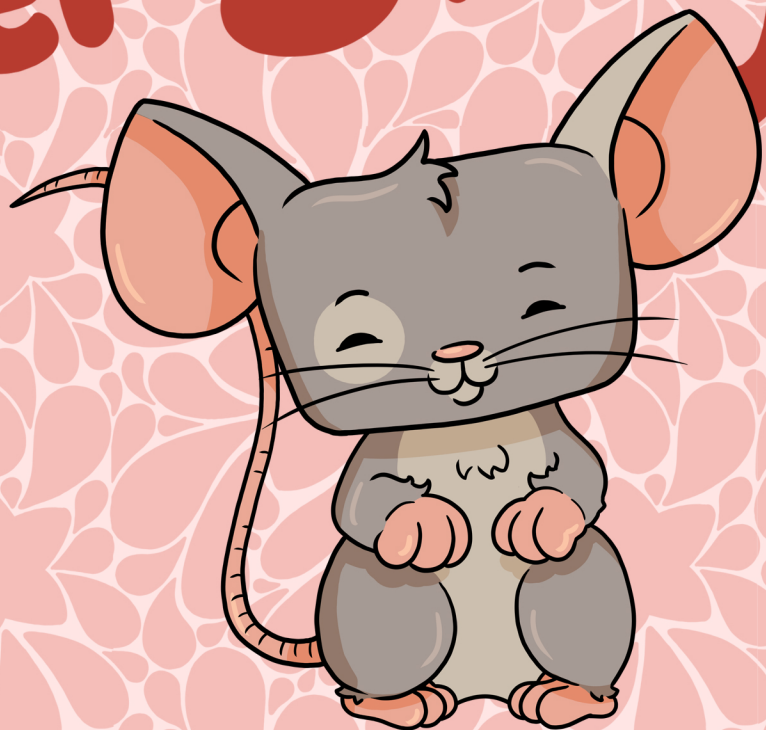


Fido the Mouses's Easter Story



A 3-day devotional about Jesus's crucifixion story
Intended for ages 0-3, but can be modified for any age.

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Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for taking the time to helping your children #SayYESToJesus. As you read these devotionals, remember to have your materials ready before each day.

Feel free to adapt each activity according to the age of your little ones.

Materials needed:

- o Crayons or markers
- o Small basin of water
- o Towels to dry
- o Small stool or chair
- o Prayer chain cut out
- o Pen
- o Tape
- o Print outs of the activities in the devotional.

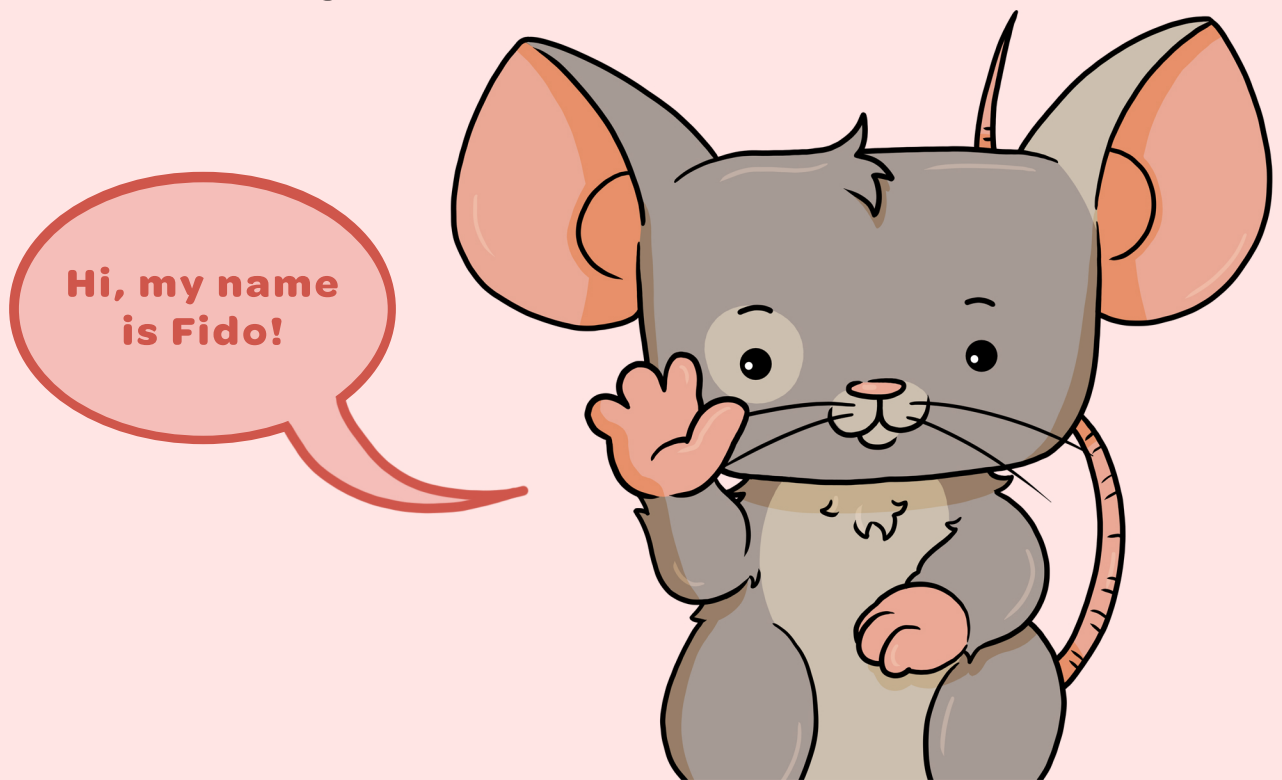
The Last Dinner

Materials: Crayons or markers. (optional: A small basin of water, towels to dry, small stool or chair)

SAY: Everyone that can hear my voice... count to three! ONE... TWO... THREE!

For three days, we will be talking about Jesus and the biggest gift he's ever given us! Now, even though most gifts come wrapped in pretty paper, or in special gift bags, this one was given to us in another super special way!

But first, meet Fido. Fido is a cute mouse that I imagine was able to witness all the great things happening during the very first Easter. I'm excited to tell you about all the things Fido saw and tell you all about God's special gift.



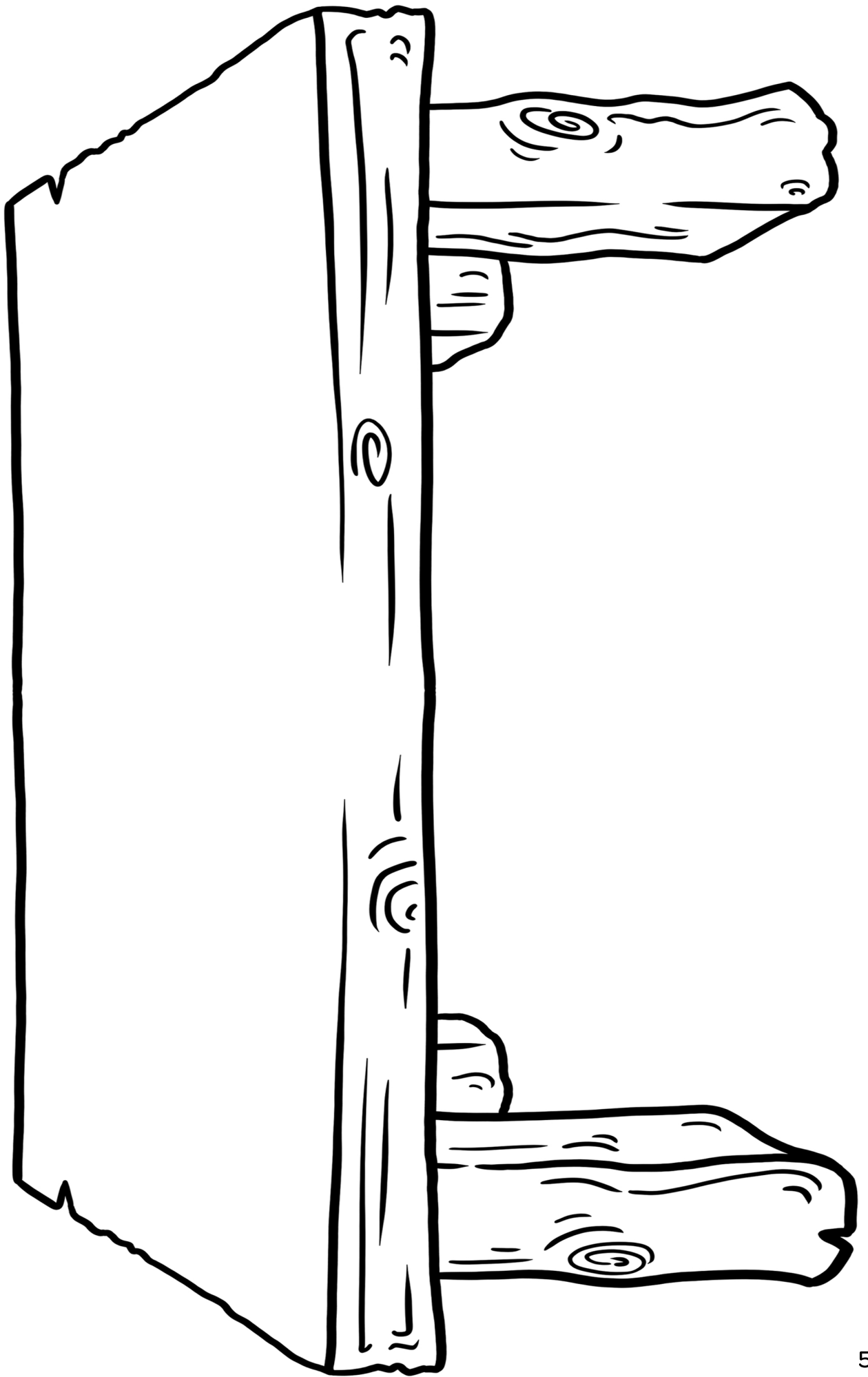
Fido loved sneaking between the crowds and listening to Jesus's stories! He loved the simple stories and heard some people call the stories "parables." Fido knew that Jesus cared for every single person in the big crowds, and cared for him too, so he never let a day go by without sitting somewhere near Jesus to hear him speak.

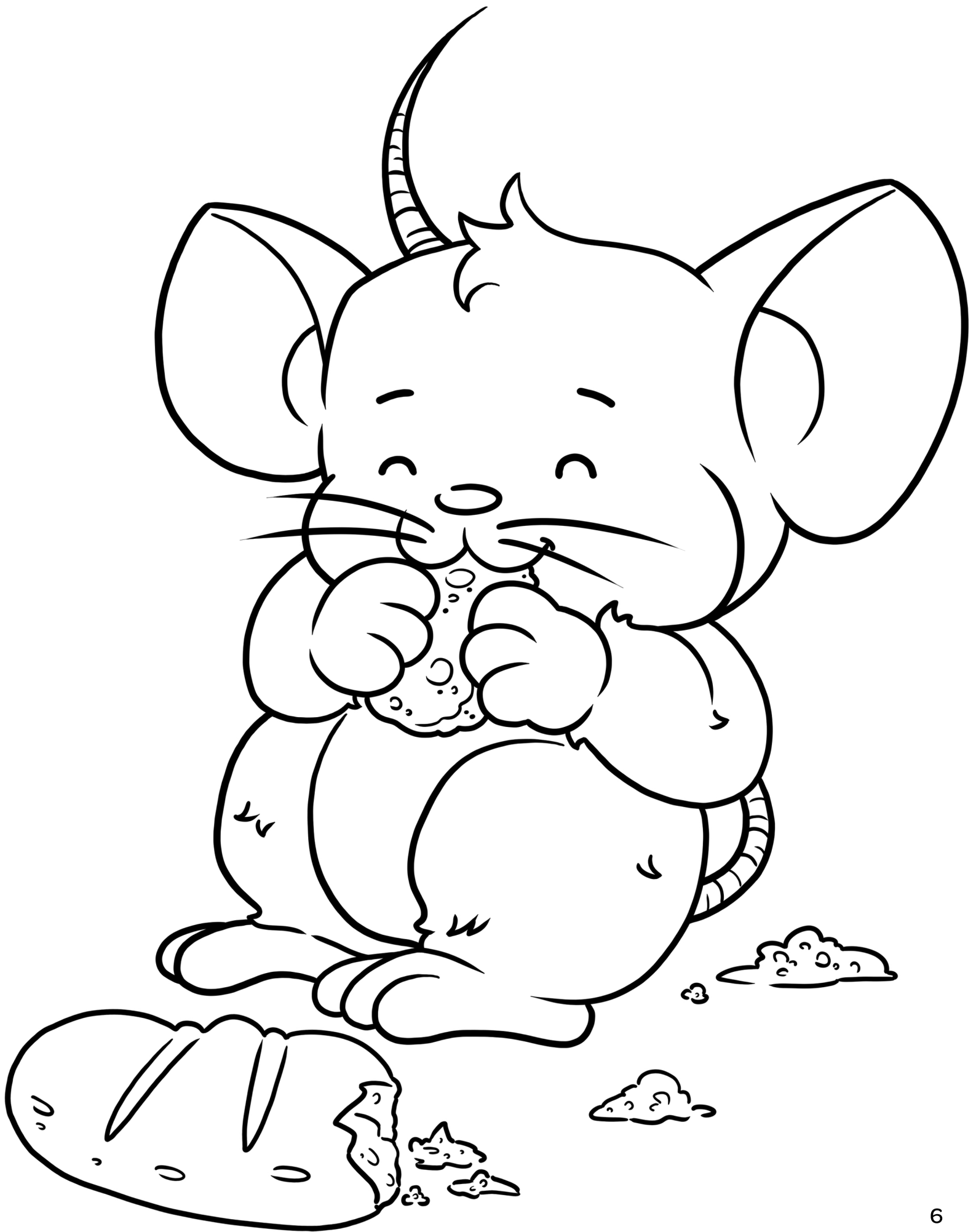
If there was something that Fido liked more than stories, it was delicious food! Fido noticed that Jesus was going to a room with a large table and saw all kinds of delicious food. Let's rub our tummies! Yummy! Fido snuck into a corner to watch as they ate and hoped really hard that there were leftovers for him after the feast. He noticed that they ate bread together and then they all drank grape juice as Jesus explained that by doing that, they'd be forgiven from their sins. So cool!

After they ate, Jesus washed the disciples' feet. That was very strange because usually servants (which were the people that worked in the house) were the ones that washed the feet of the guests. Fido noticed that Jesus was setting an example for his friends, reminding them that everyone in the eyes of God were royalty. Everyone!

On the table below, draw in all the delicious food you would serve if Jesus was coming to your house today.

Parents and guardians: Jesus was showing his disciples servant leadership. He was showing them how to love everyone! This would be a great opportunity to wash your children's feet and show them how to wash yours. Be sure to pause and pray together.



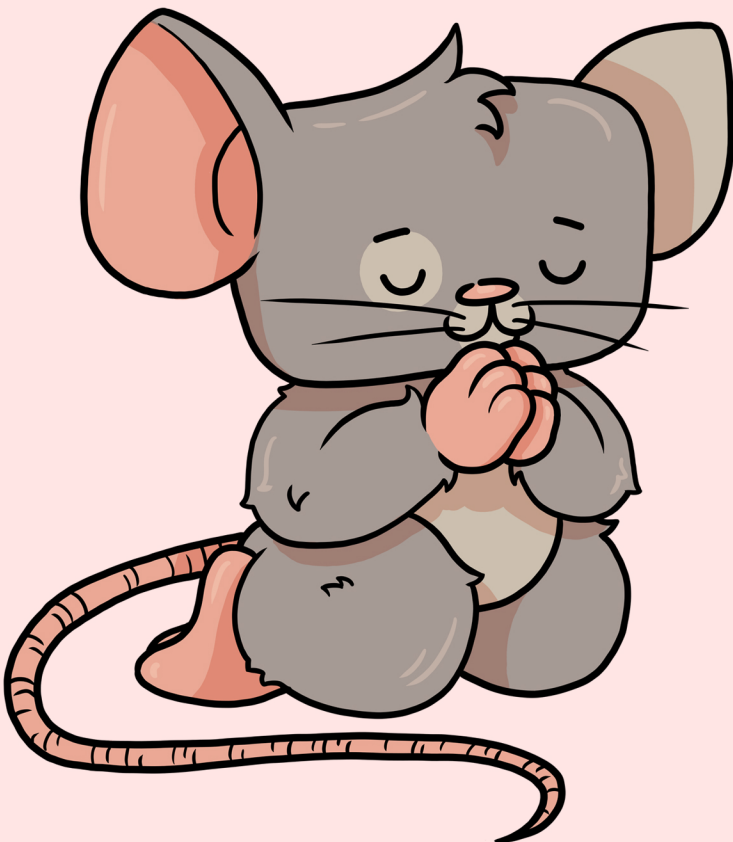


Where is Jesus?

Materials: Prayer chain cut out, pen, tape.

One day, Fido woke up and felt that something was different. That day, he noticed the sky was dark and something was missing. Oh no! He looked everywhere for Him but couldn't find him. Quickly, he scurried across the crowds to find Jesus's friends. Some people called them "disciples." Fido heard them talking about how the Roman soldiers had taken Jesus and he couldn't find him anywhere! Oh no!

Fido knew in his little mouse heart that Jesus wouldn't be long. He just knew it! So that day, he went through the town cheering people up that seemed to be sad.



Let's make a prayer chain! Using the strips of paper, let's write the name of anyone we feel is sad or maybe just someone we know needs a little extra prayer today. Let's pray for them and offer an extra smile just like Fido did to all his friends on the day Jesus wasn't there!

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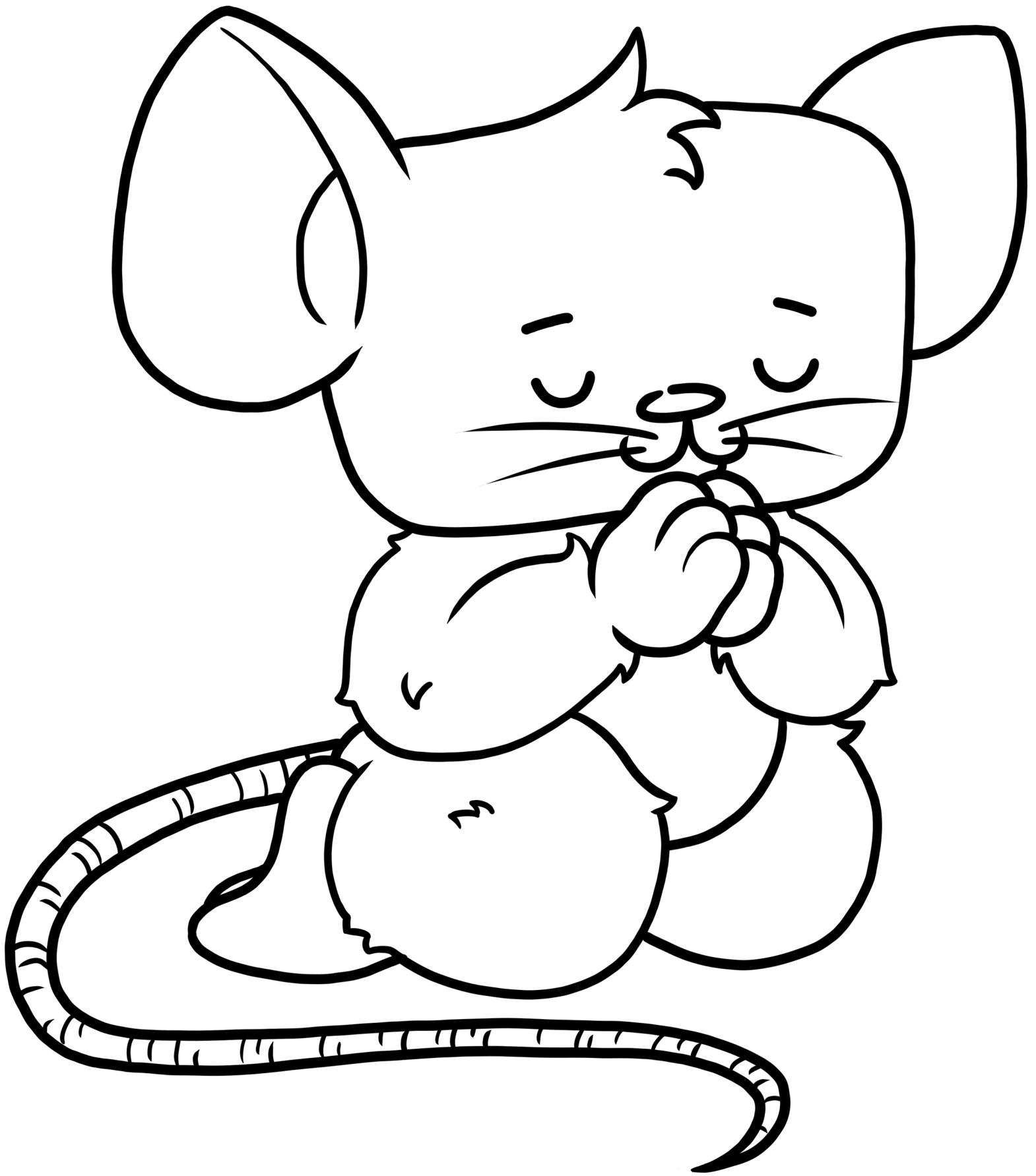
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He's Back!

Materials: The tomb, stone and little Jesus cutout and ready to be colored. Markers and/or crayons.

Three days after Fido couldn't find Jesus, he woke up extra early! He knew today was going to be a great day. He was so excited so he scampered to eat. After his morning breakfast of cheese and crackers, he hurried to the place that Jesus's friends were saying that he might be. They called it a "tomb."

Fido knew it would be hard for him to get inside the tomb as it was closed with a really really really big stone. He knew it would be hard, but he was determined to use his mighty muscles to move the stone away to see Jesus again.

Much to his surprise, when Fido arrived at the Tomb, the stone had been rolled away! Little Fido gasped and placed his little foot-paws at his mouth. He couldn't believe it! Jesus wasn't there anymore... he needed to find him!



Fido ran the fastest he's ever run to find Jesus! And he did... he found Jesus! Hooray! Jesus had dark red marks on his hands, but he looked the same, just happier. Then, Fido heard Jesus say that He had to go and be with His father, but he left a big task for all of us. Yes, even you!

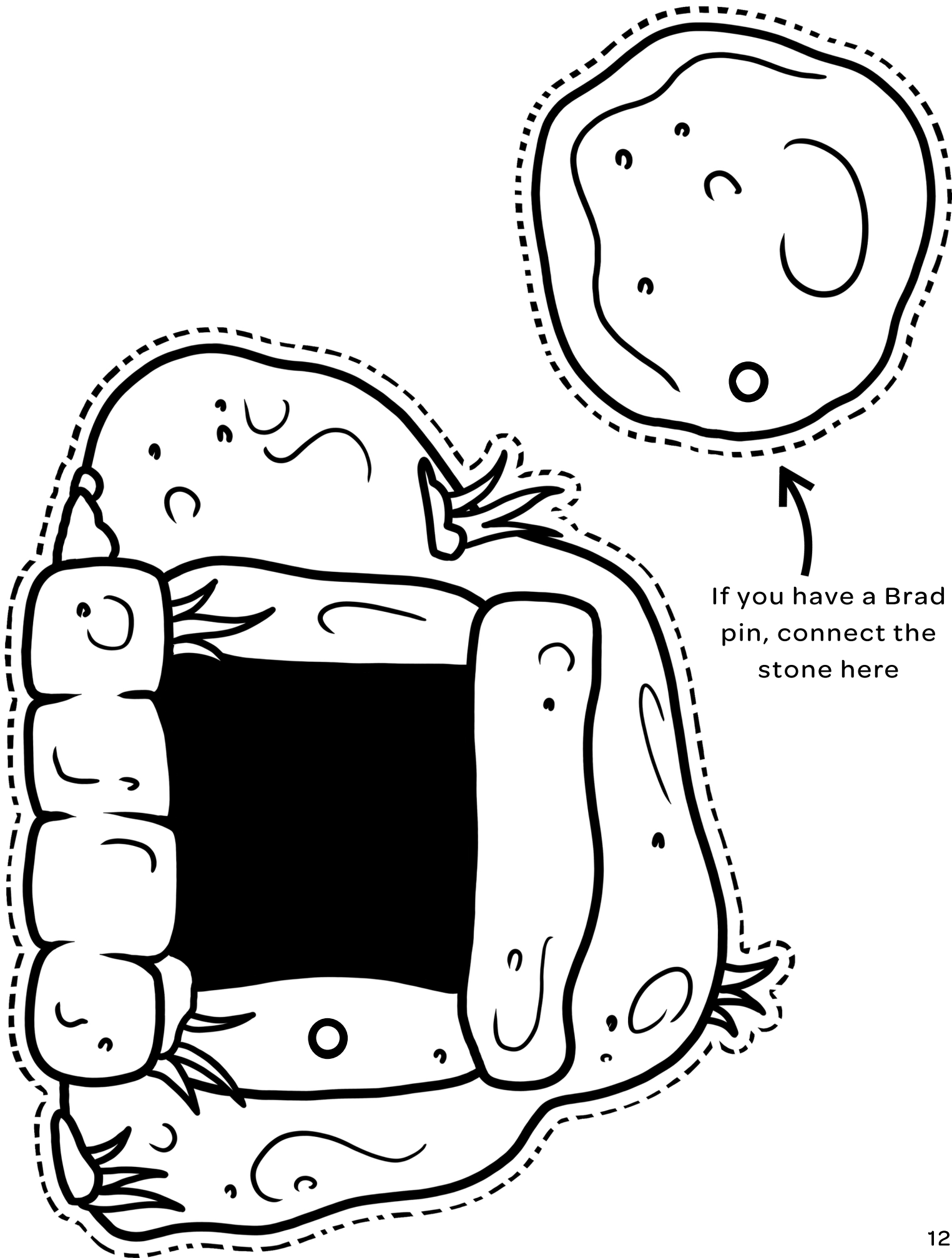
“Go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them... teach them to obey what I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always...”

Matthew 28: 19-20

Woah! How cool. Jesus left Fido and all of us a great task, to tell others about Jesus. To share His stories, to spread his love.

This is what Easter is all about. Remembering that Jesus spent three days in a tomb so we could be saved and tell everyone about Him!

Using the cutouts, let's color and then roll the stone away to see Jesus!



If you have a Brad
pin, connect the
stone here



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