

Growing through the Gospels together as a family

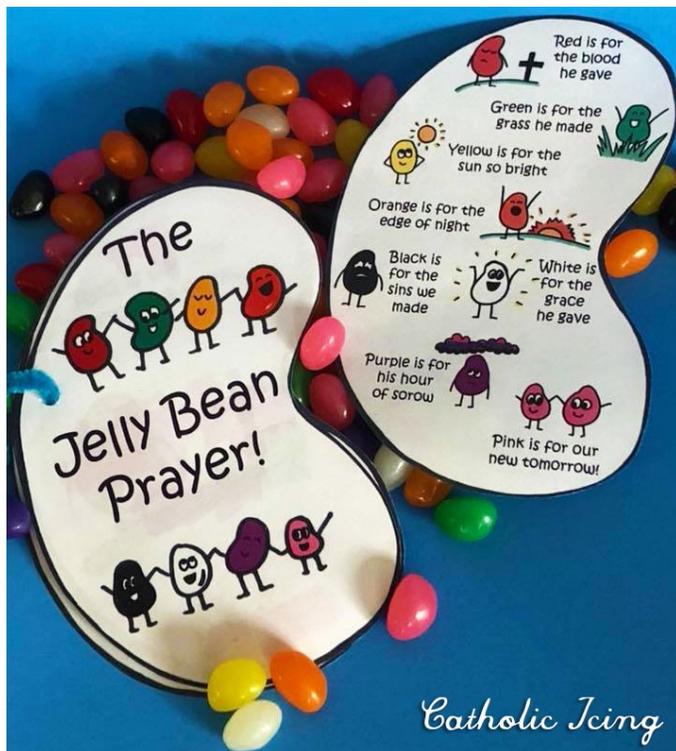
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Discuss and Share

- ⇒ Because Jesus defeated even death, we know that with God, goodness always wins! This gives us our hope to keep moving forward . Where do you see hope and goodness?
- ⇒ How can you be a reminder of hope for others?

Do together:

- ⇒ Create an Easter care package and make a special delivery—even if you have to leave it on their front porch. Make a package that is a sign of hope, goodness and re-creation. It could be hand crafted flowers, personal letters or drawings about why you love your recipient, and some jelly beans along with the jelly bean prayer (below). Be creative and make and send it with love. ❤️



What a week!

Even though Sunday is on the weekend, it's actually the beginning of the week for Christians. It's the first day of the new creation, the day that Jesus rose from the dead. That's why we go to Mass on Sunday. Just as Mary Magdalene, Peter, and other disciples gathered around the tomb early on Easter morning, we gather today to hear the Good News of the Resurrection. Even though we don't see Jesus or the empty tomb with our human eyes, we celebrate Easter with the eyes of faith. We believe that Jesus is risen, that he has triumphed over death! The joy we celebrate every Sunday is even greater on this Easter Sunday. Open your heart to this joy throughout the week. Share this joy with others who believe in Jesus. God promises us eternal life! Alleluia!

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Gospel, John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

You came Jesus, that we might have new life. You died to give us that new life. You showed us the way to live, the way to die and the way to live again. You promised that we too will one day rise. There is laughter and joy because Jesus, our friend and our Lord, is risen! Alleluia! Amen!