

# Hope Planters

## You will need:

- 4 cardboard rolls (toilet roll size)
- 4 bulbs in season (I've used bluebells and gladioli)
- potting soil
- newspaper
- permanent texta
- water
- plastic plate or saucer

## What to do:

- Write the letters H O P E one on each of the tubes.
- *To fill the tubes:*
  - ♦ First put down some newspaper to work on.
  - ♦ Scrunch up a wad of newspaper and push it into the bottom of the tube.
  - ♦ Fill the tubes with potting soil, pushing it down onto the newspaper fairly hard.
  - ♦ Leave enough room at the top to plant the bulbs just below the surface.
  - ♦ Top up with potting soil.
  - ♦ Put the tubes on a plastic plate or saucer and water the soil.
- Place on a window sill and keep moist till the bulbs grow big enough to plant in the garden. Plant them tubes and all – the tubes will break down and provide compost.

Talk to your children about Hope: Even when things seem really difficult — like being in a dark place where you can't see what's going to happen — Jesus assures us that there is hope, God is with us helping us in dark times. And even though we can't see into the future, dark night gives way to day, and a new day is possible, just like the bulbs come out of the dark ground where we can't see them, and grow into beautiful plants.

