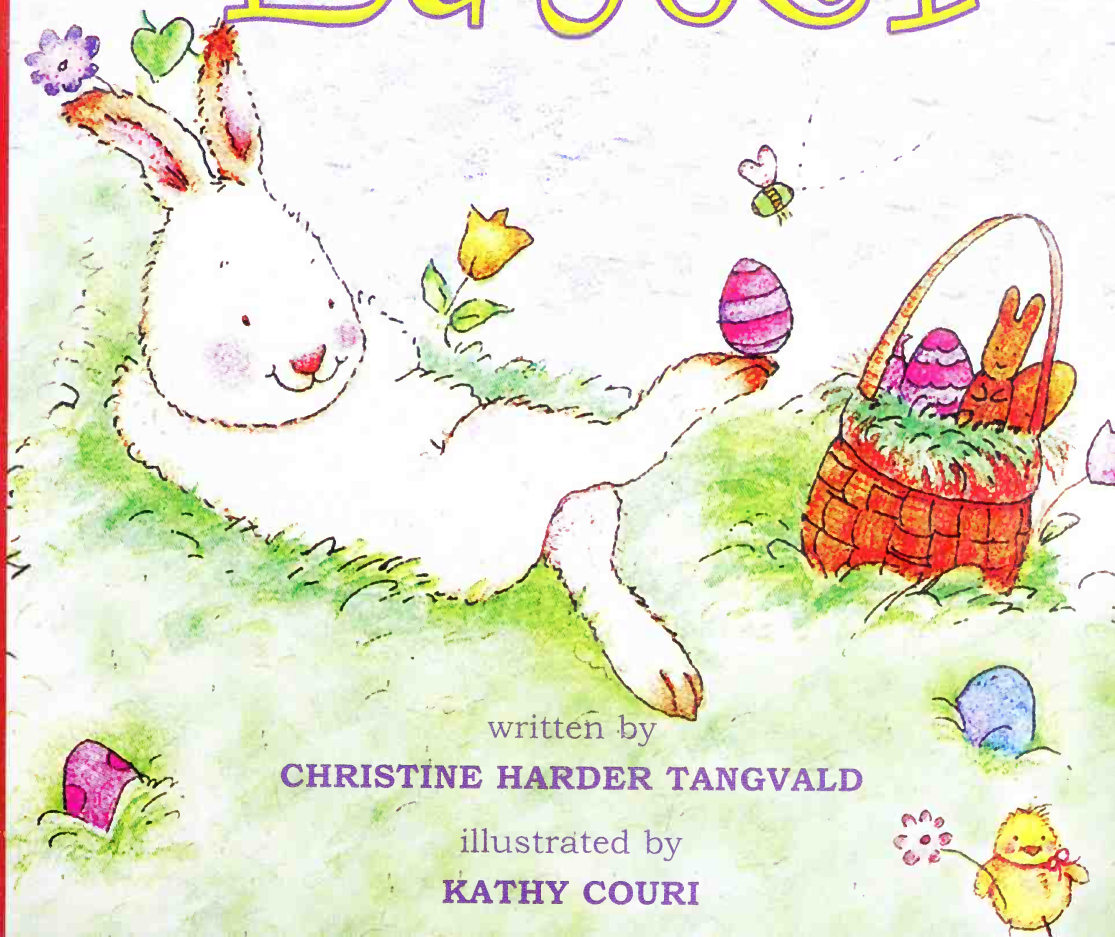


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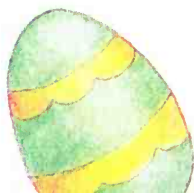
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Do you like Easter?
I DO! I think Easter is FUN!



I like to dye Easter eggs all different colors—pink ones, green ones, blue ones, orange ones, and yellow ones. Then after we dye the eggs . . .



We HIDE them!

I love to hunt for Easter eggs, don't you?



Yes, I think Easter eggs are fun! But Easter eggs aren't the BEST thing about Easter!



Sometimes we have CANDY Easter eggs with soft, squishy marshmallows on the inside. Sometimes we have gooey, chewy jelly beans that taste like lemon or cherry or peppermint! Yum, YUM, **YUM!**



I like Easter candy . . . A LOT! But candy isn't the BEST thing about Easter.

Did you ever pet a soft, furry bunny at Easter time?
I did—at my uncle's farm. I like soft, furry bunnies. My
cousin got a cute baby chick that said, "*Peep, peep, peep!*"



Pet,
pet, pet. Pat, Pat, Pat.

I like furry bunnies and cute baby chicks, don't you?
But bunnies and chicks aren't the BEST thing about
Easter.



Quack!

Quack!

Quack!

At church on Easter
Sunday, we talk and
laugh together.



We sit and sing
together,



and we listen and
pray together.



We have a treat together.

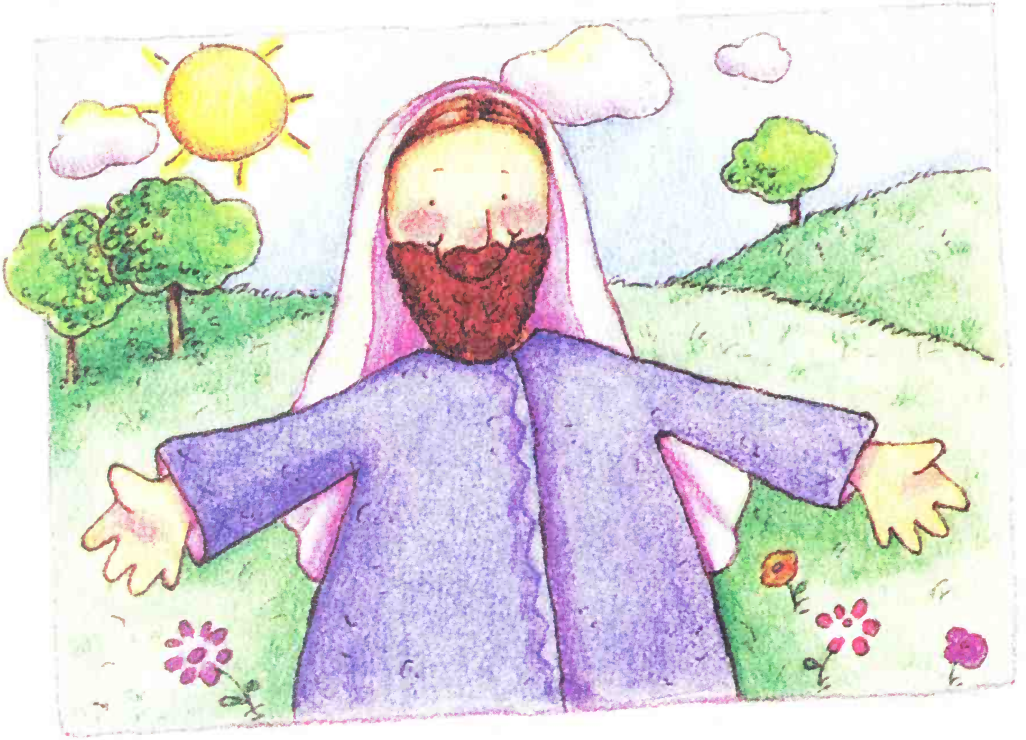


We have a great time together too.

Oh, YES! I like getting all dressed up and being together on Easter Sunday. But even that isn't the BEST thing about Easter.

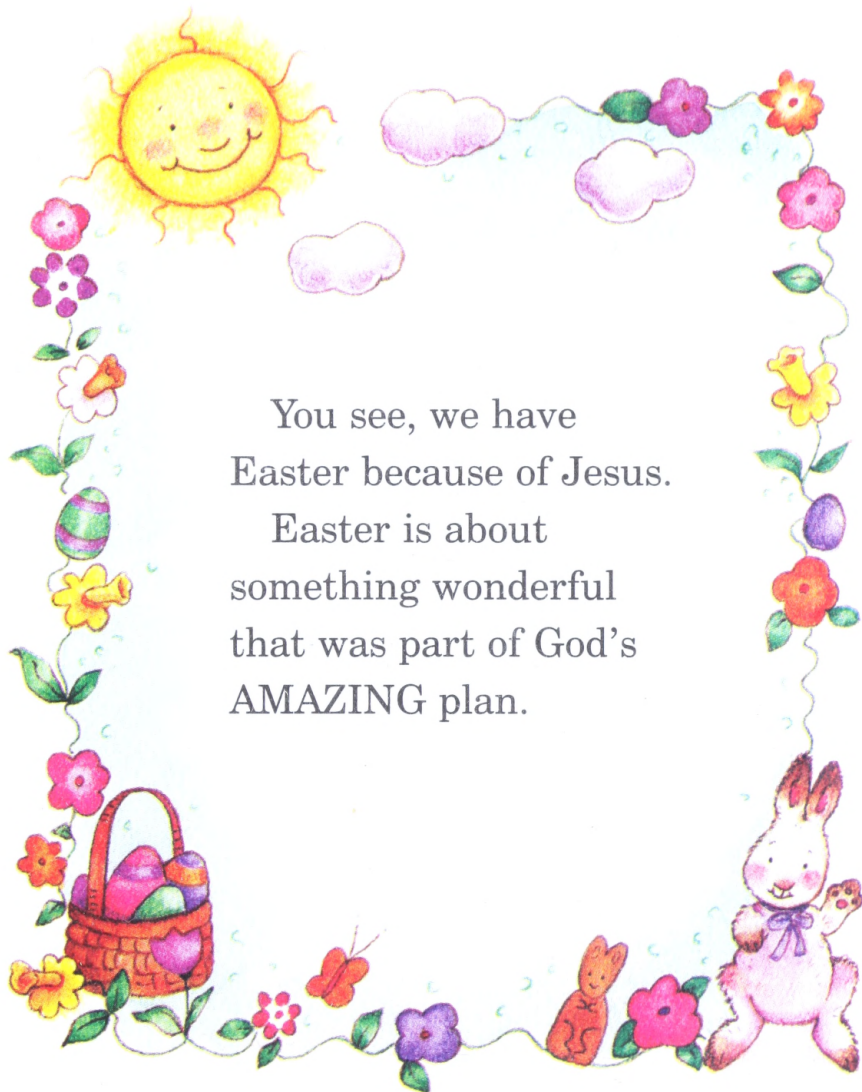


The very BEST THING about Easter is . . .



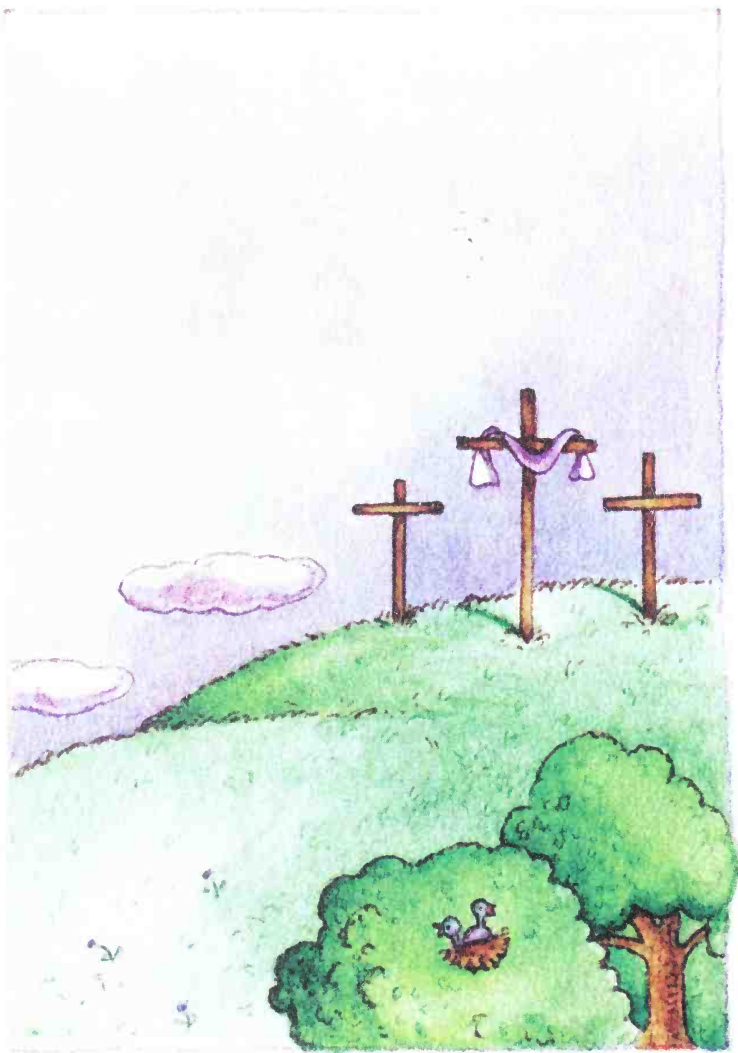
JESUS . . . God's own Son!

Oh, yes! Jesus is the **BEST THING** about Easter.



You see, we have
Easter because of Jesus.

Easter is about
something wonderful
that was part of God's
AMAZING plan.



First a very sad thing happened. Jesus died on the cross.

But guess what! Jesus did not stay dead!

No, he did not! On the very first Easter morning, God made Jesus **ALIVE** again!



The tomb where he was buried was **EMPTY**!

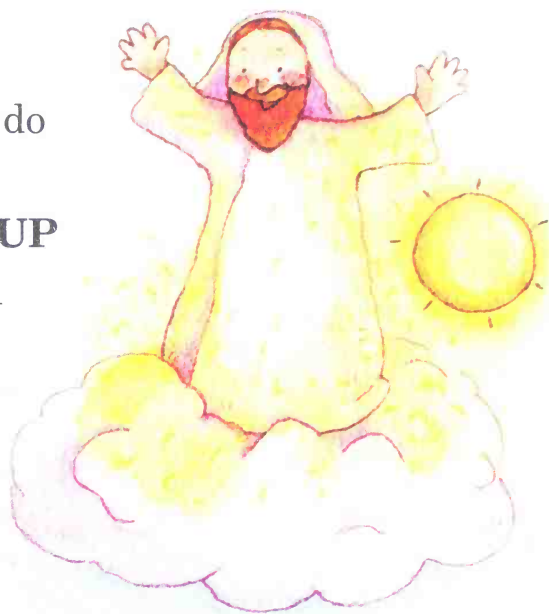
Jesus' friends were SO surprised and SO happy to see Jesus again.



“Jesus is alive!” they said. “He is really alive!”

And then a little later, do
you know what God did?

He took Jesus up, **UP, UP**
... right through a cloud
into HEAVEN!



It was all
part of GOD'S
amazing plan!



But the MOST amazing part of God's plan is that
Jesus died and lives again . . . for ME!



It's TRUE! Because Jesus loves me, you see. And he
loves YOU too.

*This is what love is: God loved us
and sent His Son. —1 John 4:10*

Oh yes! I like Easter eggs, and I like Easter
candy, and I like soft furry bunnies and
fuzzy baby ducks, and I like getting
all dressed up and being together
on Easter Sunday.
BUT . . .



the BEST THING about Easter is Jesus! I'm GLAD
Jesus loves me! I'm really, REALLY glad. Aren't you glad
Jesus loves you too?



HAPPY EASTER, EVERYONE!

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