

Growing Together In Touch

**Jesus' Crucifixion
and Resurrection 5:**
Jesus came back to life
and went to heaven.

Bible Verse
"Then the men asked, 'Why are you
looking among the dead for some-
one who is alive? He isn't here! He is
risen from the dead!'"
(Luke 24:5b-6a).

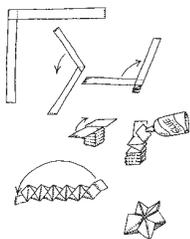
Bible Story
Jesus is alive!
(Mark 16:1-20)

This week your child learned that Jesus came back to life and went to heaven. The children also learned that Jesus is busy in heaven preparing a place for them to live with him forever. Use these activities to help your child understand the Resurrection.

Fragrance Walk

Take a "fragrance walk" through your neighborhood, and see how many fragrances of spring you can identify. Smell the rich scent of wet earth that has been turned over in someone's garden. Smell the air after a rainstorm. Discover together what dandelions, crocuses, and tulips smell like. What's your favorite springtime fragrance? Thank God for the fragrances and wonders of the earth as it springs to new life this spring. Thank God also for bringing new life to you through the resurrection of Jesus.

Spring Flowers



Cut two 1x12-inch strips from construction paper. Glue the two pieces together to form a right angle. Then fold one piece over the other as shown in the illustration, and continue until the strips form a small square. Glue the last two sections

together. When the glue dries, pull the two ends together, and then glue or staple them together. You'll have a small, flowerlike cup with five small compartments. Make enough flowers for each family member to have one. Fill the compartments with small candies. Put each flower on a plate with a licorice stem, and serve it for dessert. As your

family enjoys the candy, talk about why new life is good for the earth at springtime and why new life in Jesus is even better.

Miracle Cake

Bake this "miracle" cake. Melt 1 square of baking chocolate and 2 tablespoons of butter. Stir in 1 cup of flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of sugar, 2 teaspoons of baking powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk, and 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Spread the mixture in a greased 9x13-inch pan. Mix $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of sugar, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of brown sugar, and 4 teaspoons of cocoa, and sprinkle the mixture over the top of the batter. Put the pan in the oven, and pour $1\frac{3}{4}$ cups of boiling water over all. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. The cake will rise to the top, and a rich pudding will form on the bottom. Talk about the faith that it takes to believe that a cake will emerge from the watery mixture, and compare that to the faith it takes to believe in the Resurrection.

Future Homes

Decorate a tree with colored bits of string. Watch together as birds gather the strings to use in their nests. Together read John 14:1-4. Talk about the kind of house that Jesus is preparing for you. Will it be big or small? What will it look like?