



EASTER FAMILY ACTIVITIES & RECIPES



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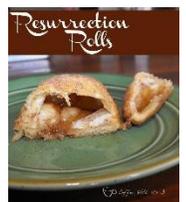


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Finger Painting Crosses

Materials: painters' tape, scissors, washable paint (2-4 colors), and a piece of paper.

Instructions:

Step 1: Start by cutting a piece of tape and sticking it on the paper.



Step 2: Cut a smaller one to make the shape of the cross.



Step 3: Have your kids dip their pointer finger in paint and put dots all around the outside of the tape.



Step 4: Choose two other color paints and keep going around the last color until the whole sheet of paper is filled.



Step 5: Carefully peel off the painters' tape and you have the outline of a cross!



Easter Wreath

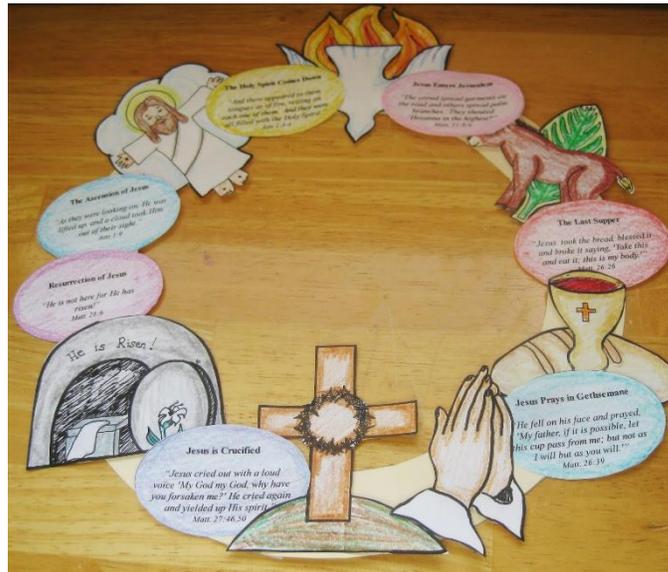
Material: printouts of Appendix A, coloring pencils/markers/or crayons, scissors, glue, 12x12 cardstock or cardboard for the circular backing

Instructions:

Step 1: Cut out a large circle (about 11.5 inches in diameter) from cardstock or cardboard.

Step 2: Print out all the outlines that are found in Appendix A. Color them any way that you want. Cut out all the pieces.

Step 3: Assemble the pieces together with Palm Sunday starting at the top right going through Pentecost which will be to top center.



Here is the order:

1. Jesus enters Jerusalem (palm branch and donkey pictures)
2. The Last Supper (bread and wine pictures)
3. Jesus Prays in Gethsemane (praying hands)
4. Jesus is Crucified (cross)
5. Resurrection (empty tomb)
6. Ascension (Jesus in clouds)
7. Holy Spirit Comes Down (dove and flame)

Final Thoughts: Overlapping some of the pictures help them fit together nicely. If you do not have cardstock or cardboard at home, you might tape the wreath right to the wall in a circle.

Easter Rocks

Materials: 8 rocks of similar size that has a flat edge to paint on, paint, and print out of story mat ([PDF printable version here](#)). If you want a printable booklet, check out this link. ([PDF printable booklet](#))

Instructions:

Step 1: Find 8 rocks of similar size with at least one flat side to paint on.

Step 2: Paint these images on each of the rocks.

Leaf

Ears

Empty tomb

Communion cup and wafer

Crown of thorns

Sunrise

Hands

Three crosses



Step 3: With your children, use the story mat to read through the story of Holy Week. The booklet is another way to read through the story, but you could just as easily read from the Bible.

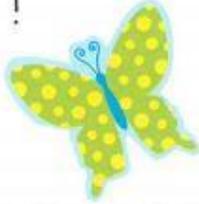
Additional activities

1. Once the rocks are in order, have your children retell the story of Holy Week.
2. Mix the rocks up and have your children put the rocks in order while telling the story of Holy Week.
3. Put the rocks in a hat/lunch bag. Each family member draws a rock from the bag. The rest of the family has to guess which picture is painted on someone's rock as that person shares what events are connected with the rock.

There are many other variations that you can think of.

Easter Scavenger Hunt

1
The people said
H O S A N N A !
The next clue
is by a
B A N A N A .



2
Jesus washed the
disciples' F E E T .
Look underneath
a Kitchen S E A T .



3
Jesus prayed in a
garden at N I G H T
Check by a lamp
that gives you
L I G H T .



4
Our sins were
removed when Jesus
Died -
Hurry to find
your next clue
O U T S I D E !



5
Jesus Loves
Y O U !
Go look in a
S H O E .



6
The stone was rolled
away from the T O M B
Find the next
clue in the
B a t h R o o m .



7
The angels said
that Jesus A R O S E
Check where
you dry your
C L O T H E S .



8
He is risen!
He is no longer
D e a d .
Run real quick
to look under the
B E D .



God has all the
strength and
POWER
Your next clue
is in the
SHOWER!

9



Jesus' love brings
our hearts great
Joy!
Find the last clue
by a TOY!

10



HAPPY EASTER!



11

This Easter hunt is over, but Jesus' love never ends.

What wonderful news to tell all of your friends!

Trust in Him, believe, and Pray -

Then you will be with Jesus in
heavens one day!

Your Easter basket is...



♥ HAPPY EASTER! ♥

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Joyfully,
Happy Home Fairy



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FIRST, PRINT THE CARDS AND CUT THEM OUT. THEN >>

- Put Card #1 in a plastic Easter egg and place outside your child's bedroom door (or somewhere obvious for first thing in the morning).
- Put Card #2 in a plastic Easter egg and place by a banana.
- Put Card #3 in a plastic Easter egg and place under a chair in your kitchen.
- Put Card #4 in a plastic Easter egg and place by a lamp in your house.
- Put Card #5 in a plastic Easter egg and hide outside somewhere (on the sidewalk, in a bush or tree, etc.).
- Put Card #6 in a plastic Easter egg and place in a shoe.
- Put Card #7 in a plastic Easter egg and place in the bathroom on top of the toilet.
- Put Card #8 in a plastic Easter egg and place in your dryer.
- Put Card #9 in a plastic Easter egg and place under a bed.
- Put Card #10 in a plastic Easter egg and place in the shower.
- Put Card #11 in a plastic Easter egg and place next to a toy.

IMPORTANT NOTE — MAKE SURE YOU WRITE ON CARD #11 THE LOCATION OF YOUR CHILD'S EASTER BASKET. This could be in a closet or the car (ha!) or even in the garage — whatever you think will work!

Cross Toss

Materials: 35 plastic cups, 6 pieces of colored construction paper, scissors, lightweight ping pong ball or bouncy ball

Instructions:

Step 1: Organize the 35 plastic cups into a rectangle (5 across and 7 down).

Step 2: Cut the colored paper in half. Roll each half and stick them into the cups in a cross shape.



Step 3: Stand a distance away (closer if you are younger, further away if you are older) and try to toss the ball into one of the colored cups that make up the cross to gain a point. Highest points win.

Variations of the Game

1. Colored cups are 5 points, white cups are 1 point.
2. Subtract a point for every white cup.
3. Stand further away.

Any other variation that you can think of.

Easter Minute to Win it Games

Materials: spoons, containers, straws, plastic eggs, and a timer!

#1 Put one basket/container across the room and provide spoons to relay the eggs from one basket to the next. See how many you can do in just 1 minute!

#2 Stacking egg halves. How many towers can you make in a minute? Who can make the tallest tower in a minute?

#3 Split the colored plastic eggs in half and mix up the halves. How quickly can you put the eggs back together again? How many can you do in one minute? Match colors or just match tops to bottoms.

#4 How many eggs can you get to stand up straight on their bottoms?

#5 Hold the straw to an egg piece and suck in your breath. How many can you pick up and transfer to a cup?

For more Minute to Win It Games check out these links.

- [Happy Home Fairy- 10 Minute to Win it Games](#)
- [Play Party Plan- How to and Examples of Minute to Win it](#)
- [A Grande Life- Easter Minute to Win it Games.](#)

Resurrection Rolls

Materials: 1 can of Crescent Rolls, 8 Marshmallows, 2 tbsp. of butter, 1 tbsp. cinnamon, 2 tbsp. sugar, muffin tin, Pam spray (or something to grease the muffin tin)

Instructions:

Step 1: Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Step 2: Mix together the cinnamon and sugar in a small bowl.

Step 3: Melt the butter in another bowl.

Step 4 Unroll and separate the crescent rolls.

Step 5: Roll each marshmallow in butter, then roll it in cinnamon sugar, and finally place it on a crescent roll.

Step 6: Roll the marshmallows up tight inside the crescent rolls. Make sure there aren't any openings in the roll.

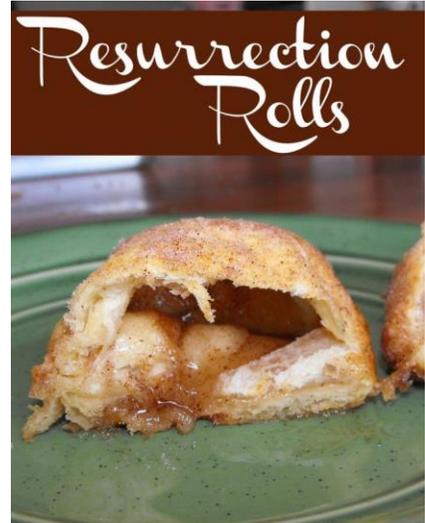
Step 7: Spray the muffin tin with Pam or lightly grease it. Put the crescent marshmallow rolls directly in the pan *seams down*.

*** You can create another coat of cinnamon by rolling them in the butter and cinnamon sugar before placing them in the muffin tin if you want.**

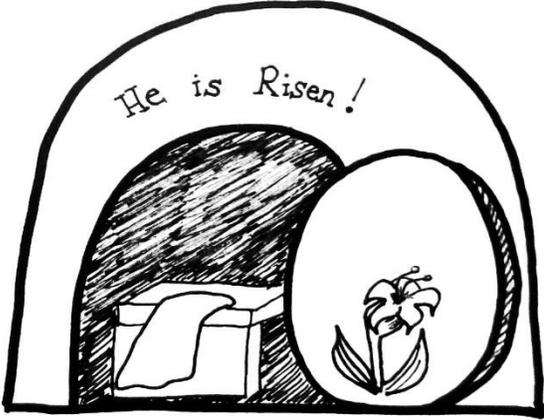
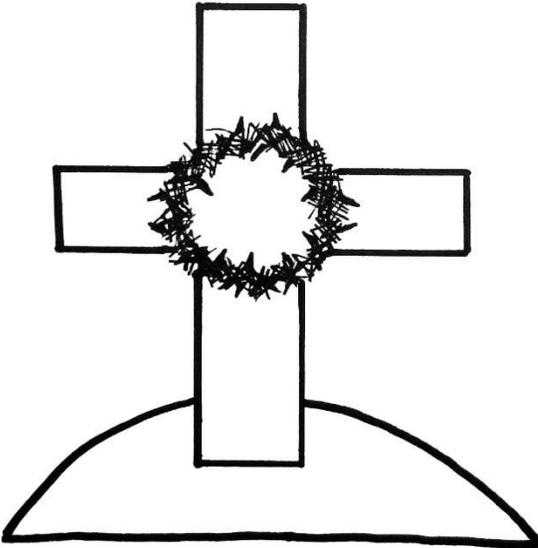
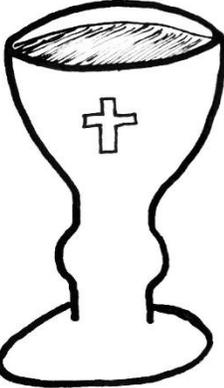
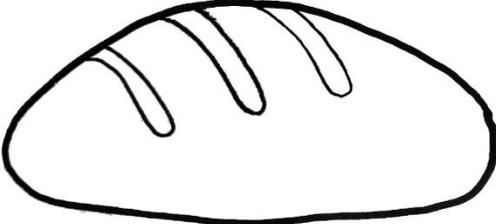
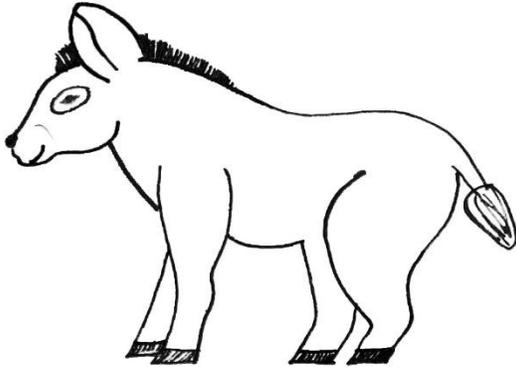
Step 8: Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown.

Step 9: While the rolls are baking, reading the resurrection story to them.

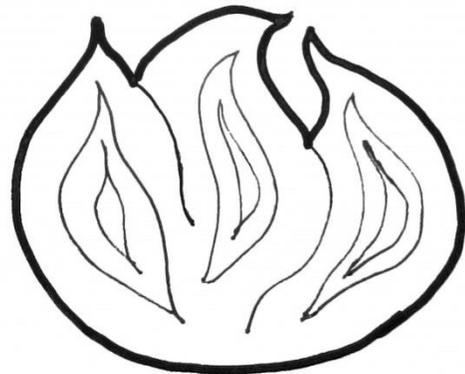
Step 10: When rolls are done, cut open (or take a bite of one) and see how the inside is hollow! Just like the women found the tomb empty of Jesus body on Easter Sunday, the inside of the roll is empty of the marshmallow!



Appendix A



Appendix A (continued)



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Jesus Enters Jerusalem

"The crowd spread garments on the road and others spread palm branches. They shouted 'Hosanna in the highest!'"

Matt. 21:8-9

The Last Supper

"Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it saying, 'Take this and eat it; this is my body.'"

Matt. 26:26

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

"He fell on his face and prayed, 'My father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; but not as I will but as you will.'"

Matt. 26:39

Jesus is Crucified

"Jesus cried out with a loud voice 'My God my God, why have you forsaken me?' He cried again and yielded up His spirit."

Matt. 27:46.50

Resurrection of Jesus

"He is not here for He has risen!"

Matt. 28:6

The Ascension of Jesus

"As they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight."

Acts 1:9

The Holy Spirit Comes Down

"And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:3-4