

Ministry @Home



Sunday 4th April 2021



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:
**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:**
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.

Welcome.....

**Say together: Hallelujah, He is risen
 He is risen indeed, Hallelujah.**

Song: He is The Lord & He Reigns on High
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kA8OrTji8hI>
(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: Hide items that represent Easter i.e., Eggs=new life, white cloth=grace & resurrection, cross=victory, pebble=the tomb, toy lamb= Jesus the lamb of God. Send people off to find the hidden items, once back together ask, what is the connection?

Bible passage: Read Together **John 20.1-18**
AND/OR WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTzfAcJkQRA> until
2.08mins

When Mary finds that the stone has been removed from the tomb she jumps to conclusions. She thinks that someone has entered and stolen the body. But in our reading it does not tell us if she entered or even looked in the tomb.

Did she really know that the body of Jesus was not there?

How often do we jump to conclusions about God's actions in our lives?

Mary is questioning & wondering "Where has my Lord gone?" When Jesus speaks to her she instantly recognises him, Jesus called Mary specifically by her name. As we celebrate Easter let us instantly recognise Jesus in our lives, let him call us by name and let him reveal himself to us and work in our lives.

Interactive Learning.....

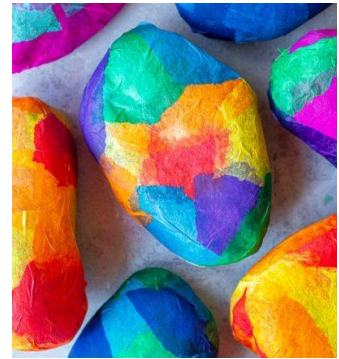
Coloured Cross

Draw a cross outline using white glue on paper (looks better on dark colours) and while the glue is wet cover it with salt. Gently tip off the excess. Then colour the salt by gently dabbing dilute water colours over the salt. Food colouring works too. Watch carefully as the colour spreads throughout the salt, transforming the edges of the cross.



Easter & Hallelujah Rocks

Collect smooth rocks or pebbles and paint an Easter Scene, or something that reminds you of Jesus' amazing love through his sacrifice for us. You could also try using tissue paper to create bright Hallelujah rocks to give away to share Jesus' love around your community.



Whilst creating chat about the following questions & Share stories

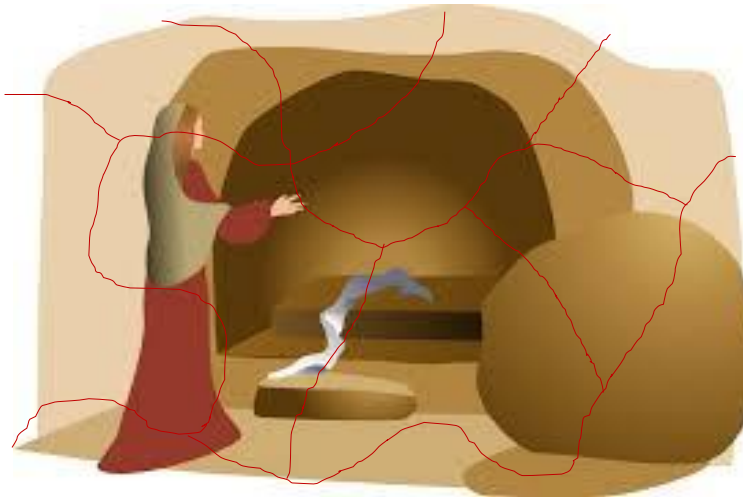
I wonder how Jesus' presence is recognised today..

I wonder which part of the story you think is the most important.....

I wonder what impact Jesus' sacrifice has made to our lives....

Jigsaw Puzzle

Print the picture below and cut along the red lines, as the picture is placed back together share together how you think Mary felt as she saw the tomb was open and Jesus' body gone.



Resurrection Rolls

Recipe can be found here with questions to share together as you make and bake. <https://equippinggodlywomen.com/home-making/resurrection-rolls>



Family Messy Eggs

Hard-boiled Easter eggs can be dyed in assorted Easter colours. Everyone must stand at least 3 feet away from each other and toss the eggs back and forth. Anyone who drops an egg is out. Intensity may be added to this game by using raw eggs as a surprise. Players can step back away from each other during every turn. The person left standing at the end of the game, who has not dropped a single egg, is the winner.

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: We bow Down & Confess
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-mPpWUA1oE>
(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

The Jellybean Prayer can be included here

[My Homeschool Tale: The Jellybean Prayer for Easter](#)

A Prayer Meditation can be used here
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU1o8n89_gU

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**



Celebration....

If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing -

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore. Amen.**

Closing Responses.....

Song: Lord I Lift Your Name on High
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c12Ta6_WJrw
(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.


Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

Ask different members to blow out the candles.....until you meet again

Extra Ideas

- Build a  model of your favourite part of the Easter story
- Easter using the five senses
<http://ohamanda.com/a-sense-of-the-resurrection-an-easter-experience-for-families/>
- Easter Activities & Games for children
<https://biblegamescentral.com/easter-games-and-activities-for-kids/>
- [Another Day in the Ministry: Easter Object Lesson](#)