

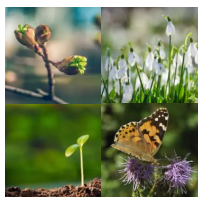


Can you see or touch something textured?

Thomas said, "Unless I see His hands and side, I will never believe"... Jesus said, "Come, touch, do not be unbelieving, but believe...Blessed are they who did not see but yet believed in me". (John20:25)

Do you think you'd have wanted proof that Jesus was alive? What things do you find hard to believe or understand? Who can you chat to about them?

How many different textures can you find? What's your favourite?



What other signs of spring can you see?

Why not read the Easter story in full?

An Easter Prayer:

Thank you God that the Easter story is GOOD NEWS! Thank you for all these beautiful signs of Spring which remind us that you made us as part of your Creation, and that Jesus came to bring new life to us all.

Amen



A space for you to write some of your thoughts down

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SPRING INTO EASTER!

Look out of your window, or go for a nature hunt outside! You can do this on your own or with others, but remember to adhere to restrictions and social distancing.

Why not share your thoughts and what you've seen with a friend?

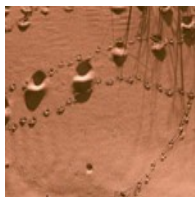


Can you see any branches with green leaves waving in the wind?

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them out before Jesus. Crowd went ahead and behind shouting, "Blessed is he who comes in God's name!" (Matt21:8)

Imagine the roar of the crowds. How would you have felt being there?

How many different species of leaf can you spot?

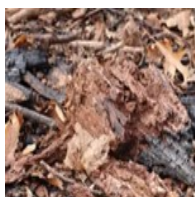


Look out for animal tracks, a creature moving or a bird in flight

Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of his disciples, drying them with his apron. He said, "If I, the master, washed your feet, you must now wash each others' feet" (John 13:11)

What do you think Jesus was teaching his disciples by washing their feet?

Can you identify which animal made the tracks? What is the creature is doing?



Can you see something that looks dead?

They crucified him...Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they don't know what they're doing" (Luke 23:34)

Why do you think Jesus asked God to forgive the people who killed him?

Dead leaves and sticks are essential to life! They are breaking down into new soil.

Can you think of other examples of when something old or dead becomes something new?



Follow a bird with your eyes. Can you see it carrying twigs and moss? Can you see where it might be building a nest?

They went and made the tomb secure, and along with stationing a guard of soldiers to be on watch, they set a seal on the stone. (Mat 27:66)

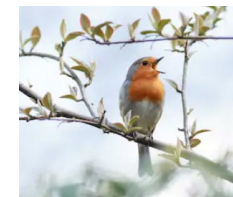
Why did the Pharisees and Pilate want the tomb to be secure and guarded?

Nests are amazing! They are intricate and strong. Inside this cleverly woven creation of twigs, grass and moss, birds lay their eggs, bursting full of new life.

In what ways might a birds' nest make us think about God and the Easter story?

Make a note of where you've seen a nest. Soon you might be able to spot the parents busily collecting food for their young, or later the fledglings themselves!

(Never touch a nest – birds may abandon their eggs if disturbed)



Listen out for birdsong

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. (John 20:1)

How must Mary have felt?

Can you learn to identify a bird by its song?



Can you see some blossom?

Mary turned around and saw Jesus standing there...Jesus said, "Mary!"...Mary came back, reporting to the disciples that she had seen the Lord and all He had said to her. (John 20:14)

Imagine what the conversation must have been like between Mary and the disciples.

Jesus is alive! It's a miracle! How many things can you see which are miracles of nature? How does it make you feel?