

Easter Themes

Cross

Art and Craft Cross Activities: coloured crosses, sandpaper crosses, natural crosses,
Outside: go on a cross hunt; make natural crosses.
Snack: Hot cross buns; crown of thorn biscuits.
Story Corner: Reading Area containing a variety of books about the Easter Story; puppets for children to retell the Easter story; story sequencing.
Writing Area: draw a picture from the Easter Story; colour an Easter story picture.
Health and Wellbeing: make happy and sad stick puppets

I found lots of crosses!

I wonder why Jesus died on a cross?

Gardens

Small World Play: Use a shoebox to make a simple Easter garden to play with.
Sand: Provide paper flowers, small people, sticks, stones etc. and allow children to explore the Easter garden.
Construction: Make an Easter garden from lego or other construction.
Outdoors: Plant seeds and grow flowers; collect items for an Easter garden and use them to make your own garden.
Role Play: Indoors: provide resources for a garden centre; Outdoors: provide resources for a potting shed.

Jesus was in a garden when the bad men arrested him.

Do you think that the seeds need water?

Resurrection

Snack: Make empty tomb treats.
Science: Investigate explosions and earthquakes.
Story Corner: Reading Area containing a variety of books about the Easter Story; puppets for children to retell the Easter story; story sequencing.
Egg Activities: marbled eggs, water resist eggs, bubble wrap eggs.
Writing Area: draw a picture from the Easter Story; write a message from the angel; design a 'He is Alive' banner; colour an Easter story picture.

I wonder why the tomb was empty!

This stone is the biggest. It is round.

Tomb

Numeracy and Mathematics: What shape was the stone? How big was it? Shape sorting; Investigation of rolling.
Construction: Use cardboard boxes to make a huge tomb, big enough for someone to crawl into. Make tombs in the hillside from lego and other construction materials.
Art and Craft: Make an angel, then find a stone to sit it on!
Outdoors: Collect stones and investigate which ones roll the best. Roll a decorated egg down a hill. Allow children to roll down a hill.
Egg Activities: marbled eggs, water resist eggs, bubble wrap eggs.
Writing Area: draw a picture from the Easter Story; write a message from the angel; colour an Easter story picture.
Snack: Make empty tomb treats.

I wonder if it will roll?

New Life

Egg Activities: marbled eggs, water resist eggs, bubble wrap eggs.
Decorate hard-boiled eggs to roll.
Plant seeds - indoors or outdoors
Water Tray: bathing babies
Science: life cycles, hatching eggs, looking after babies.

Christians believe that Jesus can give us new life.

The baby chick came out of the egg!

Your egg rolled down the hill, just like the stone rolled away from the tomb!