

Easter Story Trail

Early Level

Here's how you enjoy this trail:

Print the 6 trail sheets and place them around your trail area so that the children encounter them in the right order. Decide how your children will find them.



The trail works best if the children are in small groups with an adult (or older child) supporting each group. The adult (or older child) will need to read the text and instructions, encouraging the children to take part. Plan how you'll organise the activity, to ensure everyone isn't crowding around one trail sheet at the same time.

Show the children a Children's Bible. Tell them it is a book that Christians think is very special. Find a picture of Jesus to show the children and introduce the trail saying;

"Christians believe Jesus is the son of God. They believe that God is his dad. The Bible says that Jesus is amazing. He did amazing things. Once there was a storm and Jesus said 'stop' and the wind stopped! When people were sick, he could make them better just by touching them. On our trail we're going to find out what happened to him. We're going to hear the story in the Bible that Christians remember at Easter."

Visit the trail sheets in the right order. They retell the story and include some simple instructions to engage with the story using actions and facial expressions. (If you'd like to read the story first you can find it in the Bible in Matthew 21:1-10 and Matthew 27:32-28:10.)

Each trail sheet asks the children to collect an item. They'll use this to retell the story at the last stop on the trail.

Extend the learning. You'll find some ideas on the next page.

Extend the Learning

There are lots of ideas in our free downloadable resources

tenbiblestories.org/resources/easter-death-and-resurrection-of-jesus/

Here are a few of our favourites:

Use your sand tray to help children play the Easter story. Provide sticks, pebbles and people.

Enjoy a cross themed art activity as you talk about how Jesus died.

Read the story in a Children's Bible or retell it using the story PowerPoint (free to download here:

tenbiblestories.org/resources/easter-death-and-resurrection-of-jesus/).

There are recommendations for which Bible to use in the resources.

Go on a 'cross' hunt. How many cross shapes can you find?

Decorate eggs and roll them down a hill. Talk about the stone being rolled away.

Kim's game:

Use the objects the children collected on the trail to play this memory game.



Encourage the children to explore the emotions in the story by making paper plate 'happy and sad face' puppets.

Eat hot cross buns! Or make empty tomb treats (instructions in Early Years resources)



1.

Jesus did amazing things.
Jesus rode on a donkey into
a big city called Jerusalem.
Everyone cheered and waved
branches and leaves. They thought he was
going to be a special King.



Make a face:

How did the people feel at this part of the story?

Act it out:

Can you pretend Jesus is riding on a donkey?

Can you cheer and wave?

Collect:

Can you find a branch or leaf?



2.

Some people didn't like Jesus. They made up lies about him. They said Jesus had to die. Soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Jesus died.

Make a face:

How do you think Jesus' friends felt?

Act it out:

Can you make a cross shape with your arms?

Can you pretend to hammer in a nail?

Collect:

Can you find two twigs and make a cross shape with them?



3.

When Jesus died, they wrapped his body in a cloth and put it in a tomb. That's like a cave. They rolled a big stone in front of it. Two soldiers stood in front of it.

Make a face:

How do you think Jesus' friends felt?

Act it out:

Can you pretend to roll a big stone?

Collect:

Can you find a little stone?



4.

Three days later, something amazing happened! Some women, who were Jesus' friends, went to the tomb. They wanted to put spices on his body. But when they got there, they saw the stone had been rolled away. Jesus' body wasn't there. The soldiers had fallen over. There was an angel!

Make a face:

How do you think the women felt?

Act it out:

Can you pretend to fall over like the soldiers?

Collect:

Can you find something that you can pretend is a spice?



5.

The angel said to them ‘don’t be afraid.
Jesus isn’t here, he’s alive again!’
The women ran to tell their friends.
As they ran, they met Jesus! He was alive!

Make a face:

How do you think Jesus’ friends felt?

Act it out:

Can you pretend to run like the women?

Collect:

Jesus’ body wasn’t there; the tomb was empty.

Can you find something empty?



6.

Well done! You've followed the trail and found the whole story. Can you retell it now? Can you put the objects you've collected and put them in the right order? Use them to tell the Easter story to your friends.

Make a face:

How does the story make you feel?