

Resurrection Garden

Gather:

- Large shallow container or tray (such as a baking dish or plastic storage container)
- Potting soil or sand
- Small rocks or pebbles
- Miniature tomb (can be made from clay, a small container, or purchased from a craft store)
- Small figurine or toy representing Jesus
- Plastic animals or figurines (optional, to represent other characters in the Easter story)
- Small live plants or moss
- Decorative elements such as twigs, small flowers, or craft moss

Go:

1. Choose a suitable container for your resurrection garden. It should be large enough to create a scene but small enough to fit on a table or windowsill.
2. Fill the container with potting soil or sand, leaving enough space at the top for arranging the landscape.
3. Place the miniature tomb in the center of the container. You can create the tomb using clay or a small container covered with gray paint or foil to represent the stone.
4. Position the figurine or toy representing Jesus outside the tomb, as if he is emerging from it. This can be a small plastic figure or a homemade representation.
5. Arrange small rocks or pebbles around the tomb to create a rocky landscape.
6. Add small plants or moss to represent the garden around the tomb. You can use miniature plants or moss found in craft stores or your backyard.
7. Decorate the scene with flowers, or other natural elements to enhance the garden setting.
8. Optionally, add plastic animals or figurines to represent other characters in the Easter story, such as sheep, angels, or disciples.
9. Once you're satisfied with the arrangement, place your resurrection garden somewhere where you can reflect on the Easter story and its significance.

This activity provides a hands-on way for kids to engage with the story of Jesus' resurrection and create a visual representation of the garden tomb. It encourages creativity and imagination while fostering a deeper understanding of the Easter narrative.

