

Make an Easter Garden

You will need:

- ✓ A shallow tray or dish.
- ✓ Garden soil or potting compost.
- ✓ Moss, cut grass, or sand.
- ✓ Dried twigs.
- ✓ Sewing thread.
- ✓ A small pot.
- ✓ Flat stone, large enough to cover mouth of pot.
- ✓ Egg cups (or other small containers).
- ✓ Small flowers.
- ✓ Gravel.

To Make:

1. Fill the tray with soil or potting compost.
2. Arrange it to make a hill on one side of the tray.
3. Cover the soil with moss, grass or sand.
4. Make three crosses with dried twigs tied together with sewing thread and place on the hilltop.
5. Press the small pot into the hillside to make a cave like the garden tomb. Place the stone over the tomb.
6. Press egg-cups full of water into the soil around the garden and fill with flowers.
7. Make a path coming from the tomb with gravel, to show how the disciples ran to the tomb on Easter morning.
8. Early on Easter morning, move back the stone from the tomb ~ showing that it is empty.

Make a Tomb



We made a tomb by using papier-mâché over a balloon (cover strips of newspaper with mixture of 1 cup flour to 1 cup water).

Let dry overnight and paint with spray paint or water-based paint. We spray-painted the tomb dark green and when dry sponged painted with grey.

Place the papier-mâché tomb in a garden setting like above. Wrap up a small toy figure in white cloth or tissue paper.

Place a large stone in front of the tomb, and 2 soldiers as tomb guardsmen in front of the tomb. (We bought a pack of 3x 2-inch plain wooden figures from the craft store & painted them to look like 2 soldiers and Jesus.)

Read Matthew 27:57-66 with your children.
On Sunday morning have the children wake you up if Jesus is not there! Rejoice together!