

Easter

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This activity contributes to the following badges:



The Story of Easter

The Easter story is at the heart of the Christian faith (faith is what people believe in)

On Good Friday (the Friday before Easter Sunday) Jesus Christ was crucified by the Romans. His body was taken down from the cross, and placed in a cave

The cave was guarded and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no-one could enter

On the Sunday, some people visited the cave and found that the stone had been moved, and that the tomb was empty

Jesus himself was seen that day, and for days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead

This is why people celebrate Easter. It is a time to remember the story of Jesus rising from the dead and to celebrate new life

Easter takes place in the spring, when nature awakens after the cold of winter. Churches are filled with flowers, and there are special hymns and songs to celebrate

Activity 1 (10m) Creme Egg Roll

Mark out a target on the (clean!) floor or table. Give each young person a creme egg with a name sticker on it

Whoever rolls their egg closest to the target wins the game - this will be tricky due to the way eggs roll! And even better... if the foil is kept on the egg, everyone can eat theirs afterwards 😊

Activity 2 (1hour) Egg Box Hunt

This activity could be done over two weeks. You will need:

- An egg carton for each young person
- Craft supplies, glue etc.

In week one, tell the story of Easter and decorate the egg cartons. In Week 2, take the young people on a nature hike and fill the cartons with different things e.g.

- Something soft
- Something smooth
- Something fluffy
- Something bendy
- Something flaky
- Something green

Remember to risk assess your hike and only take small samples of renewable materials- never take bird eggs from nature or something that could be food for animals- explain why this is important to the young people!

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Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is said to have occurred three days after Jesus was crucified by the Romans and died in roughly 30 A.D.

In the story of Easter, Jesus was sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate, the Roman leader in the province of Judea. Jesus' death by crucifixion is marked by Good Friday (the Friday before Easter Sunday). He was said to have resurrected three days later, proof that he was the son of God

The Easter period lasts many weeks, with Lent lasting 40 days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. Lent is from an old English word meaning 'lengthen', as it is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer. Lent allows Christians to remember Jesus's fasting in the desert. It is a time of giving things up and a test of self-discipline. Some people give up something they really enjoy, such as chocolate

The Sunday immediately prior to Easter is called Palm Sunday, and it commemorates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, when followers laid palm leaves across the road to greet him

Many of the traditions that we associate with Easter have their origins in pagan times before Christianity. Examples of this are the symbol of the egg, meaning fertility and new life, and the bunny (new life). Easter has become associated with the Spring and the world returning to life after the cold of winter

Activity (1hour) Nature Walk Challenge

Easter is the perfect time to get out and about in nature, to reflect and take notice of the world slowly waking up around you

This activity could take place in an urban or rural environment, it's getting outside that's important!

Challenge your young people to spot the things below on the walk- the possibilities are endless so be creative with your own ideas!

- A white flower
- A bridge
- A non-native species
- A hill
- A clock
- A blue door
- Tree roots
- A pawprint
- A reflection in a puddle
- A carving of a lion
- An interestingly shaped cloud
- A new leaf
- Natural food for wildlife
- A round window
- A knot in a tree
- A feather
- An interestingly shaped shadow
- A yellow flower
- A mushroom
- A red post box