

inter has faded away, and the warmth of spring has finally come. Spring is a good reminder of God's faithfulness in the changing seasons. Spring is a time of renewal, growth, and fresh beginnings. Spring also brings Easter, the celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death.

Resurrection is the ultimate symbol of new life and hope. In John 11:25, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" Through His resurrection, we are given the greatest gift—eternal life with Him.

The resurrection is the ultimate display of God's power. Throughout scripture, God promised a Savior who would conquer sin and restore humanity's relationship with Him. Jesus' resurrection proved that He is who He claimed to be—the Son of God, the Messiah, and the source of salvation.

For Christians, the resurrection is not just about the future—it changes our lives today. Because Jesus is alive, we can walk in freedom from sin and live in the power of His grace. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us,

helping us grow in faith, love, and righteousness.

The resurrection isn't just something we celebrate on Easter—it shapes how we live every day. As followers of Christ, we are called to live in His victory, sharing His love and hope with the world.

This Easter season, let's rejoice in the incredible gift of Jesus' resurrection. He is alive, and because of that, we can live with joy and share His love with others. Whether it's through a kind word, a helping hand, or simply reminding someone that God loves them, we can spread the hope of Easter every day.

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Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when

you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. - DEUTERONOMY 6:5-9

# Resurrection Garden Project

A great way to remember Jesus' resurrection is to put together a resurrection garden with your kids. Here is a super easy and fun-to-do one that I found on the Pinterest page *Walking Sunshine*.

#### Materials Needed:

- Large tray or container of small rocks or pebbles
- · Potting soil
- Garden rock

· Small pot or cup

- · Grass seed or Wheatgrass seeds
- Small wooden crosses
- Spray bottle
- Twine or yarn

Start your resurrection garden at least two to three weeks before Easter to allow the grass to grow, keeping the soil moist for proper sprouting. If using fast-growing wheatgrass, you can start 7 to 10 days in advance, but traditional

grass seeds need more time to fill in.

#### Step 1

Use a hacksaw to cut a small clay pot or cup in half to create the tomb mound for your resurrection garden.

#### Step 2

Place the pot in a decorative dish, add dirt around it, and leave space in front. Add river rocks and grass seed in the front.

#### Step 3

Cover the seeds with dirt and water regularly with a spray bottle. Keep the garden in a sunny spot and water daily.

#### Step 4

Watch the grass grow, rotating the planter to prevent leaning. Trim the grass after a few weeks and encourage kids to water it.

#### Step 5

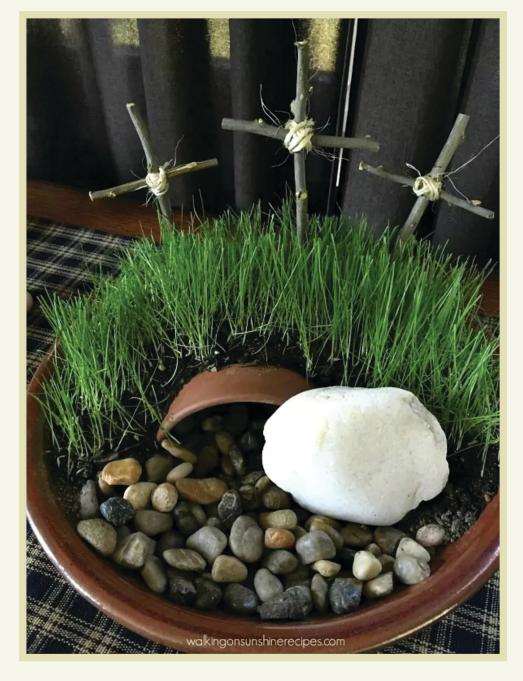
Find a stone to place in front of the tomb.

#### Step 6

Create crosses using twigs and twine, then place them in the garden. Your resurrection garden is complete!

"Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid."

- John 19:41



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