

Children's Worship Lesson April 26th, 2020

Focus Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 36–42

Purpose: To explore the good news community.

Preparation:

Several dolls

Craft sheet printed

Scissors, Glue, Crayons

Optional: battery operated candle

Yellow cloth for worship area

Lighting the Christ Candle:

We light this candle to remember that God is always with us!

Sing:

Come into God's Presence

Sing this as a unison song or as a round



Come in - to God's pres - ence sing -ing, "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia."

Prayer:

Dear God,

help us to share the good news with everyone.

May they see your love in everything that we say or do.

Amen.

Additional verses:

Come into God's presence singing:

Joy to the world.

Introducing the Theme

Last week we learned how excited Peter was to tell the good news about Jesus. The disciples and Peter started going out and preaching in the streets of Jerusalem. "Come and hear the good news!" they would shout. Soon many people felt the excitement and started to join with them. They were baptized and they met in people's homes to worship together and to hear stories of Jesus. This was how the early church began. More and more people learned about Jesus. The church grew and grew.

Visitor Search and Welcome:

This week we will pretend that we are welcoming these early Christians. Invite the child(ren) to search for dolls you have hidden around the room. Each time a visitor is found chant

"We've learned the good news. Would you like to hear? Jesus loves you. Come join us here."

When all the "visitors" are found sit in a circle and welcome the guests.

Exploring the Theme - Celebrating the Good News Today

Because these early Christians shared the good news, we are here - worshipping together in this church. Now we too can share the good news and invite others to hear the story. Let's help our visitors understand what we do in this church each week as followers of Jesus.

Jesus encouraged us to talk with God. What do think we can talk to God about? When we pray we feel closer to God, right?

Cut and mount separately

We Gather to Pray



Bible: The early Christians had only one part of our bible. The old testament. Stories of Jesus were told over and over. Later these stories were written down and collected to put into the new testament.

Singing: What are some of your favorite songs we sing in Church? Let's sing one for our visitors.

Offering Basket: One of the ways we show our love for God is offering something back to God – to give our offering. Can you tell me some of the things in our Church our offerings go

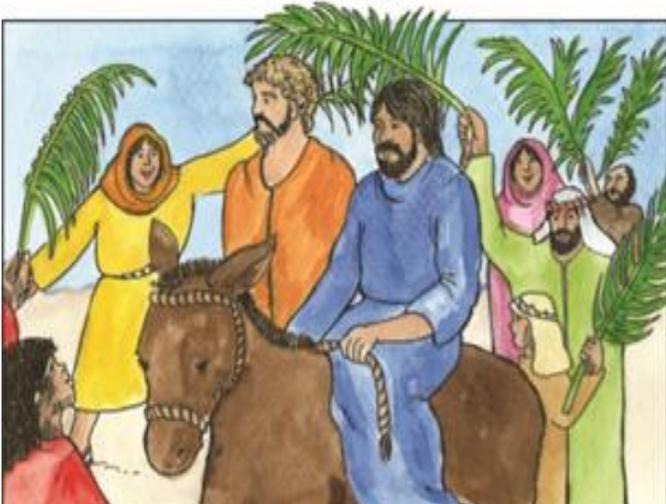
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Food: Some Sunday's throughout the year we share some food and drink in a very special way? Can you tell me what that is? Explain Communion.

Water: Early Christians were baptized to show they were followers of Jesus. How do we baptize people in our Church?

Sharing the Good News with our visitors: Have the child(ren) retell the Easter story. *Do not worry if they do not have all the details correct. The purpose of this exercise is to reinforce that children can tell the good news.*

The Palm Parade



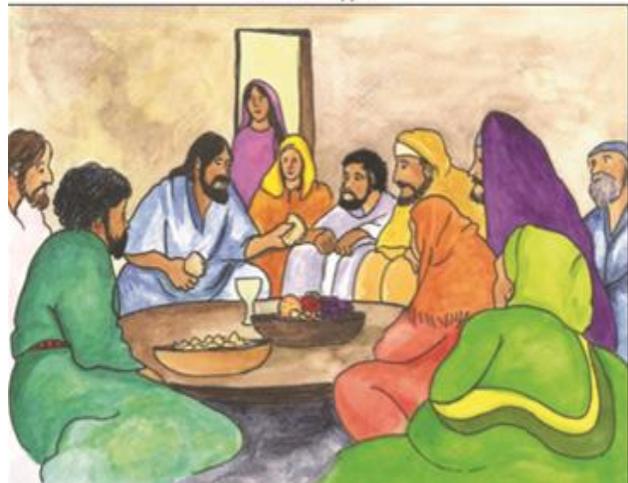
The Empty Tomb



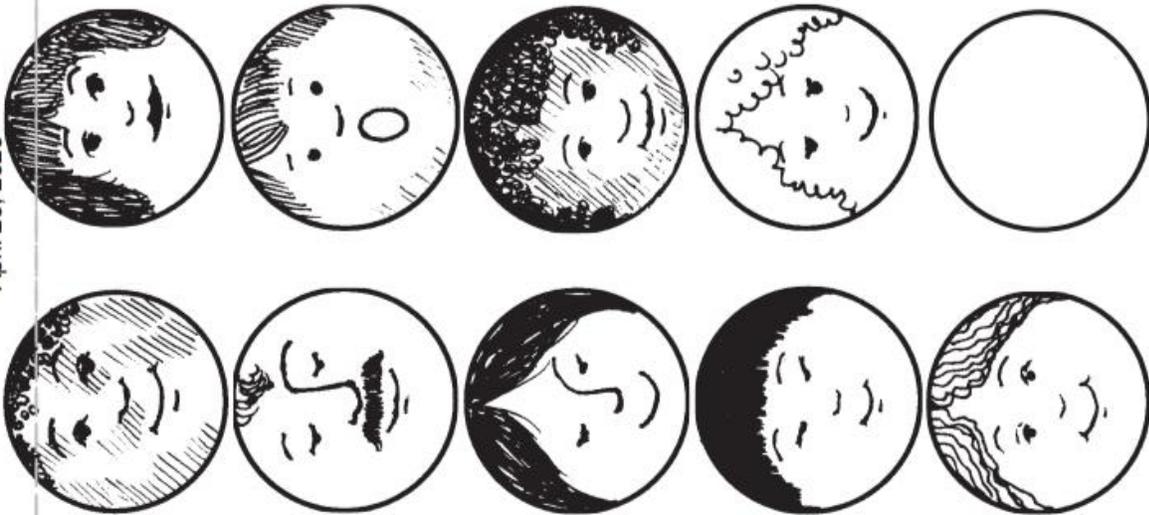
The Three Crosses



The Last Supper



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"Good News Label" to place on balloon string:

Spread the Good News

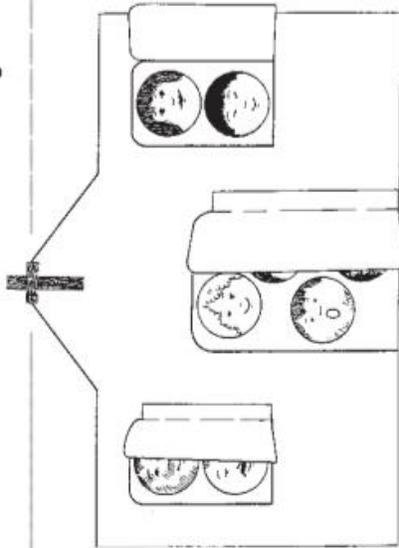
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Spread the good news that Jesus is risen,

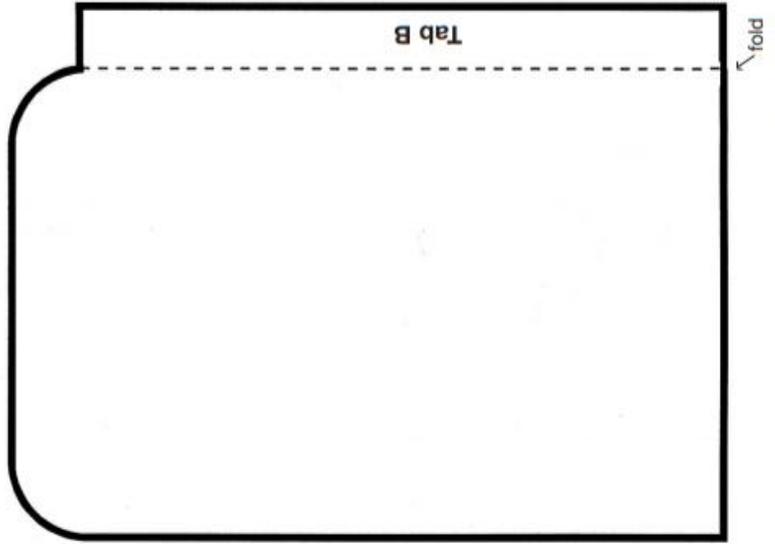
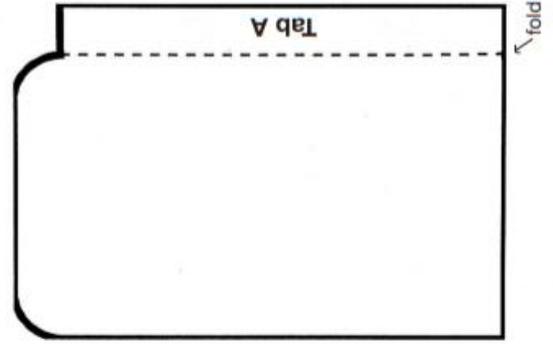
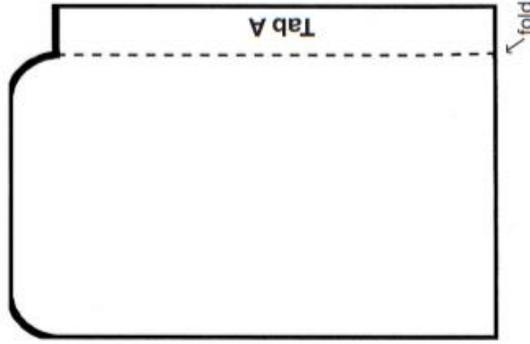
Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen.

Spread the good news that Jesus is risen -

spread it everywhere.



To attach windows and door to the church, glue the tabs to the shaded area.



We Are the Church Together #2



A large rectangular area containing three glue tabs for a craft project. Each glue tab is a rounded rectangle with a dashed circle cutout. The top glue tabs are labeled "Glue tab A" and the middle one is labeled "Glue tab B".