



Simple Easter activities with 5-9s and older children

1. **Look and talk:** what do each of these nine pictures have to do with the story of Jesus' last days?
2. **In a line up?** Is there a right order for the nine cards? Ask children to 'put them in the right order' and discuss how you might do it.
3. **Kim's Game:** put the cards (or even better 9 artefacts) on a cloth to observe for 1 minute. Cover, and ask children to re-draw or list. What did they miss?
4. **Add three.** Ask children if they added three more, to be about the end of the story where Christians believe Jesus came alive again, what three pictures could they choose? They might draw these.
5. **Take away one by one.** Which objects matter least at Easter? Ask individual children to take them away one by one. Which three are left, the ones that matter most?
6. **Display Tree.** Make a 'Holy Week and Easter' tree, with nine branches if you can. Children take, cut out and decorate each of the symbols. On the back they finish a sentence, or choose some appropriate words to explain the symbol, reflect on their own ideas or offer a prayer or meditation. All the symbols are hung on the tree. A branch from outside, or hanging them up outside is good.