

Hope Fellowship Church

# E A S T E R

## R E S U R R E C T I O N G A R D E N

**Make a Resurrection Garden that you add to throughout the week and give your kids a hands on Easter lesson they will love.**

Be creative and have fun! Add toy people, stone paths, little trees and more if you like. This is a fun craft to do throughout the week or it can be done in one afternoon with the kids. See what you can find around the house so you don't have to make a special trip to the store. Tell the stories and read the scriptures or keep it simple and just talk about Jesus and Easter as you create.

**Palm Sunday:** Fill the bottom of a pie plate or shallow planter base with small stones. Reflect on Christ as the Cornerstone of the Church. Matthew 21:33-46

If you want, add dirt and grass seed, water daily and watch it grow!

**Monday of Holy Week:** Add a mini flower pot or cup to create a tomb. Read about the Last Supper and reflect on Jesus' question of "For who is greater, the one who is at the table, or the one who serves?" Luke 22:7-38

**Tuesday:** Arrange moss on one side of the tomb and bowl to create a green hillside. Read and reflect on Christ's prayer to his Father of "May your will be done," in the Garden of Gethsemane. Matthew 26:36-46

**Wednesday through Good Friday:** Add one cross each day, leaving the center cross for Good Friday. You can make crosses out of sticks and string or popsicle sticks glued together. Read Luke 23:26-46. Reflect and ask God to forgive your own sins.

**Saturday:** Place a large stone in front of the 'tomb' to seal it. Read John 19:38-42. What would your life be like without God's love?

**Easter Sunday:** Rejoice! He has risen! Roll away the stone from the entrance of the tomb. Read Matthew 28. Take time to thank God for his precious gift of love!

