

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION THROUGH ART:

Painting Jesus' Empty Tomb

This week in the art room, my elementary students embarked on a meaningful and beautiful journey—painting the empty tomb of Jesus using watercolors. This multi-step project required patience, careful attention, and a willingness to follow along as I painted with them, guiding them through each stage of the process. I was incredibly impressed by how well my students listened, observed, and applied their skills with such dedication and enthusiasm!

Watercolor can be a challenging medium, requiring light layers, blending, and patience as colors dry. As we built up our paintings step by step—from the morning sky to the stone rolled away—I saw my students grow in confidence. They paid close attention to how light and shadow create depth, making the tomb's entrance feel open and inviting, a visual reminder of the miracle of the Resurrection.



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Beyond just technique, this project carried a powerful message. As we painted, we reflected on Matthew 28:6: "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." The empty tomb represents victory, hope, and new life in Christ. Just as our paintings started as blank pages and transformed into something beautiful through each step, our lives are transformed when we trust in Jesus.

It was moving to see my students not only grasp the artistic process but also engage with the deeper meaning behind it. As they brushed color onto their paper, they weren't just creating art—they were visually telling the greatest story ever told.



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At the end of our lesson, each painting was unique, yet they all carried the same powerful message: Jesus is alive! I am so proud of my students for their focus, creativity, and willingness to follow along each step of the way. Just as they trusted me to guide them through the painting, may they always trust in God's plan for their lives, knowing that He leads them step by step toward His perfect purpose.

