

To use your own objects for the storytelling with toddlers and young children, see what you can find to represent the following around your home. Some ideas are included below. You could even have a scavenger hunt to find them before the storytelling!

**Make sure everything you use is age-appropriate and doesn't present a choking hazard!**

- A leaf or something to represent a plant

*Are there leaves from trees, bushes, dandelions, pavement weeds, pot plants or herbs you could use? Make sure it's safe! Do you have any other ideas? Or you can you draw one!*

- A piece of rope or string

*Do you have any wool, or string, or thread, or a snipped elastic band, or a shoelace in your home? We used a shoelace borrowed from my shoe! Do you have any other ideas?*

A cross

*Can you make one from twigs or straws or pencils/pens tied together with string or an elastic band. Could you draw a cross, or print one of the crosses under Small Images for Storytelling & Large Images for Storytelling. Do you have any other ideas?*

- A piece of cloth to wrap Jesus in for burial

*Do you have a hanky, or tissues, or some of that precious loo roll that you could use?*

- A box with a lid that the figure of Jesus can fit inside when wrapped in the cloth. The lid needs to detach completely!

*Is there a margarine tub or similar, an ice-cream tub, a shoebox, a tin with a lid, or any box with a lid you could use?*

**You will also need:**

a figure of Jesus

*Draw your own or simple printable versions are available under Small Colouring for Storytelling & Large Colouring for Storytelling on the website.*

**Set the items out in the following order on the floor in a line.**

Have a look at the *Images for Storytelling* beneath the audio track if you need a hand.

### **1: The garden**

A leaf or something to represent a plant

### **2: Soldiers tie Jesus with rope**

String or a rope

### **3: People lie about Jesus**

The box lid by itself to form a stage for Jesus to stand on.

### **4: Jesus on the cross**

A cross

### **5: The Dark Cave**

A piece of 'cloth' to wrap Jesus in for burial

The box (on its side if possible). When it's time to close the box, take the lid back from 3.

*Move the figure of Jesus along these objects as you tell your story.*