

Easter Craft: Resurrection Garden



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Supplies

- A bowl, pan, any large dish you don't mind getting dirty
- potting soil
- small cup or flower pot
- grass seed
- slender twigs
- string
- scissors
- pebbles
- rocks the size of the cup opening
- fake greenery (optional)
- sturdy disposable plates (optional)

You may want to cover your craft table with plastic! This craft can be messy!

Make a Garden

Give each child a pan, and set out the remaining supplies. Have kids follow these steps.

- Fill the pie pan about half full with potting soil.
- Lay the cup on its side in the middle of the pan. This will be the empty tomb.
- Put a little dirt inside the cup and press down to help it stay in place.
- Cover the cup with potting soil, pressing it down to make a firm mound.
- Sprinkle the mound of dirt with grass seed.
- Press it into the soil and top with more soil. Pat down.
- Break the twigs into three tall pieces and three shorter pieces.
- To make crosses, pair each tall twig piece with a shorter piece. Wrap string diagonally around both twig pieces to hold them together, and then tie to hold the cross pieces in place.
- Stick the three crosses into the dirt behind the tomb.
- Set a rock to the side of the tomb entrance to represent the stone that was rolled away.
- Use pebbles to make a path in front of the tomb.
- If fake greenery is available, add it around the scene to further decorate.

Talk About It

Ask: Close your eyes and try to picture Jesus' empty tomb. How does your garden look like that? How is it different?

Say: When you water your garden, you'll see grass start to grow in a week or two. That grass can remind you that Jesus is alive. Jesus came back to life so we can live forever. The grass won't live forever, but you will when you believe in Jesus.

Have kids use their crafts to tell their friends and family about Jesus' resurrection and why we celebrate Easter.