

Worship 2 Go

Drawing School and Home Together

Thanks to all those people who have made some of the resources collated here available to share

EASTER

Bible Verses

You can find this week's Bible reading in the New Testament part of the Bible, in the book of John, verses 1-18. It tells the story of Jesus' friends visiting his tomb after he has died on the cross and finding it empty! Mary Magdalene is crying because she doesn't know where Jesus' body is - when she sees someone standing nearby, she thinks is the gardener. He ask her 'why are you crying' and Mary tells him. When he says 'Mary', she realises that it is Jesus come back to life. Jesus tells Mary to go and tell the rest of their friends, which she does with great joy.

You can see our friend Ruth reading this story in this collective worship video

Younger children may find this video helpful

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wnbo2AmS3OI>

Palm Sunday Prayers—adapted from prayerspcesinschools.com

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the people were so happy to see him. They put palm leaves on the ground and shouted 'Hosanna' which is a bit like greeting Jesus with 'hooray!'. We remember this on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. When do you feel like shouting hooray? What makes you happy?



What are you thankful for? Talk about these things together and spend some time saying thank you to God for those things. You might like to write them on palm shapes you cut out from pieces of paper. If you have lots you could make a display of them.

Make a Prayer Cross

Many churches give out Palm Crosses—they are called this because they are made from dried palm leaves and remind us of Jesus riding into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week when people use their crosses to reflect on the events leading up to Easter and pray with them throughout the week. With what ever you have in the house e.g. card, paper, tin foil, pencils, pens or paint. Make a cross and decorate it. Use it during the week to pray with.



If you wanted to make a palm cross you could look it up on the internet or use the link below which Rev Ian used last year in his church (so the bit about joining online church won't be the same but let us know if you would like to join an online service).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sp3xfiyhxgY>

Easter Scavenger Hunt

sunhatsandwellieboots.com

Search for 5 big green leaves.

People used leaves to welcome Jesus.
(Matthew 21:1-11)



Find a puddle & splash in it.

Jesus washes his friends' feet.
(John 13:3-17)



Find some sticks & build a mini bug shelter.

Jesus turns the tables.
(Matthew 21:2-22)



Look for a feather or a bird's nest.



Can you hear any birds?

The crowing cockerel.
(Matthew 26:69-75)



Find something that has a strong smell.

The gift of expensive perfume.
(Matthew 26:6-13)



Find 2 twigs & use them to make a cross on the ground.



The saddest day.
(John 19:25-27)



Look for a branch that has lots of buds.

The story of the Fig Tree.
(Matthew 24:32-35)



Find some stones & pile them up.



Is this the end?
(John 19:40-42)



Search for something shiny or reflective.

30 shiny silver coins.
(Matthew 26:14-16)



Search for the brightest flower.



The best day. Alleluia!
(John 20:1-18)



Discover the events of Holy Week on a walk together

We love this idea from sunhatsandwellieboots.com (you could download it onto a phone if you don't want to print this off). Here are some ways you could use it on a walk together;

- Tick off all the items that you find on your sheet.
- Take a Bible or storybook or Bible on a phone that tells the Easter Story and stop to read it as you feet but sharing a special meal with them too.
- Take photos of the items you find and the things you create. When you get home you could use them to make a Holy Week collage.

If you do take photos feel free to share them with us on Twitter

Junk Model Tombs

You will need some junk/scrap materials such as cardboard boxes (large if you have them), shoe boxes, old newspapers, packaging paper, fabric, sticky tape and if you have it some paint and other things you could decorate with. If you are making a large tomb you could use chairs to help support your structure.

Think about what the tomb would look like—you could even look in some Easter story books or an illustrated Bible. You could build your tomb any size you want, it could be big or small. If you are a school maybe you could build a class tomb. Just make sure you make a big stone to put in front of it. I wonder what it would be like that first Easter when Jesus' friends found the empty tomb? I wonder how they felt? I wonder how you would feel if you heard Jesus call your name like he called 'Mary'? Talk about these things together and perhaps your model will remind you of the hope that Easter brings even in the most difficult times.



Nature Frames Prayer Walk

Springtime is all about new life, things begging to grow again coming back to life. At Easter time, we often think about 'New Life' too, as Jesus died and rose again 3 days later. What new life can you see while out on a walk or doing your daily exercise? What new life could we thank God for? You could go on a prayer walk and take a nature frame with you to help focus your prayer.

You will need a piece of cardboard (an old food packet or box would do), a pencil and some scissors.

- First decide on a shape and draw it in the middle of your piece of card, this could be a heart, leaves, flowers, an egg shape, a butterfly, a cross etc.
- Then carefully cut the shape out to create a frame.
- Get your shoes or wellies on and go for a walk, use your frame to frame different views of new life growing, buds on the trees, flowers growing etc.
- Focus on the view in the frame and take a moment to Thank God for his son Jesus and for the new life all around us.



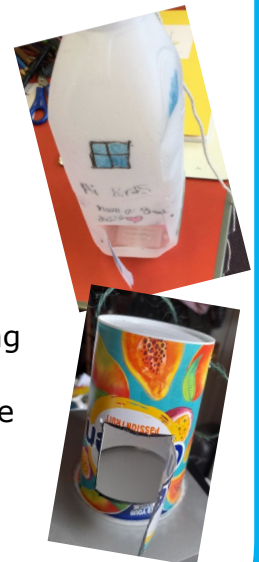
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Bird Feeder

Birds start to sing again in the spring. Our friends in Year 2 at St Peter's Ashton shared with us instructions of how to make a bird feeder and we thought you might like to try.

You will need an empty plastic yoghurt pot with a lid or milk bottle with its cap. It might work with a drinks carton too but you need to make sure that whatever you use is very clean. You will also need some wire or string, some bird seeds and an adult with some scissors to help with the cutting.

1. Get someone too help you cut a door in the container you are using and put the cap or lid back on (you might need to glue or tape it).
2. Attach some wire or string around the top or ask someone to make holes to attach it so you can hang your bird feeder up.
3. Decorate it if you like.
4. Put some bird seed in.
5. Hang it outside.



Enjoy watching the birds—what a wonderful part of God's creation!

Sixty Second Spring into Spring Challenges

This makes a great challenge for the whole household! What can you do in sixty seconds? How many bunny hops do you think you could do? Or how many times could you bounce a bouncy ball? Set yourself some 'Sixty Second Spring into Spring Challenges and see what you can achieve.

If you estimated how many times you could do something in 'sixty seconds', do you think it would be the same as what you can do in a minute? (Estimate is a posh word for guessing)



- First draw a grid with three columns. At the top of the first column write the challenge activity, at the top of the second write estimate and at the top of the third column write actual.
- Then in the activity column write a list of 'Springy' challenges— Bunny hops, hopping on one leg, jumping up and down on the spot, bouncing a ball, Skipping, star jumps etc.
- When you have completed your list, fill in your estimate column. Challenge yourself!
- Finally do the challenge activities timing yourself for 'sixty seconds' and record how many times you did it in the actual column. Was it more or less than your estimate?

You could repeat the activities at another time, to see if you can do more.

New Life Growing

Easter is a time when we think about things springing into life as we remember the hope of the empty tomb. It's interesting to watch things grow. You don't need seeds but you could do that if you wish—just buy some and follow the instructions—but you could use this environmentally friendly way to with scraps from the kitchen. Here are a couple of ideas.



You will need – a sunny windowsill or a sunny spot, food scraps (root vegetable tops, spring onion or onion bottoms, the base of a bunch of celery), and bowls or saucers and a jug or small watering can.

- Root vegetables tops – Put the tops of root vegetables such as carrots, beetroot, parsnips, turnips or radishes on a saucer or small plate, in some water and they will start to regrow. Once you have a few roots from the bottom or more leaves from the top, you can even try planting them outside try planting them outside .
- Spring onions – put the root ends of spring onions in a small glass, with the roots at the bottom. Give them some water, and you'll have some more leaves to snip off in a few weeks.



Remember to keep your scrap garden watered and don't worry if they don't last or work quite as you expected—just try again.