



## Faith @ Play

These resources are to help you play and explore faith together when you can't go to church or to your toddler group. They are designed for children under 5. You can choose which activities you would like to do. Have fun spending time with each other and with God!

## Jesus is risen!



### Listen to a story....

+ If you have a **Candle Toddler Bible**, you could read:

- 'The Last Supper' (p.337)
- 'In The Garden' (p.340)
- 'A Very Sad Day' (p.348)
- 'Jesus us Alive!' (p. 352)

These stories tell different parts of the Easter story. You can choose whether you want to read all or just some of them.

+ You could watch this short version of the Easter story by Saddleback Kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQeU6gZzHT4>

### Sing together....

If you usually sing songs in your group, you might like to try:

Mr Tumble's Nursery Rhymes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyIDg6m4gA0>

Super Simple Songs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7MhgeV9yA8>

If you'd like to sing and dance to some praise songs, try:

123 Jesus is Alive by Yancy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mlf9jv4pVTM>

Excited by Hillsong Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbmlT5u1h8U>

If you have any scarves you can wave or instruments you can play at home, you might like to use them to help you praise God!



### Talk about....

How do you think Jesus' friends felt when they had to say goodbye?

How do you think they felt when they saw him again?

## Make together.....

Make a playdough Easter garden. If you don't have playdough at home, here's a simple recipe:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/playdough-recipe>

You could make your whole garden from playdough, or you could use your daily exercise time to go for a walk to a nearby park or around your local area (or explore your garden if you can't go out) and collect leaves, twigs, stones, soil and other natural things to add to your garden too.



Easter gardens often have:

- A tomb with a stone rolled away
- A hill with 3 crosses on
- A pathway to the cross
- A white cloth
- People – Jesus, the disciples, the women who found the empty tomb, soldiers
- Trees and grass
- Flowers

What will you put in your Easter garden?

## Play together.....

**You will need:** some lively music!

Lie down very quiet and still like Jesus would have in the tomb.

When the music starts, jump up and dance around – imagine how excited Jesus's friends were when they heard he was alive!

When the music stops again, lie back down quiet and still.

Keep playing until you get tired or you get to the end of the song!

## Pray together.....

See if you can lie very still while an adult says these words, then jump up at the end like Jesus coming back to life!

God, we know Jesus died and it made his friends sad  
We know we make choices that sometimes are bad  
But we know that you love us and want to be friends  
And we know Jesus rose and his love never ends!  
Amen