

SOME RESURRECTION ACTIVITIES

For Pre K and K

Retell and celebrate the Resurrection story with your child by creating a preschool version of "Resurrection eggs." Gather six plastic eggs, each a different color. Place the following items inside, one item per egg: breadcrumb, paper cross, strip of cloth, rock and piece of candy. One egg will remain empty. As you tell the Resurrection story using the Bible, let your child open the eggs. Explain each item in the following order:

1. **Bread crumb:** Jesus ate dinner with His friends. (Luke 22:14-15)
2. **Cross:** The next day, Jesus died on the Cross. (John 19:17-18)
3. **Strip of cloth:** He was wrapped in cloth and placed in a tomb. (John 19:40)
4. **Rock:** A stone was placed in front of the tomb. (Matthew 27:59-60)
5. **Empty Egg:** Jesus' friends came to the tomb and saw the stone had been moved. The tomb was empty! (Luke 24:1-3) – You can put a hole in the bottom of an egg and let the egg drip out and wash it.
6. **Candy:** Jesus is alive. That's the sweet surprise of Easter. (Matthew 28:5-6)
Once you've finished sharing the Resurrection story, encourage to use the eggs to tell the story in their own words.

Grades 1- 3

Use this activity to help your student's understand that Christ's resurrection means that we can have eternal life!

Lay a skein of yarn on a table and pull 2 inches of yarn from one end.

Ask your child to slowly pull on this piece, and when he/she has pulled out about an arm's length of yarn, snip it off with scissors. Tell your kids that this piece of yarn has a beginning and an end, just like our lives here on earth.

Take the snipped piece of yarn and tie it back onto the skein, explaining that, through Christ, we are free to live with God forever. When Jesus died and rose again, He gave us eternal life. Although our time on earth will come to an end, our life with God will go on and on forever.

Celebrate the power of the Resurrection by allowing your kids to pull freely on the piece of yarn and run with it as it unravels from the skein. Let them run out of the room! Up the stairs!

Pray together, thanking God for sending His Son and welcoming us into eternal life with Him.

Grades 4-8

To teach about the forgiving power of Christ's resurrection, try this activity. First, put on an old, white T-shirt. Then discuss what sin is by asking your kids to share some examples, such as lying or envy. Invite them to use permanent markers to write their examples on the shirt.

Explain that our sins create a break in our relationship with God and keep us from experiencing His love. To be reconciled with God, we need to get rid of the sin that separates us. Ask for ideas on how to remove the marker stains from the shirt. If the kids suggest washing it, try scrubbing it in the sink. Let them see that the stains are permanent. Also note how the "sins" can't be hidden, even if the shirt is turned inside out.

Ask: "If we can't remove our own sin, who can help us?" Guide them toward understanding that only Jesus, through His death and resurrection, has the power to get rid of our sins.

Take the old, dirty shirt and place it in a trash bag near a Bible or a cross, where you've also set anew, clean white shirt. As you put on the clean shirt, talk about how Christ takes away our sin and gives us His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21).