



Easter Egg Blessing ~ Celebrating the Resurrection

Historically, eggs have been associated with new life, rebirth, and springtime. Many ancient cultures used eggs in their religious ceremonies. It was not long before the Christian church took up the tradition of decorating and giving eggs as gifts as part of the springtime festival of Easter to celebrate the resurrection. Decorating Easter eggs and hiding them for an Easter egg hunt has been a fun tradition for many a family gathering. Having an Easter egg hunt at one's home or at a community park can be a simple and effective way of celebrating the message of Christ's resurrection with family, friends, and neighbors.

Providing opportunities to take a breath and find God's presence in special moments is important. Coloring and using Easter eggs can play a role in passing faith from one generation to the next. It's an opportunity for caring conversations to connect faith and awareness of an Easter egg's history in the Christian church. Blessing the eggs reminds us of the joy of the resurrection and our new life in Christ. Sharing plastic Easter eggs with special messages, a Bible verse, or a gift inside is a good way to be reminded of this blessing, celebration, and fellowship every year during Easter.



Caring Conversations

- What are some memories you have about coloring Easter eggs?
- Have you ever gone to an Easter egg hunt? Tell a story about that experience.
- How do Easter eggs remind you of the message of Easter?



Devotions

Read John 11:23-26 (CEV)

Jesus then said, "I am the one who raises the dead to life! Everyone who has faith in me will live, even if they die. And everyone who lives because of faith in me will never really die. Do you believe this?"

- What question would you like to ask Jesus about the resurrection?
- Coloring Easter eggs is more than a fun activity. The eggs and the colors remind us of new life filled with joy in Christ. How do you experience the joy of the resurrection in your daily life?
- Suggested songs: *Jesus Love Me*
and *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*



Service

Schedule a time to color eggs together with family and friends. Fill plastic eggs with candy or other gifts. Deliver these eggs in baskets to those who are home bound or in nursing and assisted living homes. Take time to engage in caring conversations and prayer with those you visit.



Rituals and Traditions

Place an egg in each person's hand as you bless them with this prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of Easter eggs, a sign of new life and of Christ's resurrection. May the joy of Easter be a reminder of the joy we have in you now and always through Christ's death and resurrection. Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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