

At Home

Jesus is alive! Your child heard this foundational truth over and over again in today's meeting. He sang and jumped to each word in our Bible phrase "Jesus is alive" (Matthew 28:7). We even pretended to roll away the stone from

the empty tomb. As we approach Easter, focus your child's attention on the joy of Jesus' love. The activities on this page and the conversation prompts will help you reinforce this bedrock truth.

Paint Watercolor Flowers

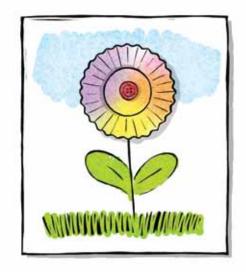
You'll need: painting smocks, coffee filters, watercolors, paintbrushes, water, paper, buttons, glue, markers

What to do: Assist each child in putting on a painting smock. Direct the boys and girls to flatten the coffee filter and paint over it with the watercolors. While the children paint, say: "Who remembers our Bible phrase?" ("Jesus is alive.") Help the children think of other things that are alive. Children may glue their flower to the paper. Suggest the child glue a button in the middle and use the markers to finish their picture. Print the Bible phrase on each child's paper.

Roll Fruit Rocks

You'll need: small bowls, large bowl, plastic knives and spoons, dates, raisins, O-shaped cereal, small marshmallows, marshmallow creme, graham crackers, ziplock bag, wooden spoons, small plates

What to do: Place each of the ingredients into small bowls along with a spoon. Give each child a ziplock bag and one graham cracker. Assist in zipping the bag closed and using the wooden spoon to smash the crackers into crumbs. Collect the bags and the cracker crumbs into one bowl. Children may use the plastic knife to cut the marshmallows and dates into smaller pieces. Dump the dates, raisins, cereal and marshmallows into a big bowl. Children can take turns stirring the ingredients. Guide the boys and girls to scoop a small spoonful of marshmallow creme, the fruit mixture, and the cracker crumbs on a plate. Suggest he roll all the ingredients together. This activity is sticky so direct the preschoolers to wash their hands when they are finished. Save the fruit rocks for snack time. Remind the children that the stone was rolled away; the tomb is empty; and Jesus is alive!





Paint Rocks

You'll need: newspaper, rocks, paint, paintbrushes, painting smocks, felt, scissors, glue, plate

What to do: Spread the newspaper over the table. Assist preschoolers with putting on the painting smocks. Allow each child to choose a rock. Guide the boys and girls to cut a piece of felt to glue to the bottom of the rock. Direct each child to paint the rest of the rock. As preschoolers paint, retell the Bible story. Ask: "Where did Mary find the big, heavy stone when she arrived at the tomb?" (rolled away) Remind children that because the tomb was empty we know Jesus is alive. Allow the rocks to dry then put each one on a plate with the child's name on it.

