

## a jelly bean prayer



## Children's Easter Literature

*My Favorite Bible* by Rondi DeBoer and Christine Tangvald.

*Make Room, a Child's Guide to Lent and Easter* by Laura Alary

*Easter Eggs for Anya: A Ukrainian Celebration of New Life in Christ* by Virginia Kroll

*God Gave Us Easter*, by Lisa Tawn Bergren

*The Berenstain Bears and the Easter Story* by Mike Berenstain

*The Very First Easter*, by Paul Maier

## Resurrection Rolls

**Supplies:** crescent rolls, marshmallows, oil (or melted butter), cinnamon sugar

- Unroll the crescent rolls, separating each section. Explain that this is like the cloth they wrapped Jesus in.
- Give your child a marshmallow and explain that it represents Jesus. It's white and pure because Jesus was holy and without sin.
- Roll the marshmallow in a small bowl of oil or melted butter. This symbolizes the embalming oils.
- Roll the marshmallow in the cinnamon & sugar mixture. This is like the spices used to prepare his body for burial.
- Wrap the marshmallow in the crescent roll dough, making sure to pinch the dough together securely on the sides. This represents how they wrapped Jesus' body.
- Repeat with each marshmallow and place the rolls in the oven (symbolizing the tomb) and bake for the amount of time specified on the package - 8 to 10 minutes.
- When the rolls are cool enough to handle, let your child(ren) open one and discover what happened to the marshmallow. It's disappeared! This signifies how Jesus has been resurrected.

## Resurrection Eggs

- Fill plastic eggs and number them 1-12. Place in an empty egg carton. Have your child open all the eggs & tell you what's inside them.

1. **Tiny leaf:** Mark 11:8-10
2. **Bread/Cracker:** Matthew 26:26
3. **Dime:** Matthew 26:14-15
4. **Whip/ Piece of leather:** Mark 15:15
5. **Thorn:** Matthew 27:28-29
6. **Nails:** Mark 15:24
7. **Dice:** Matthew 27:35
8. **Sponge:** Matthew 27:46-48
9. **Spices/Cloves:** John 19:40
10. **Cloth:** Matthew 27:57-60
11. **Stone:** Matthew 27:66
12. **Empty!:** Matthew 28:5-6



It's recommended to use a children's bible or the Message. Feel free to modify to what is appropriate for your children.

