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Scripture Lady Products for Preschoolers

It's All About Jesus!

A Preschool Activity that Points Little Hearts to JESUS!

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Thank you for downloading a Scripture Lady Preschool Activity. Here are your directions for presenting "The Little Hill" story especially designed for preschoolers and kindergarten children. Just follow the directions below and have FUN!

As with all holidays, Easter is special in the eyes of a preschooler. But how can we begin to effectively teach our little ones about this very sad, yet glorious time of Jesus? It's important that we be sensitive to the feelings of our young ones, yet not shy away from the difficult parts of the Easter story. My prayer is that the story of "The Little Hill" will enable you to share the story of Easter in a way that will capture the hearts and minds of your children as you share the love of Jesus.

Preparation: The story of "The Little Hill" is not intended to be a simple "turn the pages of a book" type presentation, but instead, I encourage you to draw each of the pictures as I have drawn below. My suggestion is that you have someone read the story while another person draws the pictures. However, if the artist feels comfortable, then he/she can recite the story while drawing.

You will want to purchase a large pad of paper that can be easily seen by your whole audience. I used pastel chalks for my drawings. They are vibrant, colorful and easy to work with. Place the pad of paper on a steady easel.

Before you give the presentation, I suggest that you draw the basic shape and shading of the hill on each page, except for the very first page. Each page is meant to build upon the last. Otherwise, just follow the directions I have printed on each drawing. Make sure you take ample time to practice your presentation. Your children will be blessed by your efforts.

After the story, you might consider giving each of the children a cupcake with green icing on it to represent the little hill. You can make "flowers" by inserting a red gum drop on top of a pretzel stick and then poking the pretzel stick down into the cupcake.

As always, I would love to hear how your presentation went and if you added any other creative elements that I could share with the rest of my readers.
The Little Hill
by Kathy Vincent

Once there was a little hill
And on the hill there grew green grass
And under the green grass, a flower began to grow
And on the flower grew 3 red petals
The little hill was happy

One day a worker walked upon the little hill
And on the hill he dug 3 deep holes
And in each deep hole went a tall log
And on each tall log a cross was made with another log
The little hill was confused

The next day was Friday and a large crowd gathered around
And on each cross a man was hung
There was a man in the middle...His name was Jesus.
And on each side of Jesus there was another man
The little hill was sad

The man in the middle was very sad too
But other people on the little hill were very mad at Him
And made fun of Him
And they laughed at Him
And then darkness came
The little hill was scared

And then the man in the middle died
The little flower on the hill died too
Even the grass on the little hill died
And then the little hill shook and shook
The little hill cried

The man in the middle was taken down from His cross and buried in a cave
Friday was done
Saturday came and went
But on Sunday morning something wonderful happened!
The little hill was excited!

An angel appears and says that Jesus is ALIVE!
The friends of Jesus are very happy
They go to tell their other friends
Then Jesus appears and shows that He is not dead, but ALIVE!
The little hill is filled with joy!

The little hill thought about Jesus
And soon new green grass began to grow
And soon many flowers with red petals grew
And soon new life was all around
The little hill felt loved.
Directions for Drawing and Telling "The Little Hill Story"

To begin with, please feel free to be as creative as you would like with your drawings. I am not an artist, but I do like to draw and I have tried to make the drawings as elementary as possible. I truly believe that if you can hold a piece of chalk in your hand, you can do these drawings. But on the other hand, if you have experience in drawing, by all means get as creative as you can.

This story builds upon itself. You may wonder, "Why doesn't she just draw one hill and then add to it?" My answer to that question is this: I believe your little ones will be more captivated and more focussed on your presentation as they see you flip the pages of your drawing and add elements as you go. There are also points in the story that require a "fresh" drawing of the hill as the scenes and emotions change for the hill.

In these directions, I will give you a page of instruction before each picture along with the line in the story that is read at the time of each drawing.

Here we go with drawing #1:

**Story Line:** Once there was a little hill

**Drawing:** Have your first page be completely blank. Draw the hill. I used a brown chalk and I used the flat side to "fill in" the hill.
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Drawing #2:

Story Line: And on the hill there grew green grass

Drawing: Your second page will already have a hill drawn. You will now add the grass with a green chalk.
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Drawing #3:

Story Line: And under the green grass, a flower began to grow

Drawing: Your third page will already have a hill drawn with the green grass. You will now add the stem of the growing flower.
Drawing #4:

Story Line: And on the flower grew 3 red petals

Drawing: You can remain on the third page and then add the 3 red petals with a red chalk.