

DAY 4 CRAFT

EASTER DIORAMA (V.1)

JUNIOR & PRIMARY

Materials

- ☐ **Risen Sign Pattern**
- ☐ White air-dry modeling compound, ½ oz. per child
- ☐ Plastic wrap, amount varies
- ☐ Small zippered baggies, 1 per child
- ☐ Mini crosses, 1 per child
- ☐ Brown craft foam, one 3 x 3-inch piece per child
- ☐ Glue dots, 4 per child
- ☐ Bright yellow card stock, 1 sheet for every 30 children

Tools and Basic Supplies

- ☐ Office paper cutter
- ☐ Yellow, orange, and green watercolor markers

Prep

1. Separate modeling compound into ½-oz. balls and wrap tightly in plastic wrap. Then place in tightly sealed zippered baggies with as much air removed as possible. (NOTE: Because modeling compound dries quickly when exposed to air, DO NOT prep it until just before VBS.)
2. Print the **Risen Sign Pattern** onto bright yellow card stock, then use an office paper cutter to cut out the labels, one per child.
3. Cut the craft foam into 3 x 3-inch squares, one per child.

Teaching Tie-In

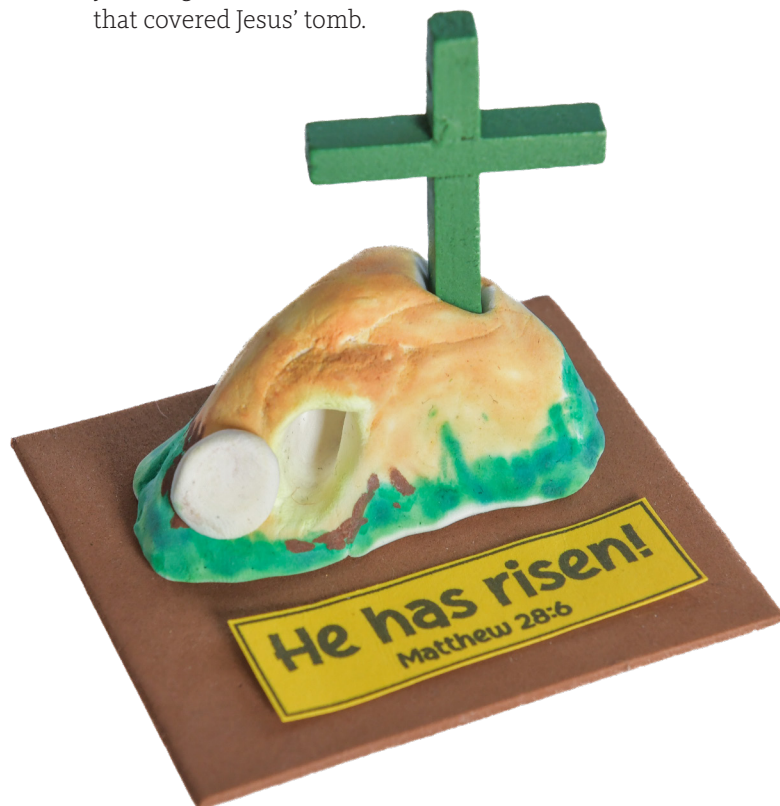
Show the sample craft and say:

Would you like to live in a jungle? *Pause.* On a river-boat? *Pause.* On a mountain? *Pause.* God knows where every person is on this planet—even those who live in the deepest jungle or out at sea—and he loves every one. God is with you wherever you are.

Have you ever given serious thought about how Jesus came to earth to die on the cross and rise from the dead so that you can be forgiven of your sins? *Pause.* May this craft be a reminder of his deep, deep love for you. Jesus loves you so much he died and rose from the grave to pay the penalty for your sin!

Class Time Directions

1. Unwrap the ball of modeling compound. Then change its color to an “earthy” tone by dabbing it with yellow and orange markers and kneading it with your fingers to thoroughly mix the colors. Keep adding color and kneading it until you achieve a tone you like.
2. Pinch off a small “pea-size” amount of the colored compound, roll it into a little ball, flatten it a bit with your finger, and set aside. This will be the “stone” that covered Jesus’ tomb.



3. With the rest of the compound, form a “hill” for the cross. Then press the cross into the top right side of the hill.
4. Next, take your pinky finger or the end of a marker and press it into the front of the hill (at the bottom left), creating an opening for Jesus’ tomb.
5. Use a green marker to color “grass” around the base of the hill.
6. Use 2 glue dots to attach the hill to the back half of the square piece of foam.
7. Use 2 glue dots to attach the “Risen” sign to the foam, in front of the hill.
8. Place the stone next to the opening of the tomb.

Tip Corner

- Print the **pattern** from AnswersVBS.com/junglecrafts.
- No-bake salt dough can be used as an alternative to white modeling compound; however, it will develop cracks over time. There are many simple recipes online. Use gluten-free flour for kids with a gluten allergy.

Super Simple Idea

Try the following Oriental Trading Company craft kit. (Call 1 (800) 875-8480 or visit OrientalTrading.com.) Note that these are available at the time of printing and may not be available later.

- 3D Jesus Is Not Here Sign Craft Kit (Item: #14097270)—Manufacturer does not recommend for children under three years of age.