

Messy Easter Art

This activity is fun, but can get a little messy...

You will need:

Shaving foam or gel

Food colouring – several colours

Cocktail sticks or a fork

White paper – any size up to A4

A plastic tray with edges at least 2cm deep

(a washed one from the recycling will do)

A piece of thick card cut from a delivery box - the same width as your tray / cut paper

- Cut your paper into several pieces all slightly smaller than your tray.
- Add shaving foam to the tray and spread so the tray is covered with a smooth layer, at least 5mm deep.
- Add a few drops of food colouring on top and swirl into patterns with the cocktail stick or fork. Use at least 2 colours.
- Now place your paper on top of this and pat down gently.
- Remove the paper by lifting it directly up from the tray and put on a table.
- Using the edge of the thick card scrape the shaving foam off the paper from one side to the other to reveal your pattern.
I'm hoping you get a 'Wow factor' at this point!!
- You can keep adding food colouring and smoothing out and adding new / recycling the used shaving foam to produce many decorated sheets and it's nice to get your hands in and play with at the end.
- Let the paper dry then cut into egg shapes and put on a card for Easter. You can also use it to decorate a book, make into bookmarks, or display as art!

Time Together

On the first Easter, people celebrated as Jesus entered the Jerusalem on a donkey. Things were tough where they were living at that time and they were hoping he would change things for the better.

Jesus had talked before about this time but a lot of it seemed to be in riddles, he said that he had to go away, that he would suffer and die but he would come back again three days later. Later that week, things got a little messy and the people turned against him and sadly on the day we call Good Friday Jesus died.

His friends took him and placed him in a cave and put a big stone across the entrance. On the third day, which we now call Easter Sunday, his friends noticed that the stone had been rolled away and the cave was empty. They were very upset and thought someone had stolen him.

Then a gardener came to see them and asked what was wrong, and they talked with him and when they looked closely they saw scars on his hands and realised that it was their friend Jesus who had come back alive again, just like he said he would.

Sometimes things get a little messy, or sad or don't work out as we would hope. Christians believe that when Jesus died at Easter and came back alive again he did it so that we could be friends with him forever. No matter what we do or say he cares about us.

It's sad when people die and hard when things happen that are difficult and make life a challenge for us. Jesus understands what it's like to go through difficulties.

Light a candle

and spend a few moments thinking

about people that you miss, those you cannot be with.

You may also like to ask God to help you in any challenges you are facing.



The Wow Factor!

When you lifted your paper were you disappointed that there was nothing really there?
I was! But then when I scraped the foam away, I really saw the Wow factor!
Jesus' friends looked at the empty cave and saw nothing, but then when they moved away and saw the gardener and then realised who he was, they got the Wow factor too!
Jesus had come back from the dead and was with them once again.

Christians believe that we can still experience that Wow factor and that Jesus is still alive today and he is there for us and with us at all times in our lives.