

# Make an Easter Garden

You will need:

- \* A shallow tray or dish
- \* Garden soil or potting compost
- \* Moss, cut grass or sand
- \* Dried twigs
- \* Sewing thread
- \* Small pot
- \* Flat stone large enough to cover the mouth of the pot
- \* Egg cups (or other small containers)
- \* Small flowers
- \* Gravel

To Make:

1. Fill the tray with soil or potting compost.
2. Arrange it to make a hill on one side of the tray.
3. Cover the soil with moss, grass or sand.
4. Make three crosses with dried twigs tied together with sewing thread and place on the hilltop.
5. Press the small pot into the hillside to make a cave like the garden tomb. Place the stone over the mouth of the tomb.
6. Press egg-cups full of water into the soil around the garden and fill with flowers.

7. Make a path coming from the tomb with gravel, to show how the disciples ran to the tomb on Easter morning.
8. Early on Easter morning, move back the stone from the tomb ~ showing that it is empty.



## MAKE A TOMB

We made a tomb by using paper mache' over a balloon (cover strips of newspaper with mixture of 1 cup flour to 1 cup water).

Let dry overnight and paint with spray paint or water base paint. We spray painted the tomb dark green and when dry sponged painted with gray.

Place the paper mache' tomb in a garden setting like above. Wrap up a small toy figure in white cloth or tissue paper. Place a large stone in front of the tomb, and 2 soldiers as tomb guardsmen in front of the tomb. (We bought a package of three 2 inch plain wooden figures from the craft store. We painted them to look like 2 soldiers and Jesus.)

Read Matthew 27:57-66 with your children.

On Sunday morning have the children wake  
you up if Jesus is not there! Rejoice  
together!

*Instructions taken from [www.just4kidsmagazine.com/rainbowcastle/eastergarden.html](http://www.just4kidsmagazine.com/rainbowcastle/eastergarden.html)*