



Baptist Churches
of NSW & ACT

Easter at Home

A guided reflection



This resource is designed to be used in households in printed form or as a video reflection. You can choose to work through the reflection on your own, as a family or as a small group online.

The following includes a variety of artworks. We have carefully chosen images that are appropriate for all ages.

We also recognise that different people appreciate different styles of art. Take time to reflect on each artwork for as long as you would like. Choose one or spend time on all the artworks.

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As you begin

Let's acknowledge that our celebration of Easter in 2020 is very different. It comes with a great deal of uncertainty and challenge for us as individuals, for our church, for our community, for our country and for our world.

Our prayer, as we look at the Old Testament statements describing the coming Saviour and then see these lived out by Jesus in the Easter story, is that we will discover hope for this season. Jesus by His Spirit is with us today and his death, identification with us and offer of new life is a gift we invite you to spend time reflecting on.



*"He was despised and rejected – a man of sorrows,
acquainted with deepest grief"*

Isaiah 53:3a

Reflection

Jesus knew deep grief.

What worry or sadness can you give to Jesus?



*"We turned our backs on him and looked the other way.
He was despised and we did not care."*

Isaiah 53:3b

Reflection

Jesus was rejected and abandoned even by his friends.

Are there ways you have rejected Jesus?

Think about how amazing Jesus' love is for us,
that even if we ignore him, he doesn't ignore us.

Say sorry to Jesus for the times you have turned your back on him.



*"It was our weaknesses he carried.
It was our sorrows that weighed him down."*

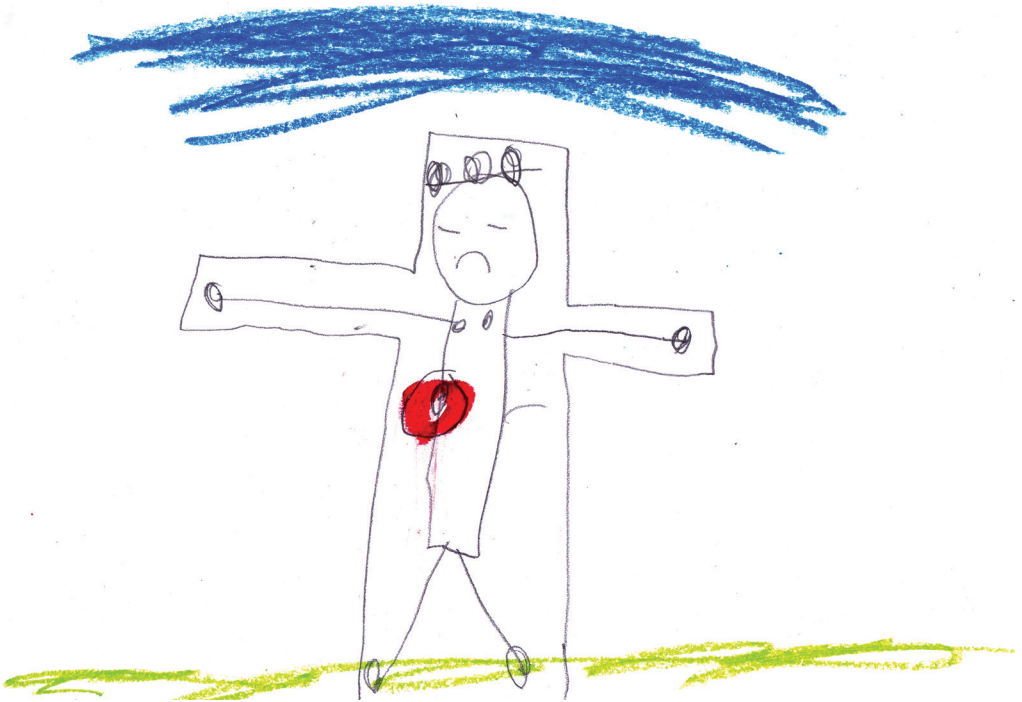
Isaiah 53:4

Reflection

**Our weaknesses and sorrows were heavy for
Jesus to carry, but He carried them willingly.**

What weaknesses and sorrows could Jesus be carrying for you?

Thank Jesus for taking your burdens.



*"But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins.
He was beaten so we could be whole.
He was whipped so we could be healed."*

Isaiah 53:5

Reflection
Jesus died in our place.

Spend time confessing your rebellion and sin (the ways you have lived opposite to God's best way of living).

Thank Jesus for all He has done.



*“He had done no wrong and never deceived anyone.
But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man’s grave.”*

Isaiah 53:9

Reflection

Jesus understands what it means to be treated unfairly.

Pray for people who are treated unfairly today.

What do you want to lay to rest in Jesus’ tomb?



Reflection

**Meeting the living Jesus brought much joy
to Mary Magdalene. Jesus resurrection continues
to give us hope today.**

What hope will you hold onto as Easter Sunday comes?

What light and hope does Jesus bring to you,
to your family, to our church, to our community
and to a dark and hurting world?



Reflection

**How is God speaking to you through Easter this year?
How will you respond to him?**

Create your own artwork that helps you tell the story of Easter. A drawing, painting, a poem or use things you can find at home to make a scene from the Easter story.

Your artwork could be about Jesus being God with us,
Jesus taking our sin or good triumphing over evil.

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