## **Easter Craft Ideas** He is Risen! (John 20:1-18)

Easter is here! After journeying through the season of Lent and the solemnity of Good Friday, Easter is a joyous celebration. There are many fun and festive possible activities to create in celebrating springtime or Easter. As with most things in life, the central element here should be the Gospel of Christ. These crafts suggest creative ways to consider the joy and miracle of the Resurrection. A jelly bean



mosaic provides a colorful way to contemplate Easter symbols. A "transforming" caterpillar and butterfly craft invite students to recall how Jesus died and came back to life. Happy crafting!

#### Verses or Captions to Consider...

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. - Matthew 28:5-6

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. -Matthew 28:7-8

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. -2 Corinthians 5:17

He is risen! Hallelujah! Happy Easter

Jesus rose from the dead and brings new life!

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## Craft one: "Jelly Bean Mosaic"

#### You will need:

- Scissors
- Construction paper (any color)
- Markers or decorating materials
- Glue or tape
- Stencils (optional)
- Paper Plates (optional)
- Jelly beans
- Pipe cleaner or string (optional)

#### **Procedure:**

- 1. Select a paper, cardstock, or paper plate as a base.
- Use a stencil or free hand to draw an outline of desired image (cross, butterfly, heart, etc.). Color, if desired.
- 3. Attach additional decorations and/or verses or captions.
- Spread glue on the shape, a section at a time. Attach jelly beans to the glue in varied colors. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- 5. Add a string or pipe cleaner if desired, to hang.





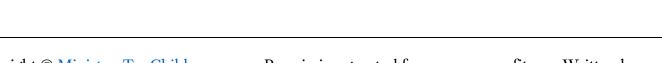
### Craft Two: "Butterfly Resurrection"

#### You will need:

- Construction Paper or tissue paper
- Glue, tape, or staples
- Google eyes or pom-poms (optional)
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaners or string
- Coffee filters or cupcake liners
- Paper bags
- Toilet paper or paper towel rolls

#### **Procedure:**

- Decorate your tube (toilet paper or paper towel) like a caterpillar, attaching a "face" and legs, if desired. Use curled pipe cleaners for antennae.
- 2. Decorate the paper bag like a chrysalis, adding stickers and verses or captions.
- Use coffee filters, cupcake liners, or accordion-folded paper to create "wings."
- 4. Attach wings to caterpillar body to create a butterfly.
- If schedule and audience allow, place the caterpillar into the chrysalis, and "transform" into butterflies on the sly. Alternatively, allow students to turn their own caterpillars into butterflies. Emphasize the resurrection element in play.







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