



Parents' Corner

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"He is not here. He has risen from the dead as He said he would." Matthew 28:6

Those were glorious words to hear that Jesus was alive! Praise the Lord we serve a Risen Savior!! The resurrection may be difficult to explain to a young child, but since spring is a time of resurrection, this is a perfect time to illustrate what it means.

Everything that has looked dead for so long has new life popping out. It is really exciting to take a walk with your child and discover RESURRECTION. Right now in the DMV, if you look closely you can see resurrection taking place. The trees have tiny pink, green or orange buds or blossoms on them. Look on the ground and see how many different colors of flowers you can see. Look for little white flowers; they are called snow drops. You will also see purple and yellow flowers and green sprigs of grass. There is an amazing flower that's blooming now called "The Lenten rose." It blooms throughout the Lenten season. In the yards you will see yellow daffodils and yellow forsythia bushes. Purple, pink and white hyacinth will be coming up soon, sharing their sweet fragrance. Make it fun and see who can find a yellow flower or purple flower or whatever colors you see. Remember, while you are walking, be sure to talk with your child about resurrection.

After the walk, color or draw a spring picture of the things you saw. Children are so creative; let them enjoy making their own creation.

If you'd like a more lifelike picture, make a forsythia bush. Take an 8"x10" sheet of paper. Trace the child's arm at the bottom of the page to draw the trunk. Crush yellow tissue paper and glue it in on the paper forming the bush's flowers. And just like that, you have a forsythia craft. Use pink tissue paper if you want to make cherry blossoms on the tree. Crayons or paint will work too.

I'm so glad we serve a risen Savior! Even though we may die, just like the flowers and trees, we will live again.

Enjoy spring and the beautiful things God has in store for us!