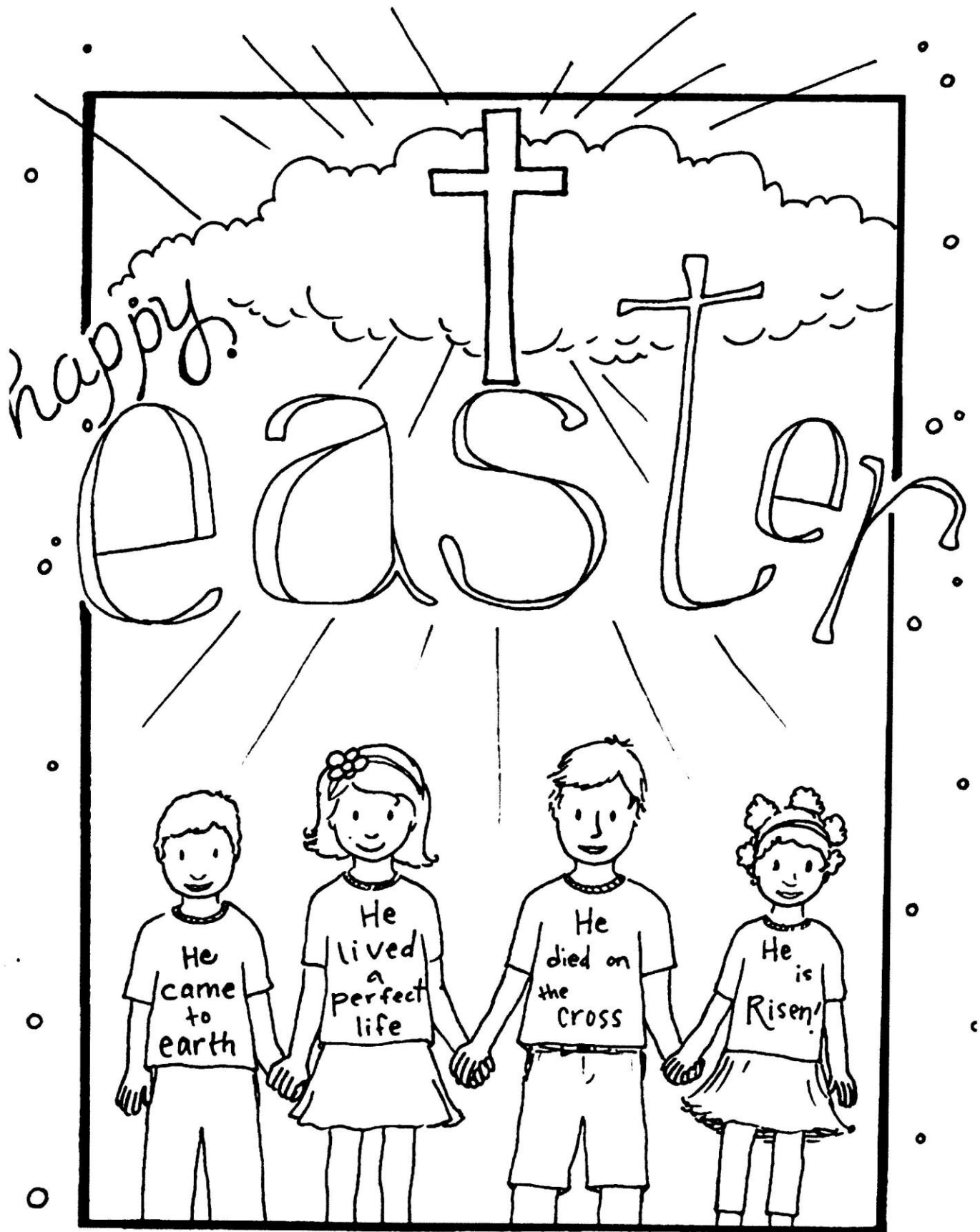
Hello, children of God!

What do I have here? These are some plants. Have you ever planted something? Do you know how plants work? Well, with most plants like this, you have to bury the seeds in the ground, and of course water them and provide a spot with sunlight, in order for them to grow up. After they've gone underground, they sprout and flower and they come up and bloom! Then they provide food, or flowers, or even trees. This applies to things like fruits and vegetables, as well as grain. Grain (*hold up the grain, if using*) has these little kernels that sort of have to die in a sense before they go into the ground. But once they die, they come back up and produce big fields of wheat that can feed people!

Why are we talking about plants? Well, because they remind me of something else—*someone* else, in fact. Can you think of someone who died and was buried, and then came back to life? Jesus, of course! In fact, before He died, He used this plant analogy. Some people were asking about who He was and what His purpose was. They wanted to see and know more about Jesus. Jesus explained that in order to be glorified and lifted up, He was going to first have to suffer and die. He described how grain has to fall to the earth and die in order to bear fruit, and how He would have to be "lifted from the earth" (on the cross) in order to draw us to Him.

Jesus gave up His life and died, and because of that we can have life forever with Him. We know that He gave Himself over to be killed, and He did that for us. Because of His death, everyone in the whole world has access to eternal life! People were sometimes confused or uncertain about who Jesus was or why He came. They certainly didn't think that death could bring life, but we know the wonderful truth of

what his death means for us! He didn't stay dead. He rose again & lives forever. And so will we, if only we believe!



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