



The Bible is like a library made up of 66 books written by many different people over many years.

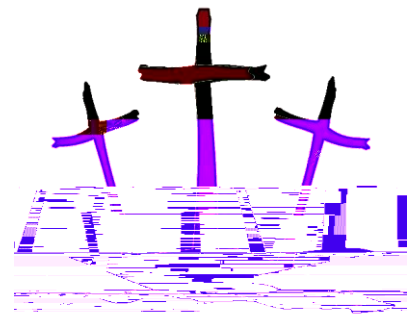
The Old Testament books were written before Jesus was born. They are the holy stories he would have grown up hearing and reading. There are 39 of these.

The New Testament tells us the stories of Jesus and his followers. There are 27 books in the New Testament.

*Can you find
and colour the
book on the
bookshelf that
this week's
story is from?*

*If you have a
Bible, see if
you can find
the story in
there.*

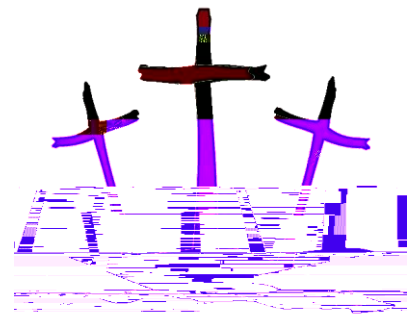
*You could print this
out once and colour
each new book on
the bookshelf as you
read stories from it.*



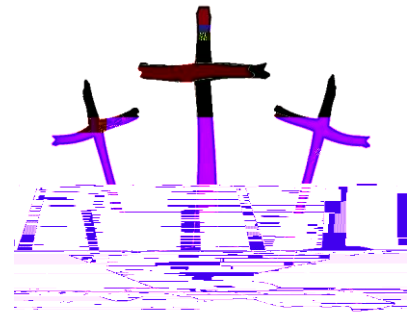
Now, brothers, I want you to remember the Good News I brought to you. You received this Good News, and you continue strong in it. And you are saved by this Good News. But you must continue believing what I told you. If you do not, then you believed for nothing.

I passed on to you what I received. And this was the most important: that Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say; that he was buried and was raised to life on the third day as the Scriptures say; and that he showed himself to Peter and then to the twelve apostles. After that, Jesus showed himself to more than 500 of the believers at the same time. Most of them





This activity plays with the idea that we sometimes only believe something if we have seen it. Have a stack of fascinating situations (a few are given as suggestions) and take it in turns to choose one and read it out. Then, anyone who has seen it, shouts out "That's true I have seen it!" I13(-)-3(h)4(19A)-3(h)4(19A)-3(h)4(19A)-JTJET



Each day over a mealtime, have a quick conversation. Here are a few questions to get you going:

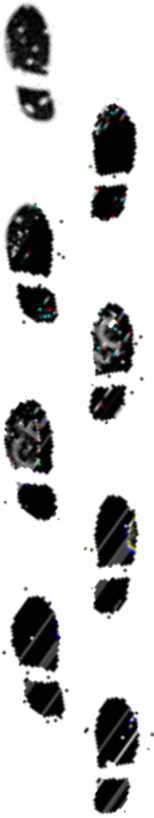
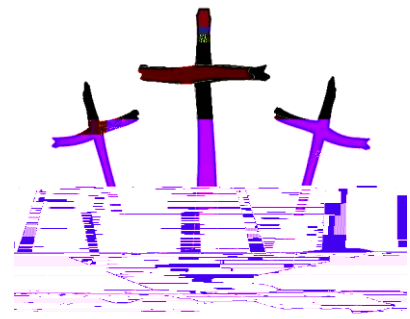
- o I wonder why Jesus showed himself to so many people when he came back from the dead?*
- o What difference does it make to your life, that Jesus is alive?*
- o Have you ever felt God's love through someone else? Share your stories together.*
- o If Jesus was to stand right in front of you, in the flesh, right now, what would you want to say to him?*
- o Who can you pass God's love to this week and how?*



What treasures can you find to put in the box for your little ones to explore?

Perhaps older children could help find the things.

Use a box or a bag to hold the treasures and





a hollow chocolate egg

Look at the closed egg. Think about the tomb where Jesus' friends put his body after he had died. Now open the two halves and think about the empty tomb.

The tomb was empty and Jesus alive - who do you want to pass the good news on to? Talk to God about the people you would like to share the good news with. Perhaps someone who is worried or lonely or feeling poorly.

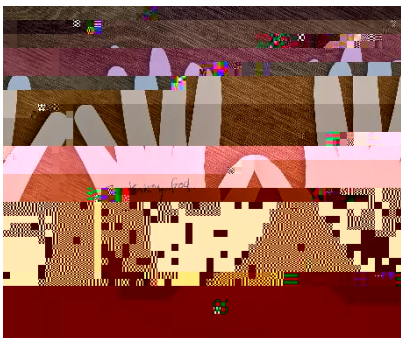
Break one half of the egg into pieces and put them into the other half. Now pass the egg around and invite others to take a piece and pass it to someone else saying 'Jesu



Throughout the Easter story we see different images of Jesus' hands; breaking bread, washing feet, praying, and praising. As we think about passing on the message of Jesus' resurrection, take some time to look at your own hands.

Find a comfy spot and sit quietly looking at your hands, thinking about how you have used your hands to help and be kind to others. Ask God to help you to use your hands to be like Jesus.

You could draw round your hands and write your prayer on them and then put them somewhere to remind you.



Prayer

*Thank you, God, for hands.
Hands to hold, hands to wave,
hands that pray, hands that help.*

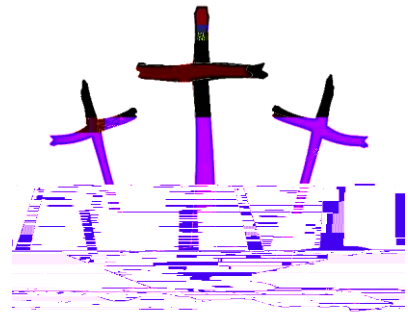
We offer our hands to you and all who need them.

*Help us to use our hands to show kindness,
patience, and love.*

May our hands be like your hands.

Amen





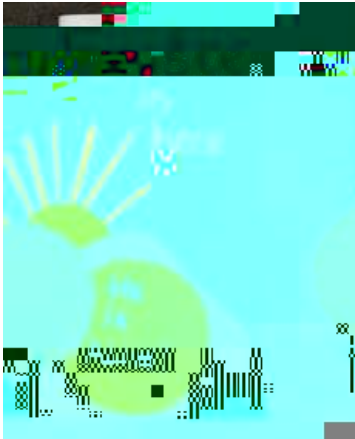
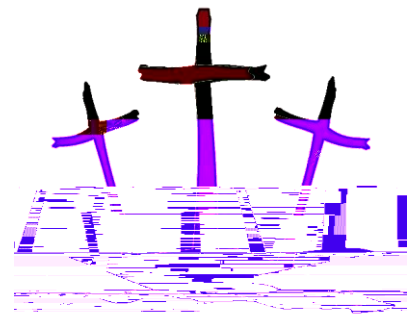
*A large piece of paper
Coloured paper
Flowers or other items to create your display*

Think about the message you want to pass on.

Create a window display or an outside display which will be seen as people pass by.

Here are some ideas:

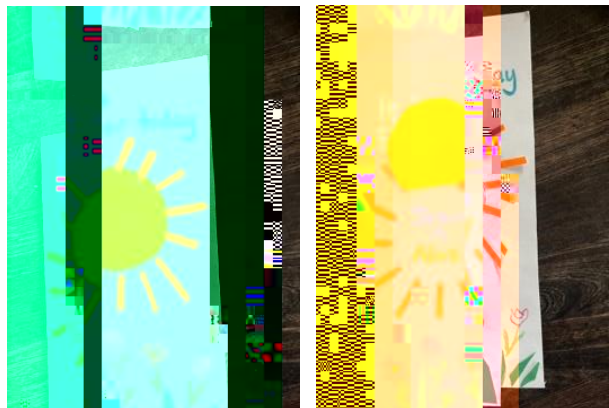
- < Letters displayed in boxes or squares to create a colourful message.*
- < Pictures or words which tell the Easter story to the world.*
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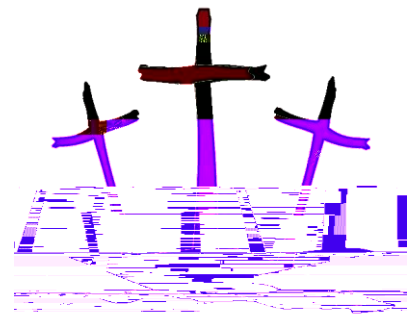


Card
Some paper to decorate it
A split pin

Create an Easter Card to give to someone with a hidden message which can be revealed to them, just as the Easter message has been revealed to people in different ways for many years.

You can use a split pin to reveal a message or cut a hole out of the front of the card and cover it over so that it is revealed by lifting the flap. Or maybe you can find other ways of having a message revealed and being passed on.





*A sponge recipe or a bought sponge mix
Some icing or frosting
Some eggs or cake decorations to decorate them
Some nice cupcake cases.*



*Make your cakes using the recipe or the bought sponge mix.
Decorate them any way you wish, using frosting and decorations.
Make them extra special adding gold eggs or even little flags with the message 'Christ Is Risen' or 'God Loves you'.*

Now pass them on to someone else, remembering how the message of God's love at Easter has been passed on for over 2000 years.



*Ingredients: 200g golden caster sugar
 200g unsalted butter, softened plus extra for the tins
 4 large eggs
 200g self-raising flour
 2 tbsp cocoa powder
 1 tsp baking powder
 ½ tsp vanilla extract
 2 tbsp milk*

Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5.

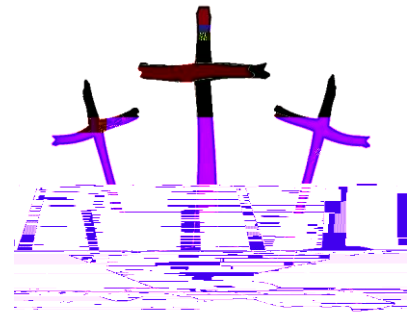
Place cupcake cases into a muffin tray.

In a large bowl, beat together 200g golden caster sugar, 200g softened unsalted butter, 4 large eggs, 200g self-raising flour, 2 tbsp cocoa powder, 1 tsp baking powder, ½ tsp vanilla extract, 2 tbsp milk and a pinch of salt until pale.

Divide the mixture between the cases. Bake for 15-18 mins or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.

Leave to cool in the tin for 10 mins, then place onto a wire rack to cool completely before decorating.





You've shared together, now share with us!

Why not send photos of your crafts, your treasure boxes, your Walking the Way challenges - or dress up to make a tableau of the Big Story and take a photo to send in.

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