

Bobby looked at the Easter lily on the table. He was thinking of all his mother had told him about Jesus. After a moment he sat down beside her.

“I am glad Jesus came back to His friends,” he said. “I am glad He went on helping them. I think God planned it so Jesus would always help people.”

“I am sure He did, Bobby,” his mother agreed.

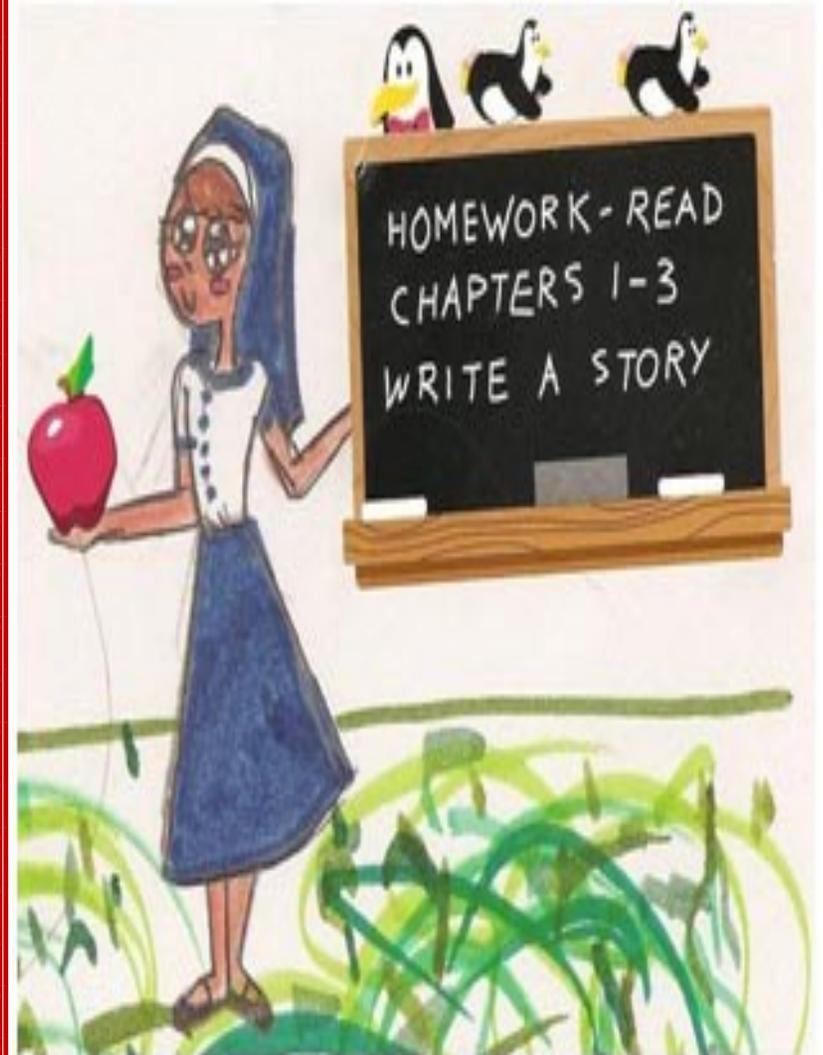
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Bobby opened the door of his church. The sun was shining through the picture window. There were flowers everywhere. And the organ was playing lovely music. Bobby stood very still.

Some bells began to ring, high up in the church tower. Bobby listened. Then it grew quiet again. He closed the door softly. It was time for Sunday School, and he went to the children's room. But he kept thinking about the church and all the flowers.

"I am glad you went in dear," his mother told him. "I think the flowers and the music were more beautiful today than on any Easter that I can remember."

"Why do we have all the flowers and music on Easter?"

"Easter is a happy day, Bobby," his mother told him. "We bring the loveliest flowers to church and sing the most joyous songs. The people who love Jesus want to show how glad they are on Easter."

"Why are they glad on Easter?"

"You remember, dear, that some people did not love Jesus. They wanted to stop Him from helping people."

"They hurt Him," Bobby remembered.

"Yes, dear. They thought they had stopped Him. They thought He was gone forever."

"But Jesus had not gone forever," Bobby said.

"That is just what Easter tells us, Bobby. It reminds us that the unfriendly people did not stop Him. Jesus was doing what God planned for Him to do. He was showing people that God loved them. He was showing them how they could live as God wanted them to live. So, nothing in the world could stop Him."

"What happened on Easter?" Bobby asked.

"On Easter, Jesus came back to His friends. He showed them He would always be with them. I will read it from our Bible:"



As it began to dawn, toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher. And the angel said unto the women, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus. He is not here for He is risen, as He said. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him."

And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy; and did run to bring His disciples word.

And as they went to tell His disciples, behold Jesus met them. Then Jesus said unto them, "Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see Me."

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:1-20