

Primary Years Encouragement – 07.04.2020

**“Do not be afraid. Jesus is not here. He has risen, He is alive!”
Matthew 28:5-7**

Hello everyone

What an amazing weekend we have just had, weather wise. I hope you were all able to enjoy the warmth of the sun in some way..... I have been loving taking a walk to our local shops to get food everyday.... It gives me something to do and it also gives me some exercise and fresh air.

For the past few days I have noticed that people are buying Easter Eggs. I am sure that you have bought one or two as well. Being someone who loves chocolate, particularly Cadbury’s, Lindt or Galaxy, are a firm favourite in my household.

But Easter is not just about chocolate eggs. There is a far bigger and better story about Easter. May this weeks encouragement bring joy to your heart.....

Activity

Making An Easter Garden



You could use this activity whilst reading the story together

Game

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt Style

1. Find a spoon
2. Find something red
3. Find 2 socks that match
4. Find something that has wheels
5. Find a pen

6. Find a book
7. Find a sticker
8. Find something that is soft
9. Find a game
10. Find an Easter Egg

Have Fun 😊

Story

Jesus Is Risen!

When I was younger the Easter Eggs I used to get from my parents had no contents inside. I remember being disappointed that there were no sweets or something inside, even though the chocolate was delicious. The real story surrounding Easter teaches us all about Jesus, how he died on a cross and then came back to life again, even though the tomb was empty!

This story in the Bible happened three days after Jesus died on the cross. Mary Magdalene and another Mary (family friend) went to visit the tomb where Jesus had been buried. When they arrived the large stone that was in front of the tomb had been rolled away. Inside the tomb was empty! Imagine how disappointed the ladies would have felt that Jesus was not in there. But then something quite extraordinary happened. An angel appeared and said “Do not be afraid. Jesus is not here. He has risen!” Go and tell Peter and the other disciples that Jesus is alive!”.

Every time I read the stories around Easter, I get goose bumps! Jesus died for me because he loves me. He then rose from the dead to give me a hope that one day I will see him for myself and there will be no more tears and no more suffering.

This Easter story is for you too. Jesus doesn't just love me, he loves you and the whole wide world.

Paws For Thought

Who were the two ladies that went to Jesus' tomb?

What happened when they got to the tomb?

How did they feel when they saw that the tomb was empty?

What did the Angel say to the two ladies?

What is so exciting about the real story of Easter?

Encouragement

As you spend time together as a family this week preparing for Easter, try to enjoy the precious moments that this lockdown is revealing. From playing games together, to clapping to our NHS, teachers, fire service, police, shop keepers and many more. Moments like these will carry us all in the days that lie ahead. Why not share these precious moments with us and maybe in a couple of weeks, we could put together a video together, it would be lovely to see/hear from you.

Prayer

Father God

Thank you for the story of Easter.

Thank you for the new life we celebrate at Easter.

Thank you for our friends and family and for all the love and good things in our life.

In Jesus name

Amen

Worship Song

Alive (Hillsong Young And Free)

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

Happy Easter everyone.....

If you need any craft supplies, food and toiletries, or just a phone chat over coffee, please call me on 07969959442.

Every blessing

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