

Sunday Club at Home - St Peter's

Easter Day

Hi everyone, Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen!!

This is an Easter like we have never seen before, but it doesn't stop us celebrating. Although it will be different, we won't be going to our churches, but home can become Church and that is what we are going to explore today. When the women went to the tomb, they were shocked and upset, but when they realised that Jesus was Risen they were excited and happy to see him again.

Let's explore Easter and what it means

Story

There are three versions of the story today.

For everyone Watch 'The Super Cool Story of Easter' from the Bible Society

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6kmDligfKU>

For younger children from Youtube –

The Beginner's Bible The Easter Story

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkNTU_Vv5Ew

For older children from Youtube – This is the full story of Holy Week and Easter

The Story of Easter (Jesus' Sacrifice)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

For the under 5s - Teddy's Easter Surprise - story on the last page.



Activities

There are several activities for you to select from:

GO FOR A WALK – if you live near St Peter's Church go for a walk and have a look at the Easter garden beside the church.

Easter Garden - You can make an Easter Garden in your own garden (you might need to ask an adult for help). When you are planning your Garden, make sure you have a tomb and three crosses. You can make the crosses out of twigs or lolly sticks. You could make your tomb out of an old tub and cover it with earth or straw. Make it your own way and then post your photos to the parish office so that we can put them on the website.

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Indoor Garden - You can make this on a tray. Use your daily exercise time to go for a walk and collect leaves, twigs, stones. You can also use things from the garden (all natural). Create your own Easter garden.

Easter Egg Hunt - You can do this in the Garden

If you haven't got any Eggs use other things that can be hidden and then give a fairy cake or biscuit as a prize. You could use clues and turn it into a treasure hunt.

Easter Bonnets – how about making an Easter bonnet / hat and send us the photo

Craft Garden

For this garden you will need:

Equipment / Paper plate / Brown paper (or White and Colour with brown pencil)

White paper / Green paper (or white and green pencils) / Coloured pencils

Glue / Ribbon / Sticky tape / Scissors

Method

- Make three crosses out of brown paper to fit on the plate
- Stick the three crosses on the plate.
- Cut out an oval shape to put at the base of the crosses as a grass hill.
- Then using the white paper draw and colour as many flowers as you want
- Then cut them out and stick on the green hill.
- Then use the white paper again and cut out a length like a scarf and place on the middle cross resting on the arms of the cross.
- Turn over your plate and make a loop out of the ribbon and secure with sticky tape.
- Take a photo of your Easter plate and send it in.

Paper Plate Message This is a nice thing to do and you could make them for your neighbours

You will need:- Paper plate / Scissors / Glue / Paper / Colouring pencils / Ribbon / Sticky tape

Methods

- Take your white paper and write your message, it could be Jesus has Risen, or Keep safe, or Happy Easter.
- Colour it in.
- Then cut it out and stick it onto your paper plate or card.
- Then use white paper to make flowers and colour them in.
- Then cut them out and stick on the plate to decorate.
- If you have other things in the house to decorate your plate use them.
- When you are happy with your plate turn the plate over.
- Attach the ribbon on the back
- When dry place on a neighbour's doorstep and ring the bell, then move to the end of the path and wait until they come to the door and say HAPPY EASTER! Then return home.
- Or hang on your gate.

Prayers

Light a Candle (use a battery operated candle if you have one, if not use a proper candle but make sure it is supervised and blow out when finished)

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

For younger children The Lord's Prayer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O78UfDkGhRs>

Prayer – this prayer has actions – praise - lift hands in the air / love - make heart shape / never ends - stretch out the arms

Dear God you love us just the way we are – whatever way we look, talk or walk.
We praise you, Lord, because your love never ends.

As we eat our Easter eggs help to think about your amazing love for us.
We praise you, Lord, because your love never ends.

We pray for..... (add in own prayer for family, NHS etc)
We praise you, Lord, because your love never ends.

We thank you God that even though we are not in school or church we are still one big family.

We praise you, Lord, because your love never ends.

Time to Sing

For everyone - He's got the whole world in his hands

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXtFqCw6rH8>

For younger children – Great Big God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0K3TUFFpmhA>



Puzzle Sheet – print off the sheet that puzzles about today's story.



Don't forget the Story for the under 5s - Teddy's Easter Surprise →→→→→

Story for the under 5s - Teddy's Easter Surprise

Have you noticed that everything is busting into life?

The flowers are opening, the trees are growing new leaves and the birds are singing! It's springtime!

One spring day like today Teddy went out in his garden. He wanted to play, but he didn't have anyone to play with. It made him feel sad. Poor Teddy! Can you make a sad face?

All: Pull the corners of your mouth down and make a sad face.

If only Teddy has a friend to play with! Just then, along came a yellow hen.

"Yellow hen, yellow hen will you play with me?" asked Teddy.

"Oh no!" clucked the hen. "I have no time to play, it's nearly Easter, and I have eggs to lay!" and she went running off to the henhouse.

"I love Easter eggs" thought Teddy. "But it's much nicer to share them with a friend".

All of a sudden, a blackbird flew down from a tree. "Hello blackbird" said Teddy "Will you come and play with me?"

"Oh no!" sang the blackbird. "There's no time to rest. It's nearly Easter I must build a nest!" and the bird fluttered up into a tree.

"I wish I could show that nest to a friend" thought Teddy.

A rabbit came hop, hopping along the grass, "Hello rabbit" said Teddy "Will you play with me?"

"No, no!" said the rabbit. "I'm not being funny. But Easter is busy, if you're a bunny!" and the rabbit hopped into a rabbit hole.

Then Teddy saw something eating a nettle leaf. It's a small, hairy caterpillar. Can you wiggle your finger like a caterpillar? Wiggle, wiggle! How did the caterpillar go?

All: Wiggle Wiggle!

"Hello caterpillar!" said Teddy. "I'm feeling so lonely, can you play with me?"

"Yes I can!" said the caterpillar. He wiggled his way onto Teddy's paw..... and up his arm..... and onto his shoulder... and up, up onto his nose!

"Ooh, you're tickling me!" said Teddy, with a BIG smile on his face. "Hooray! Now I've got a prickly friend!" Can you make a happy face like Teddy'?

All: Push the corners of your mouth up to make a happy face.

Every day, Teddy went to find his caterpillar friend munching leaves in the nettle patch. The more the caterpillar ate, the bigger he grew, the more he tickled Teddy and made him smile from ear to ear. Can you make such a BIG smile that it stretches from one ear to the other?

All: Make a BIG smile.

But one sad day the caterpillar said, "I must go away now to do something very important"

"Oh no don't leave me" said Teddy. "You're my best friend." "Don't be sad" said the caterpillar. "I promise you'll see me again and then you'll be glad"

The caterpillar began to spin a silky sleeping bag called a cocoon. He snuggled down inside the cocoon, pulled it over his head and disappeared from sight. Teddy went indoors feeling sad.

But inside the cocoon, the caterpillar began to change. He wriggled out of his hairy body and then he grew long legs and silky wings. And on Easter Sunday, he BURST out of his cocoon a beautiful colourful butterfly.

As the new butterfly was drying his wings in the sun, Teddy went into the garden. He looked inside the empty cocoon.

“Oh no!” where has my caterpillar friend gone?” he said. “The hungry birds must have eaten him.”

“Look out behind you!” called the new butterfly, “Are you looking for me?”

Teddy turned around.

“It’s you!” he cried “You’ve come back! But now you’re a beautiful butterfly! What a wonderful surprise!”

“A good friend always keeps his promise”, said the butterfly, fluttering around Teddy’s head.

“Shall we explore the Easter garden?”

“Oh yes!” said Teddy, jumping for joy. “Let’s go and find some Easter eggs together!”

