

Growing Together

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection 4:
Jesus died for our sins.

Bible Verse
"He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy" (Titus 3:5a).

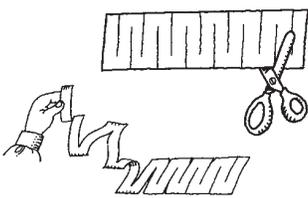
Bible Story

Jesus died for us.
(Mark 15:15-39)

In Touch

Today your child learned that God gave his greatest treasure so we can live with God forever. The children learned that Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins and to bridge the gap between us and God. Use these ideas at home to teach your child about Jesus' sacrifice.

Thank You, Jesus



Decorate your home for Easter with these easy decorations. First, talk about how even though Jesus' death was sad, it brought us happiness because now we can live with God forever and

our sins can be forgiven. Then gather sheets of colored paper. Cut each sheet of paper lengthwise; then make cuts about a quarter of an inch apart as indicated by the drawing.

As you cut, talk about the things that hurt Jesus, and then unravel the paper and admire the streamer. Talk about the new life that we find because of Jesus' death. Hang the streamers.

Precious Treasures

Create a treasure jar. Find an empty jar, and scrub the label off. Gather small items to decorate the jar, such as stickers, ribbon scraps, lace scraps, and buttons. Have your child glue the items to the jar and lid. Discuss the fact that Jesus is God's greatest treasure, yet God sent Jesus to die for us. Have your child fill the treasure jar with small treasures.

Fragrant Offering

Read Ephesians 5:2, and talk about what it means to be a fragrant offering. Then set out cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and orange peel or other aromatic spices. Help your child use glue to draw a picture on a piece of paper and sprinkle the spices on the glue. When the glue has dried, put the spice picture near your child's bed, where the scent will remind him or her of Jesus' sacrifice.

Easter Fun

Poke holes in both ends of raw eggs, and gently blow the insides into a bowl. Gently wash the eggshells. Put tape over one hole in each egg. Mix up your family's favorite gelatin. Use a funnel to carefully pour the gelatin into the eggs. Set the eggs upright in the refrigerator for several hours until the gelatin has set. Remove the shells from the eggs and serve. Explain how because we believe in Jesus, we are forgiven for our sins. And just as we can remove the shell from the egg and find a tasty treat inside, Jesus removes the bad things from our lives and makes us better on the inside.