

Activity 1

The Tomb Could Not Hold Him!

Have the children help build a “tomb” with cardboard blocks while one child lies inside and pretends to be dead. Count “1 day, 2 days, 3 days.” Then have the child burst up through the blocks alive. Remind the children that Jesus died on the cross and was placed in a tomb but on the third day He was not there. God raised Jesus from the dead just like He promised!

Supplies: blocks
Easter

Activity 2

New Life Hunt

Hide Easter eggs around the room then tell the children to go on a hunt for one egg each. When they find one egg tell them to return to their seat and hold onto their egg. After everyone has found one egg have them all sit down. Tell them to open their eggs (if they have not already done so) and ask them to tell you what is inside. When they all inform you that there is nothing inside them, tell them that they are right. The eggs are empty. Ask, “**What else was empty that we learned about in the Bible lesson today?**” (The tomb.) Tell them that it was upsetting at first when people saw that the grave was empty. But it was not a sad thing that the tomb was empty it was a good thing. Ask them why the tomb was empty; and talk with them about how Jesus had the power over death. He was alive and He still is. Give them each a sticker as a reminder that Jesus is alive and He showed His power over death. They can put the sticker on their eggs and take them home, if they want.

Supplies: plastic Easter eggs (1 per child), “Jesus is Alive” Stickers
Easter

Activity 4

Resurrection Eggs

Go through the eggs to review the Easter story. There is information on the inside lid of the box. Please be careful to return the items to the correct eggs so that they can be used again and again.

Supplies: resurrection eggs
Easter

Activity 3

Easter Cross

Give each child a cross and a page of pictures. Explain to them that each picture represents something and that as you read through the descriptions and scripture passages below, they will cut out the correct picture and glue it to the cross. These things will help them remember the true meaning and story of Easter.

- 1. Donkey and palm tree:** This represents Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem and how we now celebrate this as Palm Sunday (Matt. 21:2-9). Glue on the left "arm" of the cross, leaving space in the center.
- 2. Goblet and bread:** This represents Jesus celebrating the Passover with the disciples and we celebrate with the Lord's supper (Matt. 26-28). Glue to the top of the cross.
- 3. Praying hands:** This reminds us that Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray before being arrested (Matt. 26:36-44). Glue on the right "arm," leaving space in the center.
- 4. Three crosses:** Remember Jesus' death on the cross to take the punishment for us (Mark 15:37-39). Glue to the lower middle of the cross.
- 5. Empty tomb:** This reminds us that God was faithful in conquering death as Jesus rose from the dead. The tomb was empty! (Matt. 28:1-6). Glue to the bottom of the cross.
- 6. "God showed His faithfulness:"** These passages of scripture show us that God shows His faithfulness in the ultimate way by keeping His promise to rescue us by sending Jesus. Glue "God shows His Faithfulness" to the center of the cross. Encourage the children to put the cross somewhere in their room or home to remind them of God's faithfulness.

(*Note: See craft example for picture placement)

Supplies: cross printout (1 per child), page with pictures (1 per child), glue sticks, scissors
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