

St. Mary's Wollaton Park
Easter 2020 Activities for Families

A Bible story

We read the story of Good Friday from the Beginner's Bible. Can you remember how a cross, a hill, a tomb and a huge stone fit into the story?

We thought about how Good Friday got its name. It could be called "sad Friday" because Jesus died. But for us, that is good news! Jesus was being punished instead of us.

On Sunday we will read the story of Easter Sunday and be very happy because Jesus was alive again, and he can make us alive again too!

Something big to make

We have all of Easter weekend to make something big! How could you make a cross, a hill, a tomb and a stone?

- You could make an Easter garden outside with sticks and string, soil, a flower pot and a real stone (find Ali and Kate's how-to video on YouTube).
- You could make an Easter garden indoors with lolly sticks or straws, play dough or plasticine, building blocks or Lego.

On Sunday we will remember that Jesus' body was not there any more because he was alive again! You can move your "stone" to the side and look into your "tomb". You can ask each other, "Where is Jesus?" and reply, "He is not here. He is alive again!"

Something special to eat

If you can get hot cross buns, look at the cross shape while you eat them and think of Jesus dying on the cross for us. You could say thank you to him.

On Sunday we will look at a hollow chocolate Easter egg and see how it reminds us of an empty tomb. Next time you break open an Easter egg, you can remember that the tomb was empty because Jesus was alive again!

Get ready for Easter Sunday!

For Sunday's online Easter service you will need something that makes noise – shakers, drums or something from the kitchen that you can safely bang. Bring these with you to watch the service.

During the quiet parts of the service when the grown-ups want to listen, the children could do some colouring or sticking to make an Easter poster for your window. There is a template on our website www.smwp.co.uk which you can download and print ready for Sunday morning.

Music for Easter

On Sunday we'll be singing Good News and learning some actions. Here are some songs which can help us think about Easter this weekend:

- Good News by Vineyard UK Kids Worship <https://youtu.be/UHofEV7jCNQ>

- Boss of the Cross by Colin Buchanan <https://youtu.be/SMi7EnKUA5U>
- Rescuer by Rend Collective <https://youtu.be/sAg7rn7fH3Q>

These are on a YouTube playlist at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdU24OqkUml78mixaks81Mqm200A6GUTm>

Three more songs which can't be added to a playlist (new YouTube rules):

- Jesus, When You Died by Awesome Cutlery <https://youtu.be/7YwU5uFqFe0>
- Celebrate by Out of the Ark Music <https://youtu.be/rjJ7mr4DZxA>
- Victorious God by Shout Praises Kids <https://youtu.be/87rCHR2y84c>