April Kid’s Crafts

Kid’s Craft 1 – Flowered Cross

“Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death,

so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

so we too might walk in newness of life.” -Romans 6:4

“Flowering” the cross on Easter is a tradition that dates back to the 6th century. It is a way of celebrating that while the cross was originally a tool of death and destruction, through Christ it has become a symbol of the resurrection. The somber, bare cross of Lent is transformed by the colorful flowers that remind us of new life on Easter morning. This Easter, you get to have a flowered cross at home to remind you of the resurrection.

Provided Supplies:

* Wooden Cross
* Flower stickers

Other Supplies Needed:

* Ribbon or string (optional)
* Glue (optional)
* Green marker or paint

Directions:

1. Color or paint the cross green to represent the palm branches that often adorn the cross during Holy Week before the flowers are added.
2. If you’d like to hang the cross once it is done, create a loop out of ribbon or string and glue it to the top of the wooden cross. (This is an optional step)
3. Cover the cross with the flower stickers, creating any design you’d like. You are welcome to cover just one side or both sides of the cross. If you would rather draw or paint the flowers, you are welcome to do that instead, or even a combination of any of the options.
4. Put the cross somewhere where you will see it throughout the Easter Season to remind you of the beauty of the resurrection and the new life it brings.

Kid’s Craft 2 – Handprint Easter Lily

For hundreds of years, the Easter Lily has been a symbol of Easter. One of the reasons that people think of the Easter Lily at Easter time is because the life cycle of the lily reminds us of Jesus’s death and resurrection. The lily starts as a bulb that looks like it is dead, reminding us of Jesus’s death. The lily bulb has to be buried in the ground, reminding us of Jesus’s burial in the tomb. Finally, the lily bursts out of the ground at Springtime and blooms, reminding us that Jesus burst out of the tomb and was alive again! Alleluia! This Easter, you get to make your own Easter Lily at home!

Provided Supplies:

* Sheet of white paper
* Green pipe cleaner
* Two pieces of yellow pipe cleaner

Other Supplies Needed:

* Pencil/pen
* Clear tape
* Scissors

Instructions:

* On your white sheet of paper trace the outline of your hand.
* Cut out your handprint (you may need help from an adult for this).
* Starting at the palm of your handprint, shape your handprint into a cone. Your palm should be the pointy part of the cone. Leave a small hole at the tip of the cone (you’ll put your green pipe cleaner through this hole later). Use a piece of clear tape to secure the cone shape.
* Curl the fingertips of your handprint outward around your pencil/pen to make your fingertips into flower petals.
* Fold your two pieces of yellow pipe cleaner in half.
* Wrap the very end of your green pipe cleaner around the folded ends of your yellow pipe cleaners to secure them in place. It should look like you have four small yellow pipe cleaners coming out of the green pipe cleaner.
* Then stick the green pipe cleaner through the hole in your handprint to make the stem. The yellow pipe cleaners should be on the inside of your handprint.
* Put your handprint Easter Lily somewhere to remind you of Easter.