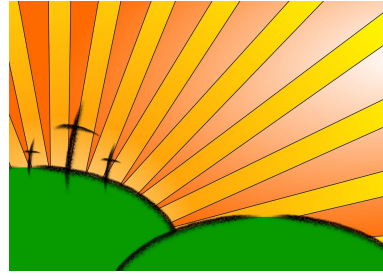


Easter Sunday

Jesus Has Risen!



The Bible tells us that after Jesus died, his friends took his body and put it in a tomb. Then they rolled a big stone in front of the opening to the tomb. Three days later, two of Jesus' friends were on their way to the tomb. An angel of the Lord had come down from heaven and rolled the stone away from the tomb! The angel said to Jesus' friends, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." After that, the angel told the friends to go quickly and tell the rest of Jesus' friends that Jesus was alive. Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to die for our sins. And when we believe in him, his Spirit comes to live inside us.

"He has risen!" Mathew 28:6. That's what Easter is all about. With bunnies, eggs, and easter baskets, we can get distracted from it's true meaning. Here is a craft to make to help remember the reason we celebrate Easter.



Supplies:

Print [Resurrection Craft Template](#) or draw your own!

Gray construction paper

Something to color with- crayons, makers, watercolors, or colored pencils

Fastener (if you have it) or tape, twisty tie, or paperclip to move the stone away

Directions:

Option 1: Print the [Resurrection Craft Template](#) and use it as a template and trace on gray construction paper.

Option 2: Print the [Resurrection Craft Template](#) and color the tomb. You can cut it out or make your own scene around the tomb.

Color in the picture of Jesus. Cut out the hole in the middle of the tomb. Then cut Jesus' picture out and taped it to the back so you can see Jesus through the opening of the tomb. Cut another circle to

make the stone. Place the circle over the hole of the tomb and fasten so you can either fold it up or swing it to “roll away the stone”!

Butterflies help us to remember how Jesus gives us new life!

Today we celebrate Jesus’ transformation! A caterpillar goes through an amazing transformation during its lifetime. For the first part of its life, it wiggles around across the ground. Then one day it creates a cocoon called a chrysalis and stays inside it while something miraculous happens. A caterpillar doesn’t grow legs and wings on its existing body. The caterpillar’s old body dies and a new body forms inside the protective shell of the chrysalis. When the transformation is complete, it becomes a beautiful, colorful butterfly that breaks out of the cocoon and flies away. It becomes something entirely new. Jesus was crucified and put in a tomb, but he came back to life! And when we believe in Jesus, we can have hope of living with him in heaven forever, even though our bodies may die! Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies ” (John 11:25).



Let's make a butterfly to celebrate new life with Jesus!



To make your own you will need:
toilet paper rolls
scissors
paint and brushes, (any colours you so wish)
twigs, (one thick one and two thin bits for antennae)
glue gun and glue sticks

