

## Welcome to Toddlers Service

If you are new please fill in a card (table by the door).

*This weekly session helps young ones learn about God in a Christian service. Please encourage them to be fully engaged. Feel free to sit on the mat with your child. Please save chatting until later.*

*It is Easter. We celebrate that Jesus came back to life. Today we look at the story of Mary meeting Jesus in the garden.*

Jesus was killed by soldiers. His friends had put his body in a cave. His special friend Mary went to visit the grave, because she missed Jesus. The cave was in a beautiful garden and Mary saw a bunny in the garden. **Let's sing: Did you ever see a bunny?**

But when she got to the grave, she got a big surprise! Jesus had been buried in a cave with a rock in front. Mary knew that. That wasn't the surprise. What surprised her was that the rock was no longer there! The cave was open. When she looked inside, she got an even bigger surprise: Jesus was gone! His body wasn't there! Instead there were 2 angels sitting there, who told her not to look for Jesus there. Mary was really worried. She thought that someone must have taken Jesus away and put him somewhere else. She couldn't believe anyone would do something that mean! She cried.

Then she heard a noise. She turned around and saw a man. She thought it must be the gardener who looked after the garden. She ran to him and said: "Sir, if you have moved my friend, tell me where you have put him!" The man said to her, "Mary." And then she got the biggest surprise of all! Because when she heard him say her name, she realised that it was Jesus!! Jesus was no longer dead. He was alive! She

couldn't believe her eyes! She wanted to give him a big hug, but Jesus told her to go and tell his other friends what had happened – that he was alive again.

**Let's sing: Colours of day**

**Let's sing God is good to me.**

*We put our hands together and sit very still for our prayers.*

**Jesus is my best friend, best friend best friend**  
**Jesus is my best friend, he hears me when I pray**

**We pray**

Dear God thank you for gardens and bunnies and for being our friend, and helping us. Even though we can't see you, we know you are with us, looking after us. **Amen.**

Thank you for our own friends and our parents who also look after us. **Amen.**

**Our Father who art in heaven HBTN**  
**Thy kingdom come thy will be done HBTN**  
**On earth as it is in heaven HBTN**  
**Give us this day our daily bread HBTN**  
**Forgive us all our trespasses HBTN**  
**As we forgive those who trespass against us HBTN**  
**And lead us not into temptation HBTN**  
**But deliver us from all that is evil HBTN**  
**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory HBTN**  
**For ever and for ever and ever HBTN**

**We bless the money given for the work of Christ Church**

Thank you Lord for all your gifts x3 Right where we are.  
Alleluia praise the Lord x3 right where we are

# Christ Church Shooters Hill

## The blessing

Bless the bunnies and the children. God bless you and God bless me. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

*We share the peace*

*We have a drink and a biscuit with our friends*

## **Words of the songs**

**Did you ever see a bunny (3x)**, Did you ever see a bunny that hops so slow? He hops, and hops, and hops, and hops, Did you ever see a bunny that hops so slow?

**Colours of day** dawn into the mind, The sun has come up, the night is behind. Go down in the city, into the street, And let's give the message to the people we meet. So light up the fire and let the flame burn, Open the door, let Jesus return. Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow, Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.

**God is good to me** x2 He gives me eyes to see the sky, God is good to me. Nose... smell a rose/ Lips...eat my chips/ Feet...walk the street

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## THE EMPTY TOMB



## Mary meets Jesus in the garden

Please take this sheet home with you