



*A note to Parents and Catechists:* This experience invites your young people to joyfully and prayerfully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and our new life in him. Have bare branches, white popcorn and/or white tissue paper, and glue available.

## Easter: A Blossoming Celebration

### LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**READER 1:** Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. (John 20:11-16)

**READER 2:** "Mountains and hills shall break out in song before you, and all the trees of the countryside shall clap their hands." (Isaiah 55:12)

**READER 3:** "The flowers appear on the earth.... The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance." (Song of Songs 2:12, 13)

**ALL:** Alleluia! Alleluia!

### MY PRAYER GOES ON

Make a blossoming prayer poster. Glue bare branches to poster paper. Then create fluffy blossoms by gluing pieces of white popcorn or pieces of white tissue paper on those bare branches. As you work, imagine you are in a garden with Jesus. Talk to him about the signs of growth and new life surrounding you.