

Twinkles Doing Church Differently

Week 3 - It's Easter!

This is our Easter session where we will learn that God loves us so much He sent us Jesus!

Message/Story time:

Jesus is God's son and God sent him to live on Earth to tell everyone about Him and about how much God loves us.

Jesus was kind and he helped lots of people. But Jesus also told people when they were doing things wrong.

This meant that some people didn't like Jesus. They thought they were really, really good but Jesus showed them some things they were doing wrong. They did not like this at all.

So even though Jesus hadn't done anything wrong ever, the people who didn't like him arrested him and nailed him to a cross next to some thieves and Jesus died.

The people thought this was the end of the story....but it wasn't!

Read the story printed below.

Prayer/Craft time:

Edible Easter Gardens.

This week's craft is a challenge! Had we been able to be together we would have been making Easter Gardens following the instructions on the last page. However, we are in a lockdown and have limited supplies in our houses. Your challenge is to make the best Edible Easter Garden you can out of anything you can find in your kitchen!

Send your creations to laura@stmatthews.org.uk and we will have a competition to see who can create the best garden!

Worship time: Our God is Alive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smCEh7WdrA8>

Story - Jesus is Alive!



Two days after Jesus died, Mary and several other women went to the tomb where he had been buried. They were shocked to see that the stone covering the entrance to the tomb had been rolled away.

They looked inside and Jesus' body was gone! Two angels in dazzling clothes said, 'Why are you looking for Jesus here? Jesus is alive! Go and tell the others!'

The women rushed to tell Jesus' friends but at first no one believed them.

A little while later, Jesus' friends gathered to talk about what had happened. Suddenly Jesus stood right in front of them. 'Peace be with you,' Jesus said.

His friends were frightened and they clutched each other and trembled. But Jesus said, 'Don't be afraid, it is me. Look at my hands and my feet. Touch me!'

But they still could not believe that Jesus was alive.

'Give me a piece of fish,' said Jesus. He took the fish and ate it, and his friends believed. Jesus really was alive and back with them again! They were so happy and they laughed and clapped their hands in joy.



Jesus stayed with his friends and spoke to them about all the things that had happened to him. Jesus said, 'Tell everyone, everywhere that God loves them.'

He stretched out his hands and blessed them and said, 'I will be with you always, to the end of time.' A cloud came from heaven and Jesus disappeared.

The disciples stared up into the sky looking for Jesus. Two men in white robes appeared and said 'Why are you looking up into heaven? Jesus is not far away, he will always be close to you even though you cannot see him.'

Edible Easter Gardens

Ingredients:

- Paper plate and a knife for each person
- Apricot jam that is easy to spread
- Small round bread roll for each person
- Rice-paper
- Desiccated coconut coloured green
- Mini marshmallows
- Sprinkles
- Different coloured roll out icings
- Small cookie

Method:

1. Spread apricot jam very thinly all over the paper plate. (This acts as the “glue”)
2. On one side of the bread roll, scoop out a hole to make a “cave-like tomb,” and then place the “tomb” onto the paper plate, towards the edge of the plate
3. Sprinkle green coconut over the rest of the plate to form grass
4. Cut up a couple of pieces of rice-paper to make “cloths” which are then put inside the tomb
5. Place a cookie at the front of the tomb to one side (to show that this has been rolled back)
6. Make 4 cuts in each mini marshmallow to make the “flowers” (this isn’t essential!)
7. Decorate the “garden” with mini marshmallows and other sweet “flowers” which can be created from different coloured roll-out icings and sprinkles.

Note:

If you want to add a cross you need:

- A couple of matchmakers
- Brown roll-out icing.

On the opposite side of the plate from the bread roll, create a small mound of brown roll-out icing.

- Make a simple cross from two matchmakers.....melting the middle of one of them and then sticking it onto the other to form the cross-bar.
- Place the cross into the middle of the mound of icing.