



Dear Parents

30th March 2020

We have been longing to contact you ever since we have had to stop meeting together physically, but have resisted the temptation until now, knowing that some of you may have felt overwhelmed already with the amount of communications you will have been receiving daily.

However, as we approach the time that schools would ordinarily have broken up for Easter, we thought you might appreciate being signposted to some links to great resources that offer spiritual food for thought for your children and young people, as well as some practical ideas for how to make this Easter period special. With this in mind, you will find below suggestions appropriate to various ages of children, from toddlers though to older teens.

Before we sign off, just a pastoral word to you as parents.

We are aware as parents ourselves that this current crisis offers opportunities but also very real challenges as we try to disciple our children and young people with grace and wisdom. Our children don't all come in one shape and size do they? And, according to their age, stage and personalities will be responding differently to this unprecedented situation they find themselves in. Some might be quite enjoying the different routine and be delighted that school is over for a while; a few may be angry at many losses that they face; others very worried about all that is happening in the world. We have an opportunity to remind them that God is a good father and that he is in control, but this will not always be well received.

If you would appreciate help talking with your children about the current situation, [click here](#) to read a useful article by the Gospel Coalition.

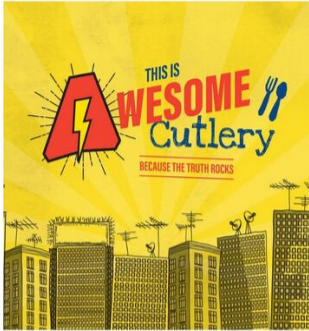
We will all undoubtedly, at some point, feel out of our depth or at the end of our own resources. When we do, we need to remember, in the words of Psalm 46 verse 1 that:

**“God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.”**

It is our prayer that both we, and our young people, grow in trust and love for the Lord during this time.

Amanda, Phil and Kathryn

Pre-school and infants



Tunes to Dance to:

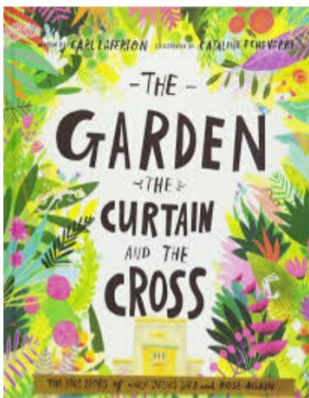
If little ones have need to let off steam why not have a dance party to this free Spotify playlist from The Gospel Coalition. [Upbeat Songs for Quarantined Kids.](#)

This Monday (30th March) tune in at 4pm to [Awesome Cutlery live streaming](#) a concert on YouTube.



Easter Videos to Watch:

[The Bible Society](#) has a few great cartoons of the Easter Story, check out The Easter Poem, The Seriously Surprising Story, The Super Cool Story of Jesus and Three Friends and the Miracle Man - you could use them as bed time stories this week.

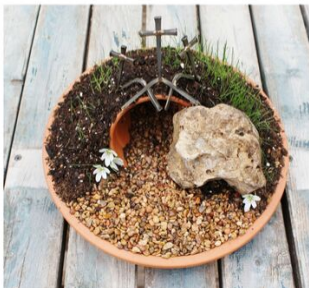


Watch Trillia Newbell read the wonderful Easter book, [the Garden, the Curtain and the Cross.](#)

Things to Make:

Why not make a [traditional Easter garden](#). If you plant grass seed on it now it might even be growing by Easter Sunday.

Or maybe even more appealing. Why not make an [edible Easter tomb](#) (or several). You'll need jammy dodgers and digestives icing sugar and green food colouring ... stick them on the next supermarket order!



What about making [resurrection eggs](#) to help children re-tell the Easter story?

Juniors

The Pilgrim's Progress, animated film—

for FREE!

The Pilgrim's Progress, based on John Bunyan's timeless allegory, is filled with creative characters like Giant Despair, Worldly Wiseman, Evangelist, Legality, the Good Shepherd, and whimsical worlds like the Forbidden Forest, Swamp of Despondency, and Vanity Fair. Viewers follow Christian Pilgrim on his journey to rid himself of a dreadful burden on his back and find the Celestial City, which is ruled by a good and faithful King! However, he must stay on the straight path, and when he doesn't, the most interesting and dangerous adventures ensue. Click the image below and enter your email address to watch.





Faith in Kids

Faith in Kids is an online resource presenting Christ in a fun, relevant and truthful way. [Faith in Kids](#) exists to support churches and parents in raising children to trust in Jesus Christ eternally.

There is a great series of [Podcasts](#) on 'The Wonder of Easter' for kids and parents.



[Saddleback Kids](#) have produced some great resources for you to use as a family. Saddleback Kids is a church in California, USA who are passionate about helping children learn about Jesus. Each Saturday they post a new lesson that includes fun videos, Bible stories and activities.

[Click here](#) to view Easter Week 1



If your children came along to any of the Big Summer Praise sessions last summer at Cornerstone, they will remember the films we showed from the series 'Buck Denver asks... whats in the Bible?'

Click the image below to see the episode 'The meaning of Easter' on YouTube. Other episodes and resources are available [here](#).



Youth



Some resources...



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Something to watch...

Billy Graham - My Hope UK

What do you want most from life?

Watch Billy Graham and Tony Hawk pro-skateboarder Brian Sumner, Ebola doctor Nathalie MacDermott and Rend Collective's Chris Llewellyn, explain the second chances they received from Jesus Christ.



 **Something to help you worship in song...**

Rend Collective Socially Distant Worship Club

Social distance is good for our health and the health of others. We believe in it and support it. But it's not really good for our souls. We've never done anything quite like this before, but it was good for our hearts. We had house church as a band and streamed it live so you could join us in real time. We plan to do this regularly over the coming days and weeks until this blows over so keep a wee eye out!





Olly Knight leading [live worship](#) 8.30am each day

Mon-Fri (Friday is a family special)



Something for parents...

A Guide to Online Worship

Household Worship - [A guide fo families going to church online](#)

[Helping our Young People redeem the time during quarantine](#) - (note: students = USA term for young people)

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