

Date May 22, 2022

Scripture/Bible Story/Theme

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

The Children's Illustrated Bible – p.p. 276-277

The empty tomb means Jesus is alive

Workshop Name

Suncatchers – He is Risen

Opening Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for this day and our time together. Thank you, dear Lord, for sending us Your loving Son, Jesus. Guide us to have this same wonderful love that he had for us, so that we may share that love with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Objectives

1. Children will retell the story in their own words.
2. Children will locate the story in the Bible.
3. Children will begin to explore the meaning behind Easter and Jesus' death and resurrection.
4. Children will explore some of the common symbols of the resurrection - butterfly, bulb, seed, empty cross.
5. Children will identify some of the key locations in the story: Golgotha, Garden of Gethsemane, Jerusalem.
6. Children will recognize that the resurrection means Jesus is alive today and gives us new life.

Supplies

Suncatchers, paint and brushes will be in your supply bag.

Activity

Suncatchers - painting

For discussion:

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb on the first Easter. What did she find? (stone rolled away, empty tomb)

What was Mary's reaction? (surprise, fear, thought body had been taken away)

Mary went and told Peter and John, and they went to look at the empty tomb. How do you suppose Peter and John felt? (confused)

Why didn't Mary recognize Jesus? (allow all answers)

Jesus had told his disciples many times that he would be killed but on the third day, God would raise him from the dead.

Why were the followers of Jesus surprised to find that Jesus had risen and was alive? (they forgot Jesus' promise or maybe they just didn't understand what Jesus had been saying)

We hear the words "resurrection of Jesus", what does resurrection mean? (literally means "rise again")

This empty tomb scene isn't your typical symbol of Easter. Most symbols of Easter are bright and colorful (think butterflies, flowers).

What is it about the empty tomb that still makes it an important symbol for Easter? (the empty tomb means Jesus is alive!)

The empty tomb and Jesus appearing to his followers, helps us believe in God's power. What does God promise us? (God promises us new life if we believe in)

Reflection/Evaluation

Jesus wants us all to be messengers of his good news. How can you be a messenger in your daily life? Name two things that you can do.

Lord's Prayer