

# Resurrection Rock & Roll To-Go

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## Note for Parents

Resurrection Rock & Roll To-Go is an at-home Easter event that brings fun to families as they celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ! It helps your family hear the Resurrection story and will help remind your family to look for Jesus every day.

## **This resource includes the following:**

- Decoration Ideas
- Family Devotion
- Bible Memory Verse
- 3 Family Games
- 3 Family Crafts
- 3 Family Snacks

## **More Ideas to Make this Event Fun for Your Family**

- Invite neighbors and friends over to enjoy Resurrection Rock & Roll with your family!
- Add an Easter Egg Hunt for your family and those that join you.
- Include a simple meal to go along with the party snacks. Hamburgers, hot dogs, or pizza are easy!
- Do this event on Saturday or Easter Sunday.
- Close the night with a prayer asking God to help your family see Him in all you do.

# Decoration Ideas

Every party needs some decorations! Here is a list of ideas for decorating your home for Resurrection Rock & Roll!

**Supplies Needed:** *black and light blue tablecloths (like colors in logo), black and light blue balloons, black and light blue streamers, white lights*

## Table Decor

Use plastic tablecloths to cover tables you plan to use for food.

## Streamers

Cut streamers in different size lengths. Twist two color streamers together and tape at both ends so it will hold the twist. Line tables, doorways, ceilings, or walls with streamers.

## Balloons

Use black and light blue balloons to decorate your house. If you want helium balloons, you can purchase a small helium tank at Walmart. Tie the helium-filled balloons onto a string and hang them around your home.

## White Lights

String white lights from the ceiling or use outside.

## Photo Booth

Use plastic tablecloths as a backdrop for a photo booth. One way to do this is to use a piece of string and a stapler. Fold a small portion of one end of the tablecloth over the string and staple it. Continue doing this for all the tablecloths you want to use. As you go, you can bunch up each tablecloth. Then hang the string with tablecloths in your home or outside. If you like, you can add white lights behind the

tablecloths. Then add in your own favorite props for the photo...like Easter eggs!

# Family Devotion

## Read John 20:1-18

What would you do if you went to play with your favorite toy, but you couldn't find it in the place you knew you left it? Would you be upset? I am thinking you might cry or get angry. You would want to know who took it and would probably start asking everyone in your house if they had seen it. All you want to do is play with your favorite toy, but you can't find it!

Mary Magdalene felt and acted this same way when she went to the tomb to visit Jesus on the third day after He had died. When she arrived at the tomb, she found the stone had been removed and Jesus' body was nowhere to be found. She was confused and upset and the first thing she did was run to find Peter and the other disciples to tell them what had happened. Peter and John (the other disciple) ran to the tomb to see for themselves and they found it empty, too. None of them had any idea where Jesus' body was or who would take it away.

Realizing that Jesus' body was gone and no one could find it, Mary Magdalene began to cry. She was extremely upset because her Teacher's body was not where they had put it. Somebody had taken it! But when she bent over to look inside the tomb again, she saw two angels. They asked her why she was crying. She told them it was because Jesus' body had been taken away and she didn't know where it was.

Then she turned around and saw a man who asked her the same thing. She had no idea who this man was... perhaps he was a gardener. Surely he would know what happened to Jesus' body, so she began pleading with him...asking him to show her where Jesus' body was.

And then He said her name... "Mary." As she turned to look at Him, she then realized this man was Jesus! He was alive! And He was talking to her! She couldn't believe it! He told her to give the disciples a message for Him. So she ran to find them and she said, "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18).

What an exciting day for Mary Magdalene as she had found Jesus! No longer was His body missing. No longer was He dead. He was alive!

Mary Magdalene saw Jesus with her own eyes that day. However, we can't see Jesus like she did that day because He now lives in heaven. But... we can still see Jesus. We can see Him in other people when they laugh, smile, show kindness, or help those in need. We can see Jesus in all of creation... in the sky, in the wind blowing, in the birds when they chirp, in the grass that grows, in the rain and thunderstorms. So many different ways we can see Jesus if we just look.

## **Family Challenge Time!**

Sometimes we forget to see the Lord. Sometimes we have to remember to open our eyes and look around to find the ways we see Jesus working in our everyday lives. He is there, but we have to take the time to look.

My challenge to you is to begin writing down ways you see Jesus each day. Grab a notebook and designate it as your Jesus Sightings notebook. Every night at dinner, get out this notebook and have each family member tell of a way they saw Jesus that day. Then write it down. As you do this each night, my prayer is that it will become a habit and your family will always share their Jesus Sightings for the day. When we look for Jesus in our everyday lives, we will be able to see Him in everything we do.

*Dear Lord, we thank You for being with us all the time. Please help our family to see You in all we do every day. We thank You for loving us so much that You gave Your life for us. We love You, Lord. Amen.*

# **Bible Memory Verse**

“I have seen the Lord.”

John 20:18

# Family Game

## Race to the Empty Tomb

**Supplies Needed:** *None*

In our Bible story today, Peter and John (the other disciple) had a foot race to the empty tomb. I love how John makes sure to tell us that he won!

For the game, you will be racing against your family members to see who can reach the "empty tomb" first!

Find a place outside where there is enough space to run a race. Designate a spot to be the "empty tomb." Line your family members up on the opposite end of the "empty tomb." Have someone yell "On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!" Then everyone will race to the "empty tomb." The first one there wins! Repeat as many times as you like!

# Family Game

## Rock & Roll Bowling

**Supplies Needed:** *bowling pins (see ideas below), ball*

In our Bible story today, Mary Magdalene and the disciples found the rock rolled away at Jesus' tomb. Jesus has risen!

In this game, you will go bowling! You will be creating your own bowling pins for this game. Here are some ideas of things you can use for pins:

- empty soda bottles
- empty soda cans
- toilet paper rolls
- plastic cups turned upside down

You can also decorate these items for Easter! You can use stickers, duct tape, washi tape, paint, or markers. You can draw pictures of Easter eggs, microphones, or stars. You can even write "He is Risen" or "I Have Seen the Lord" on them.

Once you are finished decorating the pins, find a ball to use as your bowling ball. Line the pins up like they are at a bowling alley (from the back...4, 3, 2, 1). You will want to make sure to set them up on a flat, hard surface to make it easier to bowl.

Family members will take turns trying to knock down the pins. Keep score if you like or just have fun seeing who can knock them all down in one turn!



# Family Game

## I Spy Easter

**Supplies Needed:** *I Spy printable, marker*

In our Bible story today, Mary Magdalene told the disciples that she had "seen the Lord." (John 20:18)

In this activity, you will play a game of I Spy using the printable on the next page. See how many of each Easter story item you can find. At the bottom of the page, you will find each item and a box by that item. In the box, you will write in the number of items you found of each one.

Have fun searching for the items related to the Easter story!

# Family Craft

## Resurrection Rocks

**Supplies Needed:** *rocks, paint, paintbrush*

In this activity, you will be decorating rocks that will remind yourself and others about Jesus' Resurrection!

Search for rocks around the outside of your house that will be easy to paint on. Smooth rocks work best.

Set up a painting area in your home or outside. Place newspaper down so you can keep paint from getting everywhere. Using a paintbrush and paint, draw pictures of the Resurrection story...a cross, angel, Mary, or Jesus. Or you can write on the rocks things like "He is Risen", "I Have Seen the Lord", or "Jesus is Alive." Or you can write the names of the people in today's Bible story on each rock...Mary Magdalene, Jesus, Peter, and John. Be creative as you design your Resurrection Rocks!

After your rocks are completely dry, place them where you can be reminded of the Resurrection story when you see them. Or you can place them outside by your mailbox so your neighbors and friends can also be reminded of Jesus' Resurrection!

# Family Craft

## Resurrection Binoculars

**Supplies Needed:** 2 toilet paper rolls, duct tape, markers, single hole puncher, yarn

In this activity, you will be making your own pair of binoculars to remind you of Jesus' Resurrection and to remind you to look closely for Jesus every day.

First, decorate 2 toilet paper rolls. You can decorate several ways:

- Cover toilet paper rolls with colored construction paper or cardstock to make your binoculars bright! Then draw on them with markers or use stickers.
- Cover toilet paper rolls in duct tape or washi tape of your choice.
- Use white cardboard rolls found on Amazon and decorate using markers or crayons.

After you have finished decorating, take a small strip of duct tape or washi tape and tape the two rolls together. Place tape on both ends of rolls to keep secure.

Next, punch one hole on the outside of each roll. Thread a long piece of yarn through each end and tie off.

Use the binoculars to look for things outside in creation that remind you of Jesus. What can you find?

# Family Craft

## Painted Cross

**Supplies Needed:** *white paper, masking tape, paint, paintbrush*

In this activity, you will be creating a cool picture of a cross!

First, tear off 2 pieces of masking tape and place on white paper in the shape of a cross (in the center of the page). Next, using the paint colors of your choice, paint a design all over the page. Be creative!

After your painting is dry, peel off the masking tape. You will find the cross outlined around your design! At the bottom of the page, write in today's Bible Memory Verse: "I have seen the Lord." John 20:18.

Hang the picture in your home to remind you of Jesus' Resurrection!

# Family Snack

## Microphone Cupcakes

Mary Magdalene made an announcement to the disciples that she had seen the Lord! If she had spoken to a large crowd of people that day and made this announcement, she might have used a microphone! So you are going to make microphone cupcakes to remind you of the announcement Mary Magdalene made to the disciples!

1 box White Cake Mix

White Frosting

Ice Cream Cones (Don't buy sugar cones. You need ones with flat bottom)

Silver Sugar Sprinkles

Muffin Tin & Mini Muffin Tin

You are going to make cupcakes out of white cake mix. You will make 12 cupcakes using a muffin tin and 12 mini cupcakes using a mini muffin tin. Make cupcakes according to directions on package. Pour batter into greased muffin tin and greased mini muffin tin. Bake and then let cool.

Once cooled, place a mini cupcake into an ice cream cone. Frost the mini cupcake generously. Then place a regular cupcake upside down on top of the ice cream cone and mini cupcake.

Place the ice cream cone cupcakes into the fridge for 30 minutes to allow time for the frosting to set. After time is up, take out ice cream cone cupcakes and frost the top cupcake. Then dip into the silver sugar sprinkles and cover completely.

## **Family Snack**

### **Rock Star Cookies**

Sugar cookie mix

White Frosting

Blue Sugar (found in cake aisle)

Star Cookie Cutter

Using a packaged sugar cookie mix, make according to directions. Roll dough onto floured cutting board. Using a star cookie cutter, cut star shapes out of dough.

Place stars onto a cookie sheet and bake according to directions on package.

Once cooled, frost and top with blue sugar. Then serve!

These cookies will remind you that Jesus is our Rock Star and Savior!

# Family Snack

## Easter Bark

Vanilla Almond Bark

Chocolate Oreos, crushed

M&Ms (Easter colors)

Sprinkles (bright colors)

Parchment Paper

Melt vanilla almond bark in a pan on stove or in microwave until completely melted. Make sure to keep stirring so it does not burn. Immediately pour melted almond bark onto a parchment paper-lined cookie sheet. Then top with crushed Oreos, M&Ms, and sprinkles. Place in refrigerator for about 30 minutes to let it harden. Then take out, break into pieces, and enjoy!