

spring brings to us our beautiful Easter we must stop for one Sunday and hear Luke's story of the sorrow that came to these friends and how it was turned into joy.

Why was it that Jesus left his heavenly home for this world? We have been talking of the wonderful words he spoke and the deeds he did, and you know well how at last he died on the cross. Who can tell what was done with Jesus's body after his death? [Give the complete story from the crucifixion, as found in Matt. 27. 55-66; Mark 15. 40-47; Luke 23. 50-56; John 19. 38-42. Picture the sad return to their homes of Jesus's friends, and what a sorrowful day they had while waiting for the time when they could go back to the tomb; then repeat the first verse of Luke 24 and tell the lesson story. When telling of the stone rolled away, draw the children's attention to the picture of a tomb on the board, and, at the proper place, print within the tomb, "He is not here," and at the right, "but is risen."]

What was it turned the sorrow of Christ's friends to joy? What is it makes Easter such a glad day for us? [Print "The resurrection of" over the word "Christ" and explain the meaning of resurrection.] If Christ had not risen his work for us would not have been finished; but because he had power to rise we know he has power not only to save our souls, but that he has power to do what for our bodies? How this wonderful thing can be done is hard to understand; we never shall understand it perfectly here, but there is something that happens every year that helps us to know how such a wonderful thing is possible. [Show a cocoon and tell how the caterpillar rolls himself up and seems perfectly dead.]

A cocoon was once found in our yard; we carried it, fastened to a little branch of a tree, into the house and hung it up. Days and weeks went by and the cocoon hung silent and still, but one day some one going into the room where it was heard a little noise on the window pane and, looking, saw a beautiful butterfly. There hung the dead cocoon, and there was the same caterpillar who had lived in the cocoon changed into this lovely butterfly. No one knows how God works such a change for the caterpillar, and no one knows how he can change us at death so that we rise with a new body. This would never have been if Christ had not died and risen, but because Christ is risen we know that we shall rise. [Print, at right of the stone, "because," and "we shall rise" below the tomb.]

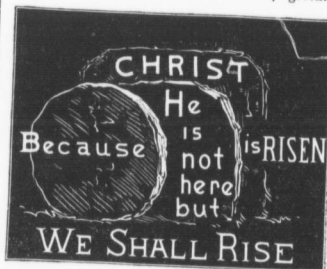
Because we know this we are comforted when our friends die. We think of them as being changed and made more beautiful than we can imagine, and that one day we shall see them again. Because Christ died and rose again, if we are trusting in him, we need not fear to die, because we

know we are not to lie in the grave, but are to rise with a new and beautiful body.

To remind you of this, try this week to make a butterfly out of a card, and paint it just as nicely as you can.

The story of Christ's death always makes us sad, but to-day our sorrow is turned into joy, and we can sing with glad hearts, "Carols for Easter, bright songs," etc. (Mrs. Kennedy's *Special Songs and Services*, page 43.)

COLORING FOR BLACKBOARD. Tomb, brown, brushed over with white; title, dark red; "He is not here, but," white; "is risen," white, outlined with green; "because," "we shall rise," green.



Kindergarten Hints.

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KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Easter Lesson. John 20. 2-4, 11-16, 18, 28, 31.

GOLDEN TEXT. "In him was life" (John 1. 4).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible; *Life of Christ* (Farrar); *Illustrative Notes* (Drs. Hurlbut and Doherty), pages 106-112; *God-Man* (Dr. L. T. Townsend), pages 403-409; *Credo* (Dr. L. T. Townsend), pages 119-149.

ATTENTION STORY.

It was a wonder to all the people of Jerusalem that Jesus did not sit upon a throne of gold, but that was only because they did not understand that he had greater power than any king could have—for all this great, beautiful world, all life, and all time, belong to his kingdom. There is a long story about those people who felt sorry, and were sure that they would have their own way, and they really thought that they could take the life and the power of Jesus away. One day, when they forgot that he had already told them that he had power to lay down his life, and he had power to take it again, they did something which they said would send him away and they would have another king. When he laid down his life because he loved us so dearly his body was laid in a pretty new room of stone, which had a stone door, but he took up his life again just as he had told them he had power to do, and he surprised everybody and