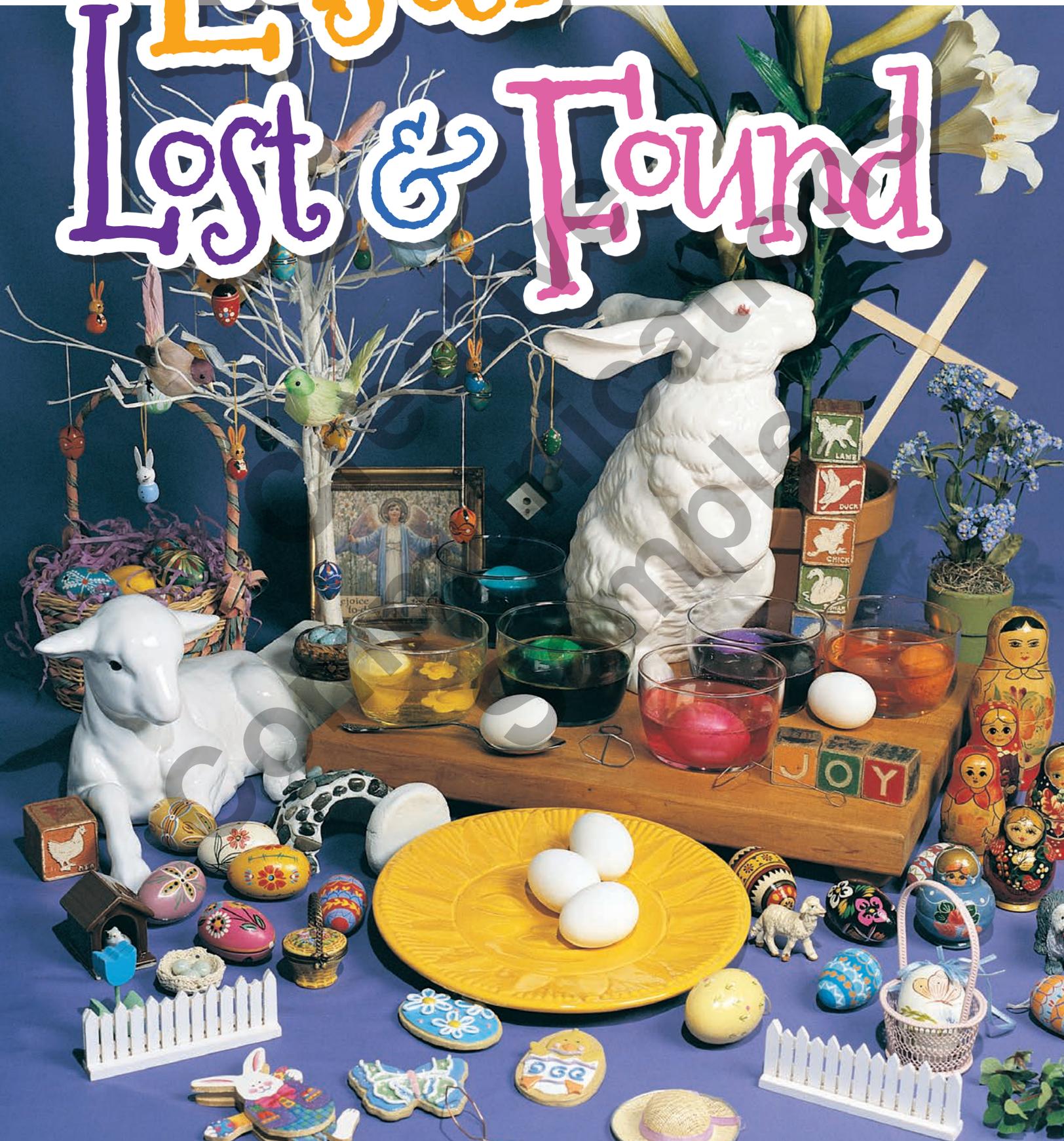


Easter

Lost & Found

The STORY of JESUS
with Daily Devotions, Rhymes
& Seek-and-Find Pictures



Day 1 • A SerpentGenesis 3:1-6

Oh, Eve and Adam, don't listen to that sneaky serpent. He is telling you to disobey the word of God.

God only wants what is best for you; you know. Look how God made everything wonderful, just for you. The whole world is yours.

The serpent wants you to lose everything. Don't listen to his lies! Otherwise, everything will be lost ... and so will you!

*Can you find what has been lost
On this page of candy hearts?
Sneaky **serpent** hides in there.
This is where our story starts.*

Day 2 • A MangerLuke 2:1-7

Once we have lost our way by disobeying God, how can we ever be found again?

God has a way! God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to be our Savior.

Just like each of us, Jesus came into the world as a baby. But when he was born, the only cradle his mother could find for him was a manger, the place where animals ate.

Christ the Lord must love us very much to come this far to find us!

*What was lost should now be found
In this happy heart-filled scene.
Take a careful look around.
Find the **manger** so serene.*

Day 3 • A DoveLuke 3:21-22

If the serpent is a picture of someone who wants us not to listen to the word of God, the dove is a symbol of Someone who does want us to hear it.

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove, right as the voice of God from heaven was saying, "This is my beloved Son!"

The Holy Spirit still wants us to listen to God's Word, and to recognize Jesus as the Savior God sent so that we who were lost might be found again.

*Do you see what's been misplaced
With these images of love?
Look to find the hiding spot
Of a dear descending **dove**.*

Day 4 • Bread.....Matthew 4:1-4

Oh, no. The tempter who got Adam and Eve to disobey is at it again. This time he is trying to get Jesus to fall for temptation.

Jesus is very hungry. He has gone without food for 40 days in the wilderness. And now the devil invites him to turn stones into loaves of bread, saying, "... if you are the Son of God."

It is just because Jesus is the Son of God that he will not listen to the devil. "Listening to the Word of God is more important than bread," he tells the devil.

He is right, of course. Listening to the Word of God and doing what it says is more important than anything. Especially a loaf of bread!

*Something has been overlooked
With these games we play outside.*

*Look to see the loaf of **bread**
In this place it's found to hide.*

Day 5 • A Tower.....Matthew 4:5-7

Now the devil is trying to get Jesus to do something foolish—jump from the top of the temple tower.

Jesus knows that this temptation is foolish. More than that, he knows that it is a temptation of the devil. In the beginning, Adam and Eve hadn't realized that, and look at all the trouble it caused.

Jesus doesn't have to jump from a tower to prove that God is with him. He knows that already. And so do you. So don't do anything foolish, anything God wouldn't want you to do.

*Can you find what has been lost
With these toys for boys and girls?*

*There's a **tower** hidden here,
High enough to see the world.*

Day 6 • A Crown.....Matthew 4:8-11

One more temptation the devil tries on Jesus. "Fall down and worship me, and I will make you the ruler of everything." The devil is offering Jesus a crown.

Jesus will get a crown, all right, but not by doing what the devil wants. He will do what his heavenly Father wants, suffering and dying on the cross to take away the sins of the world. On the cross he will wear a crown made of thorns.

But after he is risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, Jesus will be the King of everything, forever—not by taking the devil's crown but by obeying God.

*What was lost should now be found
In this scene of outdoor things.*

*Try to find the missing **crown**,
Perfect for the King of kings.*



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On Easter morning, girls and boys
Will hunt for baskets, eggs and toys.
But as you seek, you often miss
What Easter's meaning truly is.

Now, if you take a closer look
Throughout this pretty picture book,
Past bunnies, birds and jelly beans,
You'll find just what this season means.

On every page are hidden things
Which lead you to our risen King.
Then you can spread the word around
That what was lost has now been found.