

# Jesus is Alive!

## Aim

To rejoice that Jesus overcame death!

## Bible Passage

Luke 24: 1-12

It's Easter Sunday, let's celebrate that Jesus has risen from the dead. What a happy day to know that Jesus died for us but is alive again! Try a few of these activities today.

## Activity Time

Celebrate today! We should rejoice and be happy because God did something wonderful and brought Jesus back to life from the dead. Think of ways you can celebrate. Why not ask a grown up if you can do some baking, maybe some Easter biscuits, there are lots of recipes online.



Traditionally children often go for an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Why not set up a little hunt yourselves, or challenge a grown up to find the eggs! Remember that the egg represents new life, a hollow egg reminds us that the tomb was empty because Jesus came back to life.

You could also think about what a traditional hot cross bun symbolises: The yeast makes the buns rise - it can also remind us that Jesus rose again; the cross on top reminds of Jesus' death; if you turn the cross at an angle it looks like a kiss— this reminds us that Jesus loved us enough to die for us; the dried fruits remind us of the good things that come from Jesus' death—he died to give us the chance to enjoy a fruitful new life. Enjoy eating the hot cross buns!



## Bible Time

Read the passage from Luke 24 : 1-12 from a children's Bible or watch the short video clip which tells the Easter story.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkNTU\\_Vv5Ew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkNTU_Vv5Ew)

## Craft ideas

Usually on Easter Sunday at TMC, the cross at the front of the church is decorated with small posies of flowers. Why not make your own decorated cross? You could use tissue paper, paints or crayons. Get creative, you could even make some small paper flowers and stick these onto the cross. We'd love to see some photos.



Have a go at making this craft using 2 paper plates. Decorate the bottom plate with a cross. Draw an egg to represent the tomb on another plate, then cut in half. Attach together with split pins, so that the tomb opens to reveal the empty cross - Jesus is not there, he has risen!

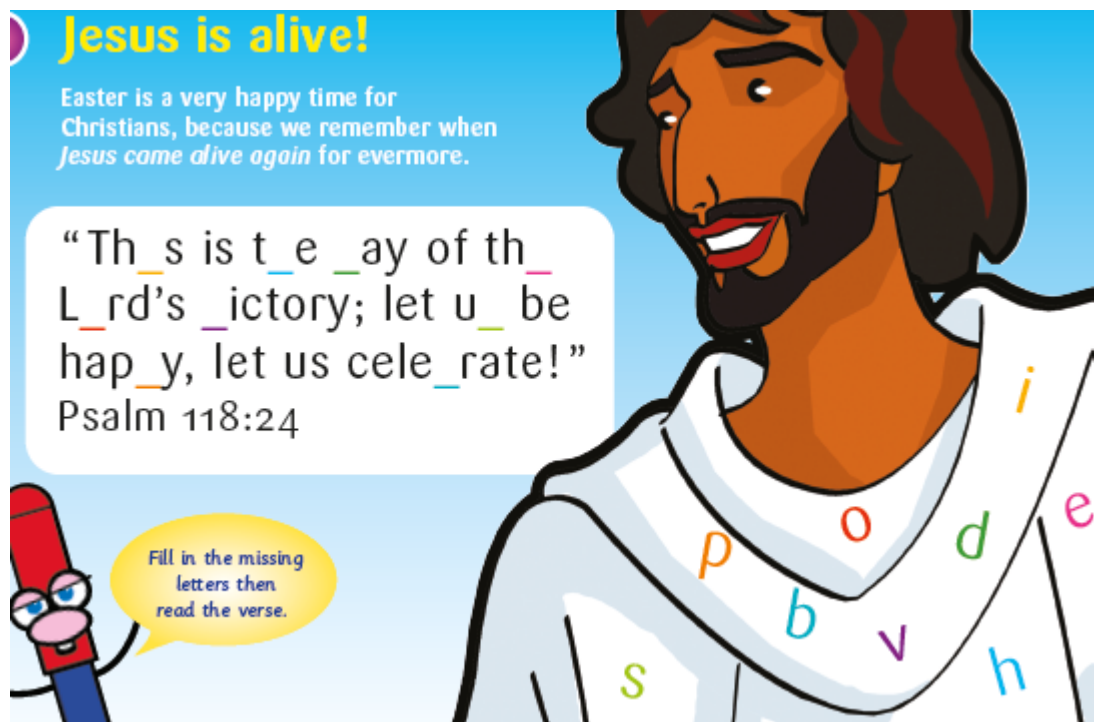


If you fancy more of a challenge, make a Resurrection Garden. Here's what you need: Old shallow plant pot or plastic ice cream tub, compost, small pot to make the tomb or a plastic cup, small stones or pebbles, some moss to cover the compost or leaves, a few twigs to make the crosses, string.



1. Fill the shallow container with compost and push the pot or cup into it to look like the empty tomb.
2. Place a larger stone to one side so it looks like the entrance to the tomb has been rolled away.
3. Decorate with smaller stones and add a bit more compost over the top of the cup.
4. Use some moss or leaves, if you like, to cover the compost a bit. Wrap a bit of string around the twigs to make cross shapes and push them into the compost.

Your resurrection garden will remind you of the Easter story.



## Prayer Time.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you so much for this Easter day, where we celebrate the resurrection of your son, Jesus. Let us rejoice and be happy because we have new life. Please help us remember all that Jesus has done for us and thank him today with our love and praise,

Amen.