

Salem Kids EASTER Series 2020

Schedule & Topics

April

- **12th** - Hallelujah! He Has Risen! (Luke 23-24)
- **19th** – The Story of Easter Sunday (Matthew 28:1-10)
- **26th** - Hope in Holy Week (Mark 14:22-24)



CRAFT AND ACTIVITIES IDEAS



The SWEET Truth of Easter

These candies tell a story~
the best news you'll ever hear.
~It's about Jesus dying on the cross
so that we could be brought near.

So hold them and turn them and you will see...
the "M" become a "W" an "E" and then a "3"

The "E" stands for... Easter....
God's everlasting love and His eternal plan.

It reminds us of the cross
and the way God rescued sinful man

The "3" represent the 3 days Jesus spent in the grave....
By His death, His children He did save

The "M" reminds us of the mercy the Messiah showed
as He died in our place.
and the miracle of the resurrection
so we can see Him face to face.

The "W" reminds us... that He alone
is worthy of our worship and praise
and calls us to be His witnesses
around the world for all of our days.

What Happened on Good Friday?

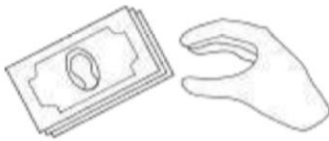


Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sins.

This means that I can pray and ask God to forgive my sins.



What are sins? A sin is anything I do that doesn't please God.
Circle each picture that shows a sin.



stealing



talking back to my parents



sharing



lying

Why did God send Jesus to die for our sins? Because he loves us.
Complete the verses about God's love for us.



love



Son



world

God _____d the _____ so much that he gave his only _____,

so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. John 3:16

God showed his _____ for us by sending his only _____ into the _____,

so that we might have life through him. 1 John 4:9

He _____d us and sent his _____ to be the means by which our sins are

forgiven. 1 John 4:10

What Happened on Easter?



On Easter morning
Jesus came back
to life.

Later he went back
to live in heaven.

This means that
Jesus can give
me new life.

I can be happy now
and go to heaven
later.



Why do we have bunnies and eggs as symbols of Easter?

Spring is a time of new life, and this reminds us of our new life in Jesus.

Find the springtime words in the puzzle.



BUNNY

A	S	T	E	G	G
F	L	O	W	E	R
T	R	E	E	R	A
B	U	N	N	Y	S
C	H	I	C	K	S

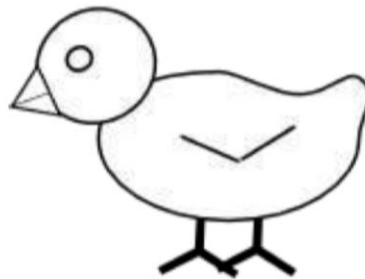


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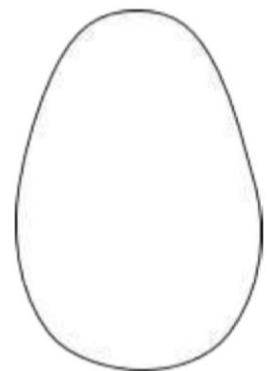


FLOWER

CHICK



GRASS

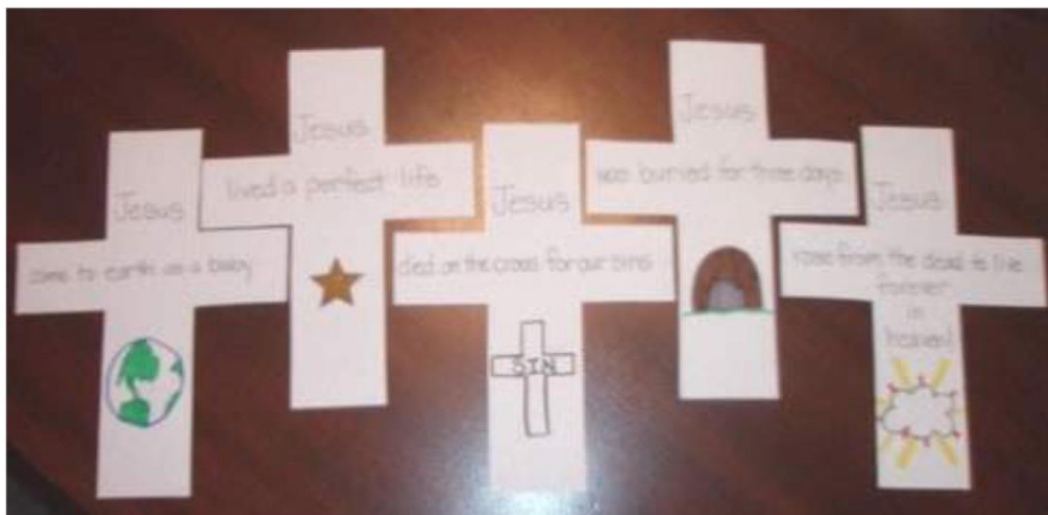


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The Gospel on Easter Sunday: A Cross Shapebook Craft

 ministry-to-children.com/easter-sunday-cross-craft

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Easter Sunday is arguably the most highly attended Sunday out of the entire year. More people will be attending church on this Sunday than any other. You will have children walk through your doors for whom this will be the only Sunday out of the entire year they will be in church. Therefore, on Easter Sunday it is more important than any other to teach the gospel message clearly.

The following lesson teaches the gospel story step-by-step using a corresponding craft activity. The children will make a book in the shape of the cross. This book can then be taken home and used to tell the gospel story to their parents. This cross shape book can be used with a variety of other lessons as a supplemental craft activity.

Text: Various Scriptures

Learning Objective: The children will make a cross shape book and be able to use it to share the gospel message with others.

Target Age: 3-5th grade

Time Needed: 45-60 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Brown construction paper with the cross outline printed on it (2 per child)
- White copy paper with the cross outline printed on it (5 per child)
- Black yarn
- Red yarn
- White yarn
- Single hole punch
- Markers

- Pencils
- Scissors
- Gold star stickers
- Crayons



Hook:

1. "Today is a special Sunday. What makes today special?"
2. "Today is Easter Sunday or Resurrection Sunday! Today we think about and celebrate Jesus rising from the dead to live in heaven forever."
3. "Jesus rising from the dead is part of the most exciting and important story of all time. And today you are going to get to make your own book about this story."

Book/Look:

In this part of the lesson, the children will make their craft as you teach them the gospel story using various scripture passages.

1. Read aloud Luke 1:31-32.
2. "These verses explain how Jesus, God's Son, came to earth as a man, which is the first part of the gospel story."
3. Pass out one white cross paper to each child along with a pencil and crayons. Write "Jesus came to earth as a baby" on the board for the children to copy it onto their first white cross paper.
4. Then instruct the children to draw a picture on their white cross that will remind them of what these words say. For example, they could draw a world/globe or a baby.
5. "Jesus came to this earth as a man and lived a perfect life. He did not sin and do bad things because He is also fully God. Jesus lived a life without sin in our place. We are sinners and so we cannot live a perfect life, but Jesus lived a perfect life for us." (Romans 5:19. Hebrews 4:15. 1 Peter 2:22)

6. Pass out a second white cross paper to the children. Write "Jesus lived a perfect life" on the board for the children to copy it onto their second white cross paper.
7. Then give the children a gold star sticker to place on this second page to remind them of what the words mean.
8. Discuss with the children how when someone receives a gold star it means they have done an excellent job. Many of them will have experienced the concept of a gold star in school.
9. "Not only did Jesus live a perfect life in our place, but He died on the cross in our place. He took the punishment for our sins when he died on the cross. God's punishment for sin and doing bad things is death. So, someone had to die for our sins. The good news is we do not have to die for our sins because Jesus died for us. He was our perfect sacrifice! He paid the price for all of our sins and the bad things we would do by dying on the cross." (Isaiah 53:6, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24)
10. Pass out a third white cross paper. Write "Jesus died on the cross for our sins" on the board so the children can copy it.
11. Instruct the children to draw a cross and write the word "sin" across it to remind them of what the words mean.
12. Read aloud Matthew 27:59-60.
13. "These verses tell about Jesus being buried in the tomb where he laid for three days."
14. Pass out the fourth white cross paper and write "Jesus was buried for three days" on the board for the children to copy.
15. Instruct the children to draw a picture of a large stone to remind them of the stone that guarded the entrance to Jesus' tomb.
16. Read aloud Matthew 28:1-6.
17. "These verses tell of the great news that Jesus did not stay dead in the tomb, but he rose from the dead after three days. Jesus came back to life, so he could live in heaven forever. Our Savior Jesus did not stay dead, but he is alive today!"
18. Pass out the last white cross paper and write "Jesus rose from the dead to live forever in heaven" on the board for the children to copy.
19. Instruct the children to draw a picture of heaven or Jesus ascending. Perhaps they could draw a cloud with light rays shining out of it.
20. The children will now cut out their five white crosses and their two brown crosses. The brown crosses will be the front and back cover of their books.
21. After their crosses have been put in the correct order, they will need adult help to punch three single holes along the top of their cross book.
22. Before passing out the yarn to tie off the books. Explain the meaning of the three colors. "The black yarn will go in the first hole and it represents our sin. The red yarn will go in the middle hole and it represents the washing of Jesus' blood. The

23. Pass out the yarn and have the children tie a knot through each hole to bind the pages of the book together.

Took:

1. Talk the children through the book briefly one more time using an example cross book.
2. The children can then find a friend and tell them the gospel story using their cross book as a guide.

Tips:

1. With many visiting children on Easter Sunday many of them may not bring Bibles with them. For this Sunday it may be best to read the verses to the children and not have them turn to the verses in their own Bibles.
2. Pass out the materials as needed. For example, give them the white cross papers one at a time. Giving all of the materials to the children at the beginning of the lesson will be overwhelming for some and may confuse others. Keeping child access to supplies at a minimum will help your lesson run smoother.
3. Have the children write their name on every paper they receive, as they receive it, to avoid lost papers.
4. If you only have 30 minutes for this lesson have words preprinted on the white cross papers, so the children only need to draw and cut.
5. If using this lesson with K-2 have the words preprinted on the white cross papers, so the children only need to draw and cut

