

APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY

INCLUDED:

Natural beeswax sheet
Wic
2 water transfer decals
5 pins

USE YOUR OWN:

Hairdryer
Bowl of water



NOTE: ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED



JOHN 20:1-9
(The Mass of Easter Day)



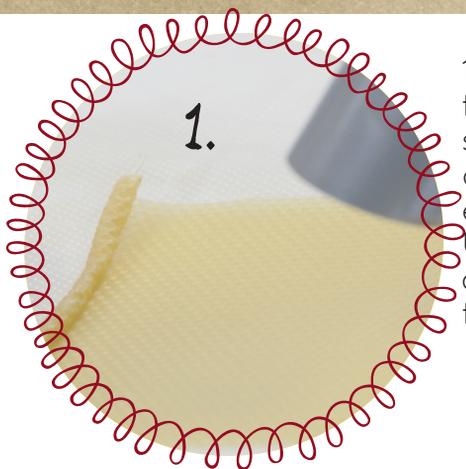
On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know 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.

Discussion: Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Through Holy Week and the Easter Season we especially celebrate what is called the Paschal Mystery. This is God's plan of salvation, as fulfilled through these four events in Christ's life:

1. His Passion - suffering and crucifixion
2. Death - on the cross on Good Friday
3. Resurrection - rising from the dead on Easter Sunday
4. Ascension - going up to heaven

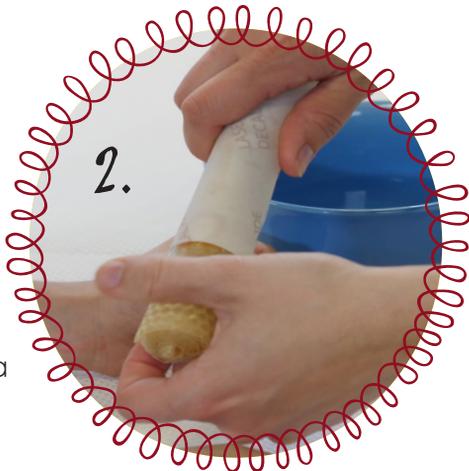
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1. Lay the beeswax sheet flat on a table. If there were any cracks in shipping, it's okay! Lay the wic on one end of the candle, with all the extra wic sticking out on one side. Use a hair dryer to warm the wax and slowly roll the candle around the wic until all the wax is rolled.

2. Soak the candle decal in a bowl of water for 10-15 seconds. Gently press the decal side against the candle. Slide the backing off, leaving the decal. The decal is very fragile. If it breaks, just take off the decal before it dries and you have a second decal to use.



3. Carefully push the pins in to the center and ends of the cross. These represent the five wounds of Christ: the nails in his hands and feet, the crown of thorns, and the spear piercing his heart.

The Paschal candle is a new candle made for every year. At the Easter Vigil Mass, the church begins in darkness. Usually outside, a fire is lit to celebrate Christ bringing light to the world. The first candle lit from the fire on Holy Saturday is the new Paschal candle. From that candle, candles held by the congregation are lit. This represents the light of Christ coming into the world and how the light can spread. You'll see the church's candle throughout the Easter season and then on special occasions. You can ask your parish priest to bless your family candle and, with an adult, light the candle at home during prayer times.