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**Where are we going?** Do an Easter egg hunt and celebrate the good news that Jesus is alive.

### ENJOY AN EASTER EGG HUNT

Can you find a way to share your celebration with others? Who could you phone or Zoom with?

You will need

- Easter eggs to hide
- Cut out egg shapes with the letters **DESSOOS LLOVES** written on them. Hide these with your eggs.

### EXPLORE JESUS RISING FROM THE DEAD

As you enjoy fun and chocolate, remember that you are celebrating Jesus. Because he lives, we have hope that not even death can take away. Before you start your egg hunt, ask a child to read the prayer below

**Pray:** Dear Father, help us today as we celebrate Jesus coming alive again. Amen

**Get going:** Send the children out on the hunt explaining what they are looking for. Can they unscramble the message?

**Link:** Eggs are all about new life. Easter is all about new life. After Jesus died his body was put in a tomb. His friends were heartbroken. As two women went to visit the grave, there were huge surprises.

**Luke 24 v 1-6, 9**

Very early on the first day of the week,

the women came to the tomb where Jesus' body was laid. They brought the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance of the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They went in, but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, two men in shining clothes suddenly stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were very afraid; they bowed their heads to the ground. The men said to the women, "Why are you looking for a living person here? This is a place for the dead. <sup>6</sup>Jesus is not here. He has risen from death! Do you remember what he said in Galilee?

<sup>9</sup>The women left the tomb and told all these things to the 11 apostles and the other followers.

### ENGAGE TOGETHER

- What were the surprises that the women found? *Stone rolled away, no body and two angels.*
- What was the great news that the angels told them? *Jesus is not dead. He is alive again.*
- How do you feel when you think about what happened? Is this news worth sharing or does it worry you that it sounds crazy?

### FINISH WITH A BIG SONG!

Could you be brave enough to sing together to enjoy this good news? Try "He has risen" by Awesome Cutlery (search for the Singalong version on YouTube). Or just sing your family's favourite song. Enjoy dancing, especially Dad dancing and Mum's moves!



# A Weekend of Wonder

## Explore and enjoy the good news of Easter with your family



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## A Meal with Jesus

**Where are we going?** Share a meal and remember Jesus, just as he told us to.

### ENJOY PITTA BREAD PIZZAS

You will need...

- Pitta breads or wraps
- Tomato passata or puree
- Grated cheese, ham or any other toppings

Spread the tomato sauce on your pitta bread. Sprinkle grated cheese on top and add any other toppings you enjoy. Cook in the oven for 10 minutes at around 180 °C, until the cheese melts.

### EXPLORE THE LAST SUPPER

Have your pizza creations and some juice ready as props for the story.

**Pray:** Dear Father, thank you for this food. Please help us today to remember Jesus together. Amen

**Get talking:** What will we remember about making these? *Making a mess, choosing toppings, burning the pizza?*

**Link:** Jesus ate his last meal with his friends before he went to the cross. He told them what he was about to do. Spot what Jesus wanted his friends to remember.

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### Luke 22 v 19-20

<sup>19</sup>Then Jesus took some bread. He thanked God for it, broke it, and gave it to the apostles. Then Jesus said, "This bread is my body that I am giving for you. Do this to remember me." <sup>20</sup>In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup and said, "This cup shows the new agreement that God makes with his people. This new agreement begins with my blood which is poured out for you."

### ENGAGE TOGETHER

- What did Jesus do before they ate? *Prayed/thanked God just like we did!*
- What did Jesus tell his friends to do? *Remember him.*
- What would you like to remember about Jesus' last meal?

### FINISH WITH A BIG CLAP!

Clap yourselves that you did it, clap that you joined in, clap to celebrate your pizza creations, clap for Jesus that he gave his life for us. Maybe even try a Mexican wave!



## A Walk with Jesus

**Where are we going?** Take a walk, remembering that wherever you go God's love goes with you because of the cross.

### ENJOY AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

You will need...

- A route for a walk with snacks and drinks
- A stick to be your *journey stick*. You could have one for each child.
- Some string or wool
- A luggage label with John 3:16 written on it, with a gap for your family to write their names.

As you walk, look out for natural treasures to add to your journey stick; perhaps a cool leaf, a colourful petal or a stray feather. Tie them to your stick using the wool.

### EXPLORE JESUS ON THE CROSS

As you sit down for your snack and drink, take a moment to hear the story of the first Good Friday

**Pray:** Dear Father, help us today as we explore your world to know you are with us and to remember your great love for us. Amen

**Get talking:** Admire your journey stick. What is the best thing you saw?

**Link:** God has given us a great world because he loves us. We can be totally sure of his love because of the cross. Jesus was put on a cross by the Roman soldiers. It was a punishment for the worst of criminals, even though he had done nothing wrong. Two men were

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put on crosses either side of Jesus. Listen out for what Jesus promises.

### Luke 23 v 39-43

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals began to shout insults at Jesus: "Aren't you the Christ? Then save yourself! And save us too!" <sup>40</sup>But the other criminal stopped him. He said, "You should fear God! You are getting the same punishment as he is. <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly; we should die. But this man has done nothing wrong!" <sup>42</sup>Then this criminal said to Jesus, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom!"

<sup>43</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Listen! What I say is true: Today you will be with me in paradise!"

### ENGAGE TOGETHER

- What did the criminals understand about Jesus? *He had power. He had done nothing wrong.*
- What did the criminals understand about themselves? *They had done wrong.*
- What amazing promise did Jesus make to the man? *He would be with Jesus in heaven.*
- Do you think guilty people being allowed into heaven is good news or bad news?

### FINISH WITH A BIG THANK YOU!

Do you want to make your journey stick into a cross shape? Add your label with your names written in the gap. Say a one sentence 'Thank you' prayer to God for loving you enough to send Jesus to die for you.

“For God loved   
so much that he gave his  
only Son. God gave his Son so  
that whoever believes in him  
may not be lost, but have  
eternal life.” John 3:16

