

Weekly Theme: Easter



**E-A-S-T-E-R**

(to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me")

E is for Easter, coming again soon,

A is for angels near the tomb,

S is for the stone which was rolled away,

T is for the tomb found empty that day

**Chorus:**

**Yes, He is risen!**

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**The Bible tells me so!**

E is for morning, all are glad,

R is for He's risen, don't be sad.

He'll come back for us some day.

Until then, we'll watch and pray.



### Art Activities

\*Easter Paper Cross Mosaic: draw a large cross on construction paper, have your toddler glue smaller pieces of construction paper in the pattern he/she chooses.

\*Tape resist cross: put tape that will easily come off, on a piece of construction paper. Let your toddler water color over the paper-remove the tape.

\*Finger paint cross: kids love to fingerprint! Draw a large cross on your paper and allow your toddler to fingerprint!

\*Suncatcher Cross craft: Using any large window or sliding glass door: tape contact paper, sticky side out, to your door or window. Place a bin of colored tissue paper squares under the cross for your toddler.

Dying Easter eggs using real eggs is another fun way to get your toddler involved with the celebration.

Step 1: Properly boil your eggs.

Step 2: Making the dye: If you are unable to pick up one of the kits from the local store, you can use a few items you may have in your house. Pour enough water to cover your egg in a container. Add one teaspoon of white vinegar and about 20 drops of food coloring.

Step 3: Place the egg on a slotted/regular spoon or in a whisk and dunk, turning occasionally so both sides get color.

Step 4: be sure to let your newly dyed eggs dry-I use a cookie drying rack with paper towels underneath to catch the drips.



### Potty Training

Being home for the next few weeks, gives parents a chance to encourage their toddlers who are showing signs of being ready to use the toilet. Here are a few easy steps that your teachers use at school to help with the process.

\* For boys, you can have them face either way when they are seated. By facing your toddler towards the tank, it helps them with aiming into the toilet. They can hold onto the lid for support. It's often best to master urination sitting down, and then move to standing up after bowel training is complete.

\*While encouraging sitting time on the potty the teachers often sing a favorite song or read a story. Allow your toddler to get up if he or she wants. Even if your child simply sits there, offer praise for trying- and remind them that they can try later.

\*Schedule potty breaks-have your toddler sit on the potty chair or toilet without a diaper for a few minutes every 30/40 minute intervals, as well as first thing in the morning and right after naps. Setting a timer is another great tip to help remind you to remind your toddler to try the potty.

#### **A message from your teachers:**

Our center staff have discovered the joy of connecting with each other using the "Zoom" app. We are curious if any families feel they would want to reconnect us? This way of reconnecting can be beneficial in keeping us active with your child and hopefully will help with them transitioning back to school. If you are interested, please contact us through our emails below so we can make arrangements.