

Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus

Here are some ideas to help you and the children in your class celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

Snack Ideas

- Let children make bread-stick crosses. Give each child a piece of wax paper and one bread stick from a can of refrigerated bread-stick dough. Tell kids to cut one-third of the bread stick off. Then show how to stretch each part of the dough thinner and place the shorter length of dough across the longer length to form a cross. Bake according to instructions.
- Help kids make empty-tomb biscuits. Let kids mix together some cinnamon and sugar. Give each child two biscuits (from a can) on a paper plate lined with wax paper. Show how to put a large marshmallow between the two biscuits. The children should seal the edges of their biscuits together and then roll the biscuits in the cinnamon and sugar. Spray a cookie sheet with cooking spray and let each child put a biscuit on the sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes (or until lightly browned). The marshmallows will melt and leave a hole in the center of the biscuits. The biscuits will look like Jesus' empty tomb!
- Let the children frost and decorate heart- and cross-shaped cookies. Be sure that each child gets one heart-shaped and one cross-shaped cookie. As kids work, talk about the love Jesus had for us (heart-shaped cookie) that led Him to die for us on the cross (cross-shaped cookie).

Bible Memory Game Idea

Divide the Bible Memory verses into 12 parts and write each section on a separate slip of paper. Put each slip inside a small plastic egg. Randomly place the eggs in an egg carton (or basket). Make two sets of these eggs. Have the class form two groups, and give each group a prepared carton of eggs. Let the groups race to see who can open the eggs, pull the strips of paper from the eggs, and put the strips in memory verse order. The first group to finish can read the verses aloud.

Project Idea

Help kids design and make banners to remember Jesus' death and celebrate His resurrection. Cut felt and/or craft foam into the desired size. Kids could make individual banners or one or two larger banners. You might want to provide patterns of a cross, a crown, a Jesus figure, an empty tomb, an angel, and so forth.

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Song Ideas

- Teach the sign language motions. Do the motions as you sing the following words to the tune of “Are You Sleeping?” You can divide the class into two groups. Have one group sing the first line of each section; the second group echoes.

Jesus—touch the middle finger of one hand to the middle of the palm of the other hand and then repeat with the other hand

alive—with palms facing your body, form *Ls* with the thumb and index finger on both hands; then move both hands from the waist up to the neck

forever—hold the index finger of one hand up in the air, palm back, and draw a couple of large circles

world—form *Ws* with the middle three fingers on both hands; then hold the right hand above the left hand and move the hands in a circular motion around each other

Group 1

Where is Jesus? (do motion)
He’s alive! (do motion)
And He lives forever. (do motion)
Tell the world! (do motion)

Group 2

Where is Jesus? (repeat motion)
He’s alive! (repeat motion)
And He lives forever. (repeat motion)
Tell the world! (repeat motion)

- Have kids fill plastic eggs with uncooked rice, and then seal each egg with heavy-duty tape. Let the kids use their shakers while singing songs about Jesus’ resurrection.