

THE STRANGER



Living the Good News
3rd Sunday of Easter – A

Two friends of Jesus were walking to a town called Emmaus. “But Jesus can’t be alive!” said one friend. “I saw his dead body.”

“But then why would Mary say he *is* alive,” asked the other friend.

A stranger joined the friends on the road. “You certainly are slow to understand,” he said. “The Bible said all this would happen; let me explain it to you.”

Then the stranger explained how the Bible told about Jesus’ death and Jesus’ new life.

When they reached Emmaus, the two friends begged the stranger, “Stay with us! We want to hear more.”

The stranger went inside with the friends. When they sat down to eat together, he took bread, said the blessing, then broke the bread and gave it to them. Suddenly they recognized the stranger.

“It’s Jesus!” they exclaimed. “He’s really alive!”



EASTER PENDANT

When the disciples saw Jesus break bread, they knew he was truly alive. Alleluia!

You can use a special kind of bread clay to make a pendant to wear around your neck. Your pendant can remind you that Jesus is alive!

Choose an Easter symbol, such as a butterfly, cross or flower. To make the clay, mix:

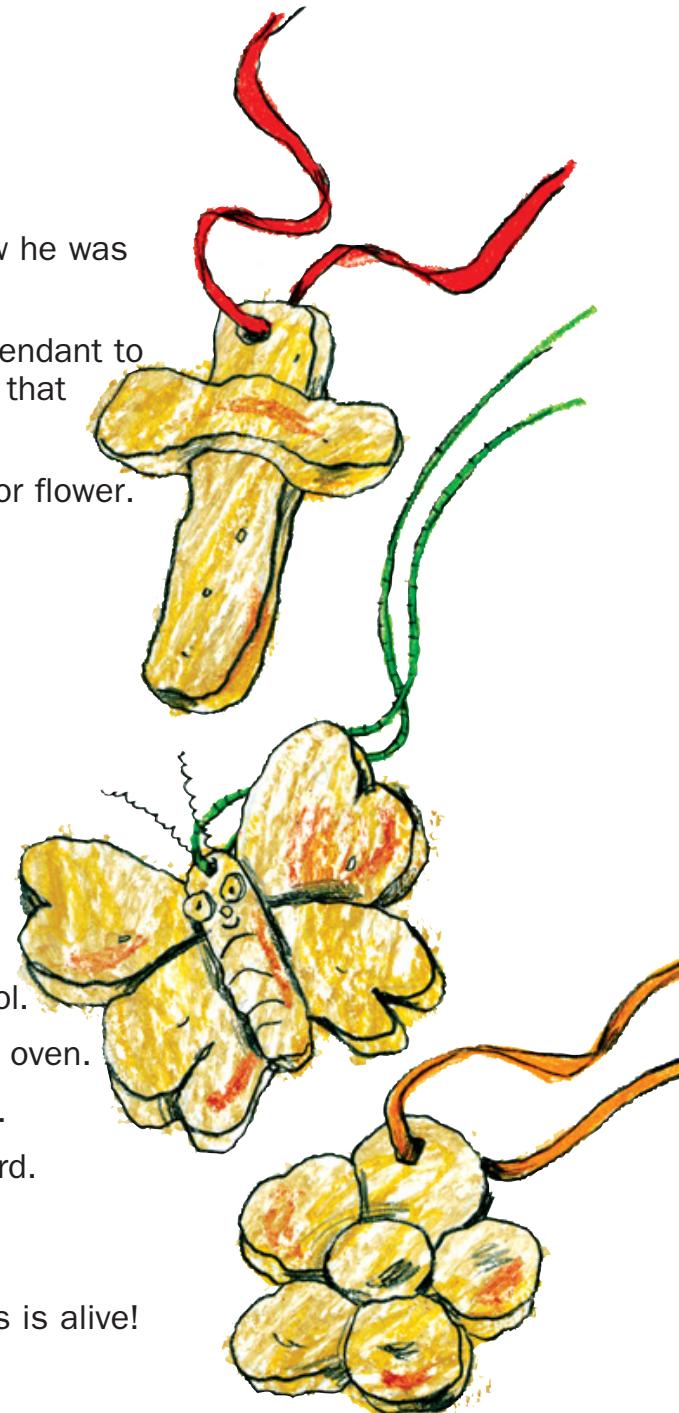
4 cups flour
1 cup salt
1½ cups water

Knead the clay for 5 minutes. Don't eat this clay!

Then make your pendant:

- ✿ Dust flour on hands and rolling pin.
- ✿ Roll out dough.
- ✿ Use a knife to cut out your symbol.
- ✿ Use a pencil to poke a hole at the top of the symbol.
- ✿ Bake your symbol on a cookie sheet. Put it in the oven.
- ✿ Turn the oven to 350 degrees. Bake for one hour.
- ✿ Your symbol is done when it's light brown and hard. Take out. Let cool.
- ✿ String ribbon or yarn through the hole.

Now wear your pendant and remember: Alleluia! Jesus is alive!



When Jesus rose to new life, he still broke bread with his friends.

Ask your family to sit around a table. Pass around a loaf of bread. Tell your family:

- Act out one thing we can do with bread.
- Use the bread but don't talk.

The other family members guess what is being acted out.

Then thank God for the bread we share!

WITH
YOUR FAMILY

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