

### Extending Activities

#### March 18, 2018 • 5th Sunday of Lent

**Baking Bread** • If there is an oven near the space where you teach, make bread from frozen dough and have it baking during your class. The aroma will make this an unforgettable *Seeds* class.

**The Little Red Hen** • Read or tell the story of "The Little Red Hen," a preschool favorite. This story reinforces step-by-step sequencing. The children will love acting out the parts of the Little Red Hen, duck, mouse, and pig.

#### March 25, 2018 • Palm/Passion Sunday

**Palm Crosses** • Show pictures of palm trees to the children and explain that they are very common trees where Jesus lived. Pieces of palm fall to the ground the way leaves from our trees fall to the ground in the autumn. Your parish may have people who can weave crosses from blessed palm. Foster intergenerational interaction by inviting some of these adults to teach the children how to do this.

**Make a Colorful Cross** • Draw a simple cross outline on a piece of typing paper and duplicate a copy for each child. The children can glue scraps of construction paper or colored tissue paper on the cross shape.

#### April 1 & 8, 2018 • Easter & 2nd Sunday of Easter

**Church Visit** • Take the children on a visit to the church. Point out the signs of Easter: the Easter candle, the flowers, the baptismal font. Lead the children in praying for themselves, their families, and others.

**A Spring Walk** • When people are asked about their experience of God, over 50 percent say they find God in the beauty of nature. Take your *Seeds* children on a walk to revel in the new life of spring in your area. Make it more fun by asking them to look for specific things: something blue, something red, something with four legs, something that sings.

#### April 15, 2018 • 3rd Sunday of Easter

**Feeling Picture** • Make a variety of magazines available to the children. Let them work in groups of three or four to find pictures that show feelings. Give each group three large pieces of paper on which to glue the pictures. Then ask each group to share their pictures with the others.

**Paper Plate Faces** • Give each child a paper plate. Instruct them to draw a happy face on one side and a sad face on the other side. Read or tell a story. As you read, direct the children to listen for happy and sad feelings and hold up the correct face for each.

#### April 22, 2018 • 4th Sunday of Easter

**Good Shepherds** • Direct the children to build a corral out of stones. They can use their sheep markers and have them go in and out of the corral. This is an opportunity for them to make up their own stories and play.

**Helpers** • Provide magazines so the children can cut out figures of people who help them. Give them paper and glue to use the pictures to make a collage. The children will be aware of doctors, nurses, other medical people, police officers, firefighters, and other helpers.