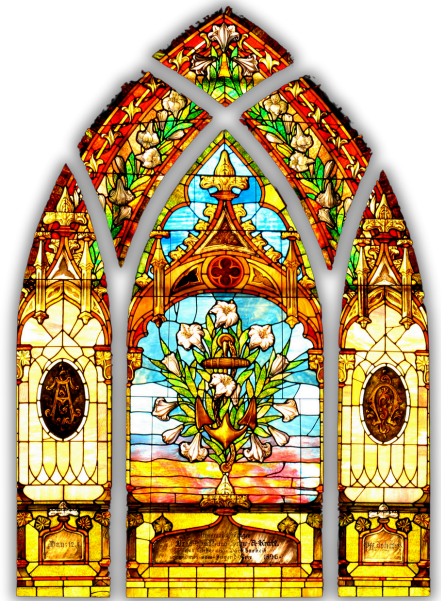


The Good News!

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Family Activities
to Celebrate the
Resurrection

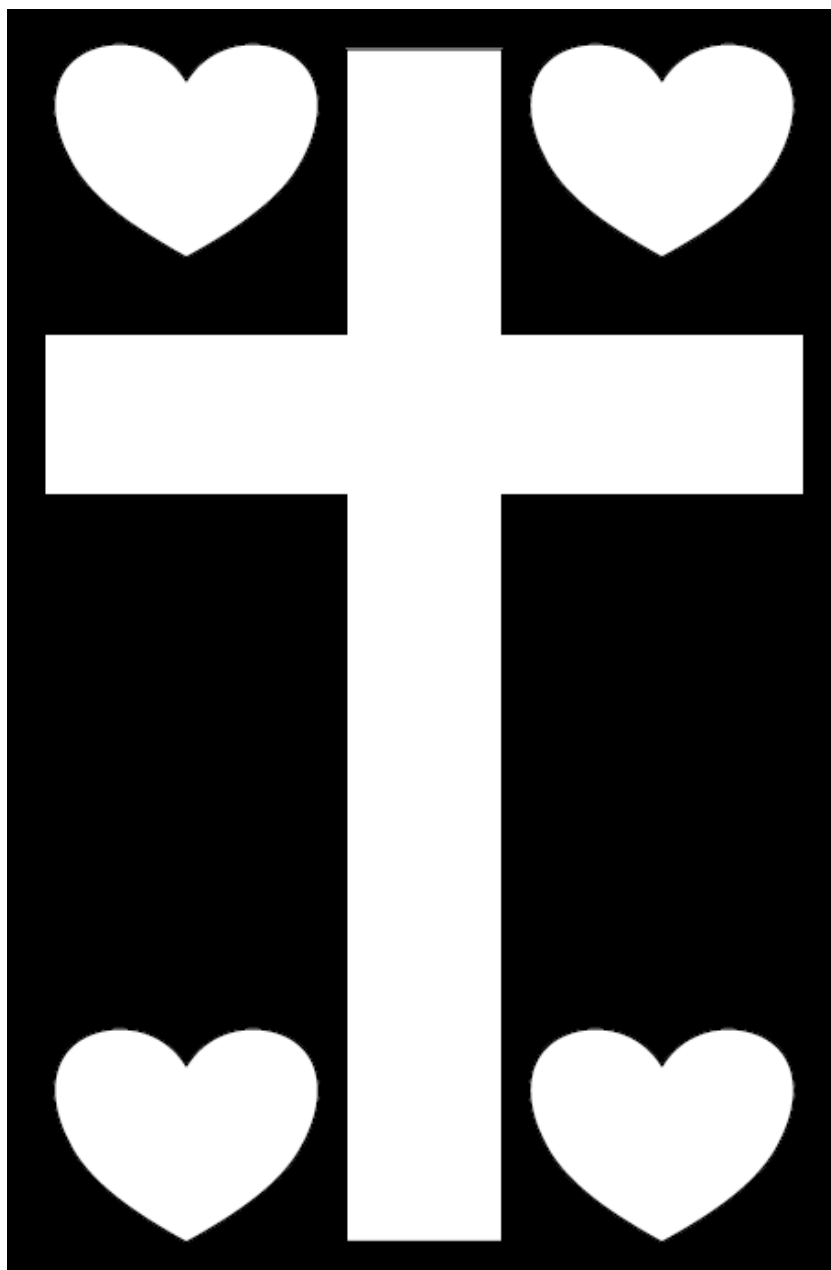
Stained Glass Window Cards



Create a beautiful, personalized reminder of the good news of the Gospel.

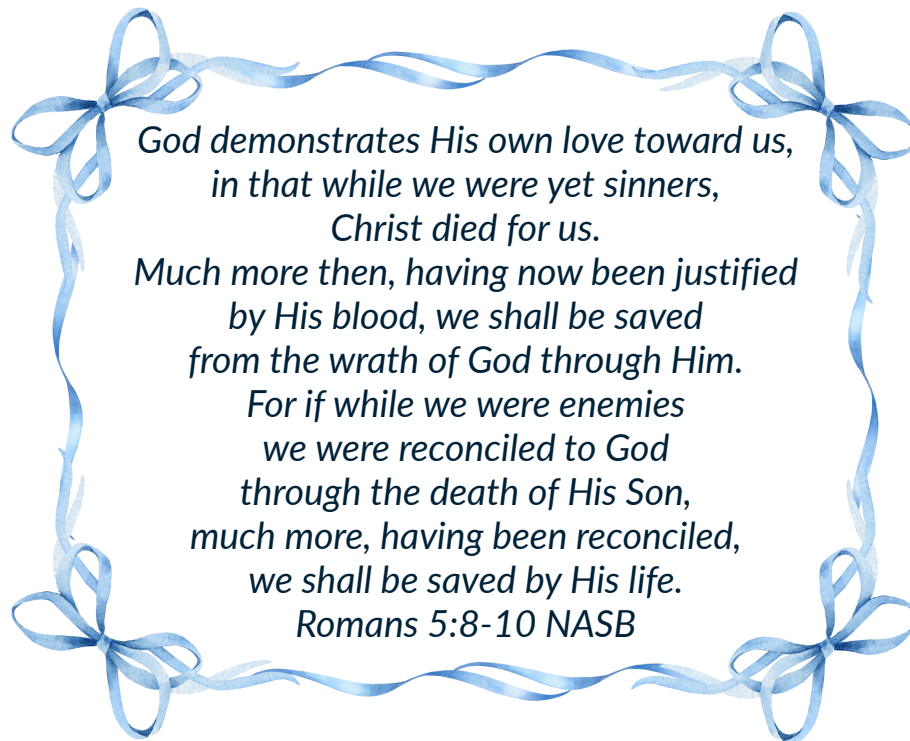
1. For each card, print one set of card cut-outs on the next two pages. Use cardstock if possible for the cross and heart design. You are welcome to make multiple copies of these pages for your family.
2. Cut out the verses and the black rectangle. Within the rectangle, carefully cut out the cross and hearts, leaving the black parts intact in one rectangle.
3. Cut a piece of white cardstock to 5 ¼ inches x 8 inches.
4. Tear tissue paper of various colors into small pieces, each piece about 1 inch across.
5. Using a glue stick, completely cover one side of the 5 ¼ x 8-inch piece of paper with tissue paper pieces. It is okay if the pieces overlap slightly.
6. Glue the black rectangle (with the cross and hearts cut out) onto the side of the card that is decorated with tissue paper. The colored tissue paper will show through the cross and hearts to resemble a stained glass window.
7. Fold a piece of white or yellow construction paper in half horizontally. Glue your “stained glass window” to the front.
8. Glue the Bible verse and the greeting on the inside of the card. Write a personal note and sign the inside of the card. You may also want to draw pictures on the inside.

Stained Glass Window Card Cut-Outs



Stained Glass Window Card Cut-Outs

Inside Left



Inside Right



Resurrection Story Eggs



A fun way to discover the Resurrection story!

1. Purchase a package of 12 inexpensive pastel plastic eggs.
2. Print the verses on the next page and cut them apart.
3. Fold up the strips and put one strip in each egg. Add a piece of candy or two!
4. Hide the eggs and have children find them.
5. As a family, put the verses in order, then read the story together.



LUKE 24:1-12 NASB

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing;

and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead?"

He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee,

saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

And they remembered His words,

and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles.

But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them.

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.



Celebrate with Special Breads



Take part in a delicious tradition!

Many countries have a traditional bread that is baked and enjoyed as part of the Resurrection celebration. Ukrainians make a mushroom-shaped bread with raisins called Babka. One Greek tradition is a braided loaf called Tsoureki, decorated on top with hard-boiled eggs dyed red. In the Netherlands, the traditional bread is Paasbrood, which is filled with sweet almond paste. The Portuguese make Pao Doce flavored with saffron. Hot Cross Buns are traditional in England. They get their name from a cross shape on top made with icing. Italy's best-known traditional bread is Colomba Pasquale, which means Easter dove bread. It contains candied citrus peel and is formed into a bird shape.

Baking special breads to enjoy with loved ones as part of the Resurrection celebration is a time-honored tradition. You can find good recipes for these traditional breads online or at your library, or you can simply bake a family favorite, such as banana bread or blueberry muffins. A trip to the bakery for a special loaf works, too!

BRING Fresh Flowers INSIDE



Spring flowers are beautiful gifts from God!

Fresh flowers are a beautiful sign of spring and reminder of our loving, creative God. If you have any flowers growing in your yard, go outside as a family and pick or cut some to decorate the table for Resurrection Sunday. It's also special to take a trip together to a florist (or grocery store) to select a bouquet or potted bulbs. You don't have to spend much.

Carnations, mums, and baby's breath are inexpensive and long-lasting.



RECORD THE Resurrection Story



Record a treasure for your family to keep!

Choose one of the narratives of the Resurrection story from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John in the Bible. Divide the verses among the members of your family. For any family members who are not yet reading, give them short phrases to say. Select a director to point to each person when it is his or her turn to read. Read through the story aloud once or twice for practice. Record your family reading the Resurrection story on a phone, computer, or other device. Don't be concerned about mistakes! This will be a special keepsake everyone will enjoy listening to in years to come. (Store a backup copy of the file online or on an external drive!)



Good News

Basket, Box, or Bag



Encouraging others with the Good News.

Do you know a person or family who could use encouragement? Perhaps you know a family that is dealing with an illness or grieving the loss of a loved one. Maybe you've heard about a lonely widow or widower, or someone who recently moved to your area. Anyone can be in this category, because we can all use encouragement any time! All of these family activities can be combined into a way to love and serve another person or family. A basket (or gift bag) tied with a pretty bow containing a handmade card, Resurrection story eggs, a baked good, fresh flowers, and a copy of your family reading the Resurrection story would bring joy and be a wonderful reminder of the good news that Jesus rose from the dead!

Teaching the Heart, Soul, and Mind



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