

ENCOURAGING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Inseparable Easter

"HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS...TO DWELL IN UNITY" PS 133:1

opening prayer

MAY THE GOD OF ALL PATIENCE AND CONSOLATION GRANT TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY THAT WE MAY LIVE IN PERFECT HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER. WITH ONE HEART, MAY WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD OUR FATHER AND TO JESUS CHRIST OUR BROTHER. IN THE UNITY AND LOVE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN

scripture

ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, A MARY OF MAGDALA CAME TO THE TOMB EARLY IN THE MORNING, WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK, AND SAW THE STONE REMOVED FROM THE TOMB. SO SHE RAN AND WENT TO SIMON PETER AND TO THE OTHER DISCIPLE WHOM JESUS LOVED, AND TOLD THEM, "THEY HAVE TAKEN THE LORD FROM THE TOMB, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY PUT HIM." SO PETER AND THE OTHER DISCIPLE WENT OUT AND CAME TO THE TOMB. THEY BOTH RAN, BUT THE OTHER DISCIPLE RAN FASTER THAN PETER AND ARRIVED AT THE TOMB FIRST; HE BENT DOWN AND SAW THE BURIAL CLOTHS THERE, BUT DID NOT GO IN. WHEN SIMON PETER ARRIVED AFTER HIM, HE WENT INTO THE TOMB AND SAW THE BURIAL CLOTHS* THERE, AND THE CLOTH THAT HAD COVERED HIS HEAD, NOT WITH THE BURIAL CLOTHS BUT ROLLED UP IN A SEPARATE PLACE. THEN THE OTHER DISCIPLE ALSO WENT IN, THE ONE WHO HAD ARRIVED AT THE TOMB FIRST, AND HE SAW AND BELIEVED. FOR THEY DID NOT YET UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURE THAT HE HAD TO RISE FROM THE DEAD.

lesson

JESUS IS ALIVE AND IN OUR MIDST AND HE WELCOMES US IN A NEW LIFE WITH HIM

activity

Hand Print Easter Lilies

MATERIALS

- WHITE PAPER
- PENCIL
- SCISSORS
- GREEN AND YELLOW PIPE CLEANERS
- TAPE
- RIBBON



DIRECTIONS

1. TRACE YOUR HAND ON WHITE PAPER AND CUT OUT.
2. TAKE A SHORT LENGTH OF YELLOW PIPE CLEANER AND TWIST IT TO THE END OF A LONG GREEN PIPE CLEANER SO THE ENDS STICK UP LIKE A "V" WITH DROOPY EARS. THIS IS THE FLOWER'S CENTER.
3. WRAP THE HAND PRINT AROUND THE TOP OF THE GREEN PIPE CLEANER AND TAPE IN PLACE.
4. WRAP RIBBON AROUND THE STEMS TO MAKE A NICE BOUQUET

treat

Empty Tomb Treat

INGREDIENTS



- ~MINI CHOCOLATE DONUTS
- ~MINI COOKIES
- ~GREEN GEL FOOD COLORING
- ~SHREDDED COCONUT
- ~PEANUT BUTTER OR FROSTING
- ~GRAHAM CRACKERS
- ~TOOTHPICKS

DIRECTIONS

1. SPREAD A THICK LAYER OF PEANUT BUTTER OR FROSTING ONTO A GRAHAM CRACKER.
2. CUT THE BOTTOM 1/4 OFF THE MINI CHOCOLATE DONUT AND PRESS THE DONUT AND MINI COOKIE INTO THE PEANUT BUTTER OR FROSTING.
2. PLACE THE SHREDDED COCONUT INTO A SEALABLE PLASTIC BAG. STIR OR SHAKE IN DROPS OF GREEN GEL FOOD COLORING INTO THE BAG OF COCONUT UNTIL YOUR DESIRED COLOR HAS BEEN REACHED.
3. SPRINKLE THE GREEN COCONUT GRASS ONTO THE PEANUT BUTTER OR FROSTING.
4. PRINT AND CUT OUT THE PAPER BANNERS. ASSEMBLE THE BANNER BY FOLDING THE BANNER AROUND A TOOTHPICK AND GLUING TO SECURE. INSERT THE TOOTHPICK BANNER INTO THE DONUT.

