

# EASTER GARDEN CRAFT

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- A container –an old shoe box, tray, or basket would be great.
- Some sticks and string/thread/wool for making three crosses.
- A pot to make the tomb
- A flat stone a similar size to the top of the pot, to make the entrance.
- Soil, moss/grass/plants/pebbles/stones If gathering these from a wood or park, please be careful not to harm nature.
- A small scrap of white cloth (or tissue/kitchen roll)

## LET'S MAKE THE GARDEN

1. Set your pot on its side and cover the tray and the pot with a layer of soil.
2. Create a mound of soil—a hill in your Easter garden.
3. Cover the garden in foliage (moss/grass/plants/flowers).
4. Using the string and the twigs, create three small crosses.
5. Place these on top of the hill
6. If you would like to, you could read this part of the Easter story in the bible. You will find it in Mark 15: 21-41 (if you don't have a Bible, you can find this online [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)—try the CEV translation)

## THINKING TIME

After you have read the passage in the bible you could spend some time thinking with you child about the following:

Who saw the crucifixion? How many different characters can you see mentioned in the reading?

Do you think they were pleased to see Jesus die? Why/why not?

What impact did this have on the Roman centurion standing nearby?



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## JESUS IN THE TOMB

1. Cut a strip of cloth (could be paper towel or toilet paper) and wrap a stone with it to represent Jesus' body.
2. Place this in the tomb and place the large flat stone across the entrance.
3. If you would like to, read Mark 15:42-47.

## THINKING TIME

Why might it have been a brave thing for Joseph of Arimathea to ask Pilate for Jesus' body?

Who else saw where the body was laid?

What do you think the next day was like for Joseph, the women and the disciples?

## JESUS' RESURRECTION

1. Roll back the stone from the tomb entrance.
2. Unwrap and throw away the stone.
3. Leave the cloths inside the tomb.
4. Add any other finishing touches to your scene e.g. pebble footpaths etc.
5. If you would like to, Read Mark 16:1-8

## THINKING TIME

What were the women expecting to find when they got to the tomb?

Can you think of at least three things that were surprising or shocking for the women?

What surprises or shocks you about the Easter story?

Where are you going to place your Easter garden?

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