

## Easter Family Craft Ideas

### 1. Make Your Own Stations of the Cross

**You Will Need:** A list of the stations of the cross (you can find this on Google), various dressing up clothes, a camera (social media is optional).

Look at the traditional stations of the cross and recreate them yourselves, taking photos as you go. They don't have to be too accurate or serious!

As you do so you can talk about what Jesus' journey to the cross would have been like in real life. How did you feel when recreating these scenes? Which one was the hardest? Which one spoke to you the most? Why?

### 2. Easter Story Scenes

**You Will Need:** Modelling clay or playdough

It's simple, just use the clay or playdough to create characters or scenes from the Easter story.

As you do, talk about which of the characters in the Easter story you most associate with? Is it Peter, who isn't brave enough to stick with Jesus when things get scary? Is it Judas, who betrays Jesus for his own greed? Is it Pilate, who gives in to peer pressure? Or maybe its Barabbas, the criminal who gets set free in exchange for Jesus?

### 3. Easter Chalk Drawing

**You Will Need:** Chalk, some sunshine

If it's a sunny day why not brighten up your neighbours day by going outside and drawing some pictures on your house, wall or pavement. You could draw a rainbow, a cross, an empty tomb, or whatever you like. You could write a message too, perhaps "Jesus is alive!" or something like that?

### 4. Easter Kim's Game

**Warning, this one is a bit more involved, but it's good fun if you've got all the stuff in your house!**

**You Will Need:** A tray, silver coins, a bar of soap, olives, a bread roll, a small wooden cross, a nail, a dice, a small round rock, a piece of white material, an angel figure, and finally a towel or cloth big enough to cover the tray and all the items on it.

Place all the items on the tray and cover with the cloth or towel. Invite the group to sit around and uncover. Ask everyone to look at the items and memorise them. Then cover it over again and remove one item without them seeing which one. Remove the cloth again and ask them which item is missing. When they guess correctly, ask them to guess what all the items mean.

The meanings are as follows:

- Coins: Because Judas betrayed Jesus for coins
- Soap: Jesus washed his disciples feet on Maundy Thursday
- Olives: Jesus prayed on the mount of Olives
- Bread Roll: The last supper
- Cross: It's obvious, right?
- Nail: Jesus was nailed to the cross
- Dice: The soldiers gambled to see who would get Jesus' clothes

- Rock: To represent the stone that sealed the tomb
- Material: The grave clothes
- Angel figure: The angels that rolled the stone away and appeared to Mary to tell her Jesus was risen from the dead!

### **5. Fingerprint Crosses**

**You'll Need:** Some paper in the shape of a cross, or a cross drawn or printed on a sheet of paper, some paint.

Dip your fingertips in the paint and use them to write your name on the cross. As you do so talk about how, when Jesus died on the cross, he did it for you and me – in order to take the punishment that we deserved for all the times we'd broken God's laws.

### **6. Make Your Own Empty Tomb Centrepiece**

**You'll Need:** a cardboard box (e.g. an empty cereal box), some scissors, some black and grey paint, some felt tip pens.

Paint the box grey on the outside and black on the inside. Cut out a big hole to be the entrance to the tomb, and keep the cut out section to be the stone that was rolled away. Write on it in big colourful letters "He is not here – He is risen!"

If you want to get really creative you could make an empty bed with some folded grave clothes inside the tomb too!