

Holy week - Easter Sunday

I wonder how you are going to celebrate Easter Sunday today? Maybe with an egg hunt in the garden or by meeting up with family or friends that you haven't seen for a while? I hope you can spend a little time thinking about the amazing events of that first Easter Sunday. Here are a few ideas of things that you can do together as a family.



Watch our video which tells the story of Easter and shows you how to make an Easter garden <https://youtu.be/TPFfWOCHTpo> or you might enjoy this video where children act out the story of Easter <https://youtu.be/LgFZDCguR8E>

Read John 20:1-18 in the Bible or read the story of Easter Sunday in a children's Bible story book.

Be creative:

- make an **Easter garden** with an empty tomb in a seed tray or container. Or you may have space in a flower bed. Or maybe make one from Lego!



- Mary and Jesus' friends must have been feeling very sad, not really understanding what had happened. But when they went to the tomb the strangest thing had happened, the stone at the entrance of the tomb had been rolled away! And Mary met the risen Jesus! He was alive!

Imagine you were there, what can you hear and see? I wonder how Mary felt when she realised that this was Jesus she was speaking to? I wonder what Jesus is saying to you? Draw or paint a picture or maybe write a poem as you reflect on this.



Thank you prayers - If you have some mini eggs (or sweets of different colours) you could use them to pray. For each colour decide on one category of things to thank God for, for example you could choose:

- Pink - people
- Purple - the world
- Yellow - things about Springtime
- White - things about Jesus

Take it in turns to take a mini egg and thank God for something in that category before you eat it!

Bubbles blessing prayers - If you have some bubbles you could use them to pray, maybe outside! Each bubble you blow represents a blessing from God for all the good things in our lives, like family, friends, food, strength, courage, joy, peace, love

So take it in turns to be the 'blessing blower' and the 'receiver'. Pause for a moment before you blow the bubbles and ask God to give you ideas of things he wants to bless the 'receiver' with, then blow the bubbles and say them out loud.

May God bless you with

Discover - Have you ever wondered why Good Friday is called Good Friday?

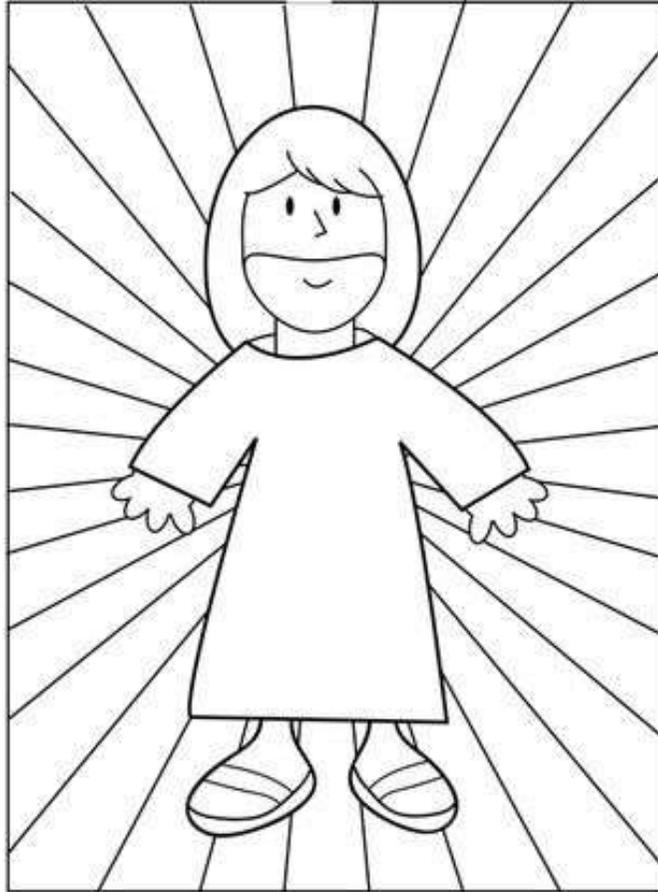
You might like to watch this short video from Alive! Worship:

<https://youtu.be/o9R2tOiaOmU>

Here are a couple more ideas of things you could make and there are colouring pages below too:



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