

Unearthing the Truth about the Resurrection: Jesus Gives Us a Mission

Dear Parents / Caregivers:

Today is EASTER! HE IS RISEN! In our small groups, we learned about the encounter Jesus had with Mary Magdalene after He rose from the dead. We learned that Mary was given the mission to go and tell others that Jesus had risen! We can imagine how excited she must have been to deliver this message to others. The suggestions on this page will help you to continue the connection this week.

During this next week, let your kids invite a friend over and share a special treat: **RESURRECTION ROLLS**.

Ingredients

- 1 (10 ounce) can refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 8 large marshmallows
- ¼ cup melted butter
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons white sugar

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a baking sheet.
2. Separate crescent rolls into individual triangles.
3. In a small bowl, mix together cinnamon and sugar.
4. Dip a marshmallow into melted butter, then roll in sugar mixture. Place marshmallow into the center of a dough triangle. Carefully wrap the dough around the marshmallow. Pinch the seams together tightly to seal in marshmallow as it melts. Place on a baking sheet. Repeat.
5. Bake in a preheated oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes.

These tasty treats would be a great conversation starter about the Gospel story. Encourage your kids to use their Resurrection cards to tell their friends about Jesus. Be sure to make time before your guest arrive to pray for them and that the Lord would open their hearts to the Gospel message.

PRAYING IN COLOR

Praying in Color is a wonderful practice to help quiet your kids and give them a way to connect with God through the creative use of drawing and coloring.

Supplies

- Large sheet of white paper or large drawing tablet
- Crayons / Markers / Colored Pencils

Directions

1. Clear a space (table or floor space) that is free of distractions. Turn off all video and digital devices.
2. Explain to the kids that you are going to spend the next 10-15 minutes focusing our minds and hearts on God and in the process praying for people we know that need him. Spend a few moments asking for your kids to share names of friends or grownups they know that need God.
3. Lead your kids to write their names on their paper or if they cannot write have them draw a picture of that person or something that reminds them of the person. Encourage your kids to spend a few minutes building out their drawing with prayerful words (healing, health, happy, blessings, God's touch, etc).
4. After the children are done. You may ask them if they would like to mail their drawing to their friend or grownup. When you mail it, you can add a sticky note sharing that this is a Prayer done in Color!

