

The Resurrection
Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20

Say: Today we are going to talk about Jesus's resurrection. This word, resurrection, means to come back to life. Even though Jesus died, he came back to life.

Read Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, or John 20 together (Pick the version that is best suited for your child/children).

Ask your family these questions:

- 1. Why were Jesus' friends sad? (He had died and they did not think they would ever see him again.)**
- 2. Did they find Jesus' body? (no, the tomb was empty)**
- 3. Who did they see? (an angel)**
- 4. What exciting thing did the angel tell them? (Jesus is alive again!)**
- 5. What did Jesus tell Mary to do? (Go tell the others that he was alive)**
- 6. Did they believe her? (no)**

Art Time:

Option 1 Materials:

- Black construction paper
- Chalk pastels
- Gray or brown construction paper cut into a rough circle about the size of a baseball to act as the stone in front of the tomb
- Brads

Help your children trace the "stone" and tell them not to color inside the space where they traced at all. This will be the empty tomb. In the space surrounding the area that was traced, the children can create the outside of the tomb, grass, sky, Mary, women, etc. using the chalk pastels. Encourage them to color solidly so that the colorful outside is very strongly contrasted with the dark empty tomb. After they are done, help them to position the brad into the "stone" and show them how they can "roll away" the stone to reveal the empty tomb. Rejoice with them when they reveal that Jesus is no longer there!

Option 2 Materials:

- Construction paper
- Crayons or markers
- Gray or brown construction paper cut into a rough circle about the size of a baseball to act as the stone in front of the tomb
- Brads

Help your children trace the "stone" and tell them to color inside the space where they traced black or another dark color. This will be the empty tomb. In the space surrounding the area that

was traced, the children can create the outside of the tomb, grass, sky, Mary, women, etc. using the chalk pastels. Encourage them to color solidly so that the colorful outside is very strongly contrasted with the dark empty tomb. After they are done, help them to position the brad into the “stone” and show them how they can “roll away” the stone to reveal the empty tomb. Rejoice with them when they reveal that Jesus is no longer there!

Look at the Family Pages for more conversation starters and ideas!