



Welcome to a bonus, virtual, Easter themed Cafe 3:30. Containing all of the normal things that make up Cafe 3:30: a story, prayer activity, links to two songs, a challenge and some craft suggestions, hopefully using resources that you already have at home.

A welcome from Hannah

Click to watch - <https://youtu.be/tadUrp1jt98>

Activity Sheets, Drinks & Snacks

Gather as a family, share yummy snacks and do some activities together as we normally would.

If you have a printer Twinkl have some fantastic Easter activity sheets and play dough mats, currently you can access Twinkl free of charge by signing up using the code CVDTWINKLHELPS. If you don't have a printer, do you have any play dough that you could make some Easter eggs with? or maybe you could have a competition and see who in your family can design the best Easter egg using paper and colouring pencils.

Song - My Lighthouse - Rend Collective

'You are the peace in my troubled sea' - it feels like troubled sea right now, so this song is a great reminder of the peace that we can find in God.

Video on the boat, no words on screen - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAIJKv7ptU>

With words - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

Story

One that we have used before, but there isn't better to sum up the Easter story:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndtnZV-5QTo&feature=emb_logo

Craft

We have suggested a few crafts in the hope that you may have the resources at home, for at least one of them:



**Easter Chick
Handprint Card**

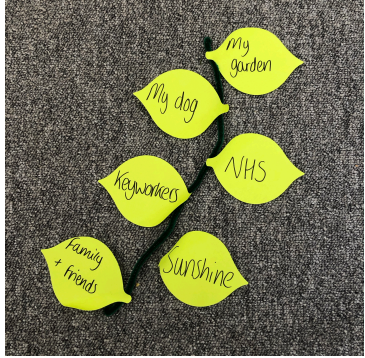

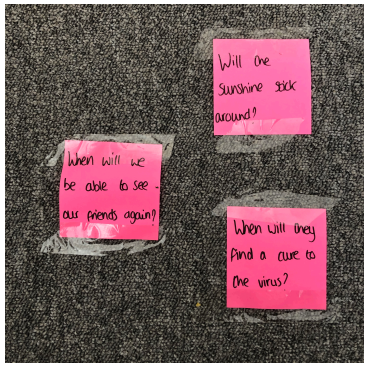


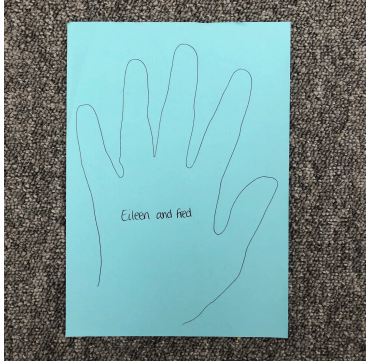
Saltdough recipe - <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-salt-dough-recipe>

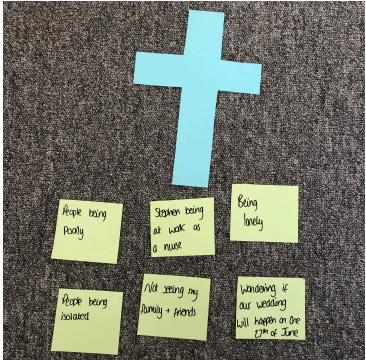


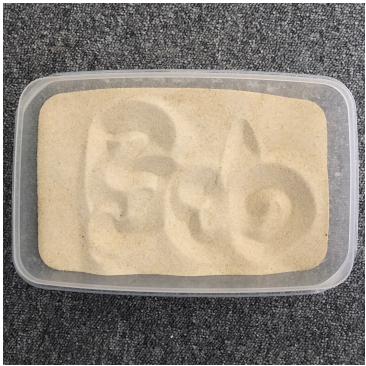
Prayer Activity

A walk through Holy Week, the week in the run up to Easter Sunday.

<p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>On Palm Sunday Jesus' friends shouted "Hosanna!" which is a joyful word; a bit like shouting "hooray!"</p>	<p>Think about the things that you can shout "hooray!" about write them on a leaf shape.</p>	
<p>Maundy Thursday The Last Supper</p>	<p>The night before Jesus died he shared his last meal, bread and wine, with his friends.</p>	<p>Think about your friends who you are grateful for and really excited to see, and make some pipe cleaner people. (If you don't have pipe cleaners maybe you could draw them or make some paper chain people.</p>	
<p>Maundy Thursday Garden of Gethsemane</p>	<p>Jesus went to a beautiful garden called the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. He was worried about what was going to happen to Him and he prayed a big question to God.</p>	<p>We all have big questions, maybe about the virus, about the world and about God.</p> <p>What big questions do you have?</p>	

<p>Good Friday</p> <p>Simon's Help</p>	<p>Simon was one of Jesus' friends and he helped carry the cross. There are lots of people that we know that give us a helping hand in the same way that Simon helped Jesus.</p>	<p>Think about some ways that you can help others, draw around your hand and think about someone that you could help - write the name of someone or draw a picture of them.</p>	
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<p>Good Friday</p> <p>Carrying the Cross</p>	<p>Jesus was forced to carry a very heavy cross through the streets. Sometimes our problems, fears and feelings feel big and heavy, like a big weight on our shoulders that we can find hard to carry,</p>	<p>Think about your fears, feelings and problems, write or draw them on some paper. Then make a cross with paper or any items you have at home to make in to a cross shape, and lay your worries under the cross.</p>	
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<p>Good Friday</p> <p>Forgive them Father</p>	<p>On the cross Jesus said "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Sometimes bad things happen to us, sometimes people do or say things that aren't very kind.</p>	<p>Think about if there is someone that you want to forgive, write their name in the sand, then wipe through it as a sign that you forgive them.</p>	
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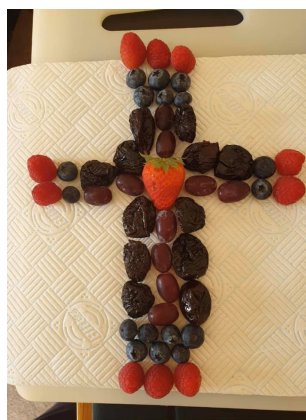
Song - God's Love is Bigger than a Burger

A reminder this Easter that God loves us so much, bigger than a burger, bigger than an elephant, bigger than a house... that's why he sent His son, Jesus, to die for us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRPJeqjbGPI>

Challenge

We have been challenging each other to be creative with household items and make a cross, we wonder if you could join in and send us your photos? These are some so far:



Prayer to say together

God we thank you that even though right now it's a bit scary, and we can't see our friends or family, or go to school and work, we thank you that you are always there, and remind us in the My Lighthouse song that you are the light in the darkness and you will lead us through. We ask that you look after all the key workers who are still going to work to help everyone across the country, we ask that you keep us and everyone that we know safe, and you will help us remember that when we feel really lonely, frustrated and bored, that you are always there and that soon we will be able to see all the people we love, and do all the things we love, again. Amen