

Salford Elim Kid's Church

Easter Sunday

John 20:1-23

He is Risen! Happy Easter, guys, hope you have a great time celebrating our death-defeating Saviour 😊

How did you get on with the Palm Sunday and Good Friday activities? Anything to share? Please do help your children stay connected with church by sharing pictures, things they said, and anything (!) that you did using these handouts 🙌

GAME: How about a quick round of 2 Truths, 1 Lie? Each person come up with 3 statements to share with the rest of your household. 2 should be true and 1 should be a lie. You'll have to be really creative and think of truths you don't think those closest to you (literally, right now...) already know. Younger children might need a bit of help coming up with a lie about themselves, so keep this in mind.

Why, this game? To introduce the idea of trust, telling the truth and knowing who or what to believe. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the fact that Jesus rose from the dead, but even for those living at the time that it happened, some people didn't or don't believe it to be true.

DISCUSS: Imagine you were around when Jesus lived. Would you find it easy to believe those saying he must have risen from the dead, because his body was missing from the tomb? Or do you think you might question whether his followers had made it up?

WATCH: www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4

This gives a good overview of the past week 😊 Comment on anything you think your children might need an explanation on.

BIBLE BIT: Read John 20:1-15. What stands out to you? Notice how upsetting it is for Mary Magdalene to try to visit Jesus' grave, only to think it's been vandalised, his body moved or stolen. Notice the disciples go running to find out what's going on.

- For older children, highlight the parallel for many people at the moment who have lost family members and friends they care about and aren't able to go to their funeral or visit graves. Ask them to pray for those people, whether they know them or not.
- For younger children, comment on the sadness, but ask them if they know what's going to happen next.

Read verses 16-19. The disciples are locked indoors together in fear of the Jewish leaders. Ask older children why they locked themselves away, what were they afraid of. Explain to younger children why they were fearful.

- We are in our 3rd week of 'lockdown'. What are your fears? Have they changed at all over the last 3 weeks?

Read verses 19-23. Write down all the fears you shared. Maybe put each fear on a strip of paper and arrange them in a cross shape, and, in light of Jesus' words, have someone lead a prayer giving your fears over to Him asking Him to bring peace over your fears and receive the Holy Spirit. (Be sure to 'check in' with your children later in the week to ask if their fears are still bothering them.) Comment on Jesus' resurrection that doesn't just bring us joy, but gives us hope, peace and a sure future.

SONG: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLZwSre8Odw>

Have a watch and listen. Ask if there's any thoughts that came from it.

ACTIVITIES: Have a look at the Puzzle activities and see if you'd like to do any of those.

How about some good old-fashioned egg decorating and then rolling? Hard boil an egg or 2, decorate them as desire with patterns or make them into a character. Then have a go at rolling them down the garden, if you have one or

make a space in the hall! Talk about the tomb stone rolling away and see who can roll theirs the furthest.

Got any tissue paper? How about making a 'stained glass' cross to put up in your window? Something like this:



Or if you have any of your own traditions, you'd like to share with us, why not post a picture or tell us on Beyond Sunday?

Have a good week, everyone 😎