

Born at Home



Ideas and activities for Easter

This guide is split up into two sections; activities for families and activities for adults; single or couple.

We all know those Easter activities that everyone does... Egg decoration, Easter bunny, egg hunt, Easter baskets, etc. While the secular things of Easter dominate commercials and shopping centers, Easter is truly a holiday fully owned by Christians. These activities are meant to recognize the true meaning of Easter.

1

CRAWL

These activities are quick and can be done while doing other things.

2

WALK

These activities require some time and are simple things to do.

3

RUN

These activities require dedicated time and are more complex.

A QUICK GLANCE



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A Guide for Families

CRAWL

Coloring Page: Read the Easter story from one of these passages...

Passage 1: Matthew 26-28

Passage 2: Mark 15-16

Passage 3: Luke 22-24

Passage 4: John 17-20

Have your kids color while you read. A coloring page is located on page 7.

Eggs: Retell and celebrate the Resurrection story with your child by creating an “egg” version of the Resurrection story. Gather six plastic eggs, each a different color. Place the following items inside, one item per egg: breadcrumb, paper cross, strip of cloth, rock and piece of candy. One egg will remain empty. As you tell the Resurrection story, let your child open the eggs. Explain each item in the following order:

1. Bread crumb: Jesus ate dinner with His friends. (Luke22:14-15)
2. Cross: The next day, Jesus died on the Cross. (John19:17-18)
3. Strip of cloth: He was wrapped in cloth and placed in a tomb. (John 19:40)
4. Rock: A stone was placed in front of the tomb. (Matthew27:59-60)
5. Empty egg: Jesus’ friends came to the tomb and saw the stone had been moved. The tomb was empty! (Luke 24:1-3)
6. Candy: Jesus is alive. That’s the sweet surprise of Easter. (Matthew 28:5-6)

Once you’ve finished sharing the Resurrection story with your child, encourage her to use the eggs to tell the story in her own words.

Yarn Prayer: Lay a skein of yarn on a table and pull 2 inches of yarn from one end. Ask your child to slowly pull on this piece, and when she has pulled out about an arm’s length of yarn, snip it off with scissors. Tell your kids that this piece of yarn has a beginning and an end, just like our lives here on earth. Take the snipped piece of yarn and tie it back onto the skein, explaining that, through Christ, we are free to live with God forever. When Jesus died and rose again, He gave us eternal life. Although our time on earth will come to an end, our life with God will go on and on forever. Celebrate the power of the Resurrection by allowing your kids to pull freely on the piece of yarn and run with it as it unravels from the skein. Let them run out of the room! Up the stairs! Pray together, thanking God for sending His Son and welcoming us into eternal life with Him.



Old T-Shirt: To teach your tweens about the forgiving power of Christ’s resurrection, try this activity. First, put on an old, white T-shirt. Then discuss what sin is by asking your tweens to share some examples, such as lying or envy. Invite them to use permanent markers to write their examples on the shirt. Explain that our sins create a rift in our relationship with God

and keep us from experiencing His love. To be reconciled with God, we need to get rid of the sin that separates us. Ask for ideas on how to remove the marker stains from the shirt. If the kids suggest washing it, try scrubbing it in the sink. Let them see that the stains are permanent. Also note how the “sins” can’t be hidden, even if the shirt is turned inside out. Ask: “If we can’t remove our own sin, who can help us?” Guide your tweens toward understanding that only Jesus, through His death and resurrection, has the power to get rid of our sins. Take the old, dirty shirt and place it in a trash bag near a Bible or a cross, where you’ve also set anew, clean white shirt. As you put on the clean shirt, talk about how Christ takes away our sin and gives us His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21).



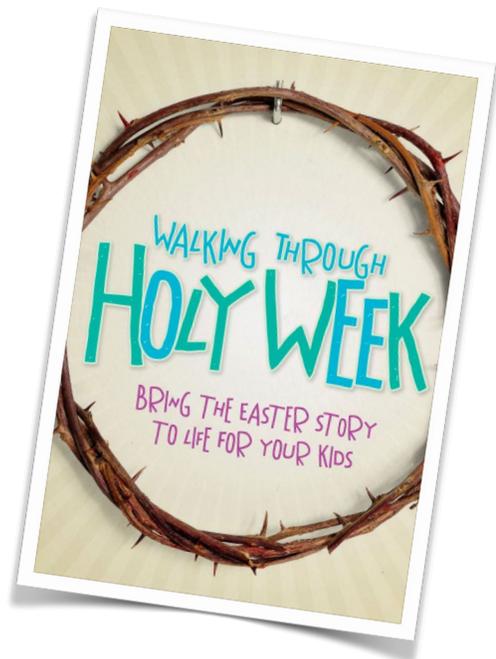
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WALK

RUN

Walking Through Holy Week: Instead of breaking things up by “walk” and “run” we are going to give you a free resource. This month we are including an HUGE packet from Focus on the Family called Walking Through Holy Week. This has tons of fun things to do as a family; with a new suggestion every day of Holy Week. If you didn’t grab a print copy or are viewing this packet online you can find a free copy at <https://media.focusonthefamily.com/fotf/pdf/magazine/walk-thru-holy-week.pdf>



A Guide for Adults

Please take a look at the family activities and feel free to do any of them that you wish. We have included a few more activities just for adults.

1

CRAWL

Easter Crossword: You will find a crossword puzzle on page 6. Answers are on page 8.

2

WALK

Easter Evangelism: Easter is an ideal time to share the love of Christ with others. Here is an idea. Go to someone's house and hide 12 Easter eggs in their yard that are filled with candy, but leave one empty. And place a sign on their door that says... Make a sign that says –

“YOU”VE BEEN EGGED!

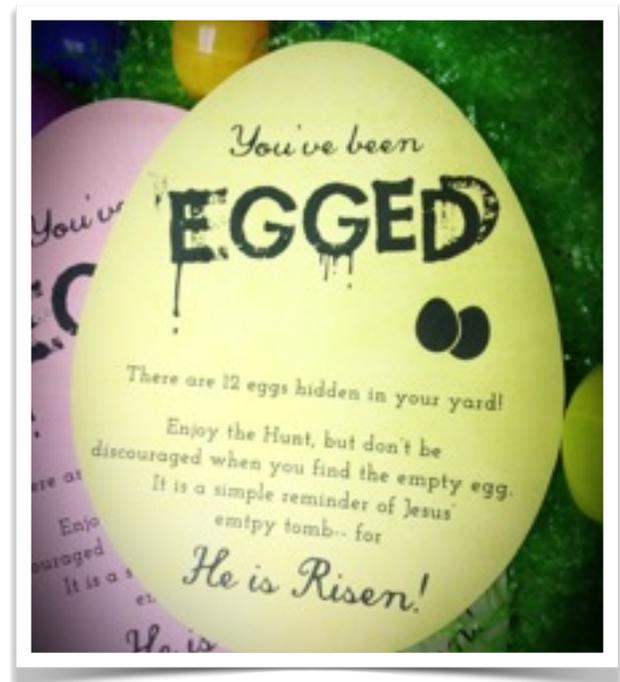
There are twelve eggs hidden in your yard!

Enjoy the hunt, but don't be discouraged when you find one empty... that's a reminder of Jesus' empty tomb...

HE IS RISEN!

Oberammergau: A town in Germany has been performing a 5-7 hour passion play every 10 years since 1633. This is of course telling the story of the crucifixion and resurrection of

Jesus. The most recent play had 1500 actors, 450 of them being children. In a four hundred year history of the play a few things got in the way of making it happen. Other than a ban on passion plays that cancelled the 1770 play, the play has been performed every ten years with the exception of delays and in some cases the play has been moved up a few years as was the case in 1930's when the 1940 play up to 1934 to celebrate the 300th anniversary. The most recent delay has been the 2020 passion play postponed to 2022 due to the Covid Pandemic. According to legend, this tradition started as a vow to God during the black



plague. As soon as the villagers made the vow to perform a play every 10 years forever, not another person in the town died of the black plague. Check out the documentaries on the 2010 play and the 2020 play.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zi8-1Mf5Feo
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Seder Meal: Born Church is hosting a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 14th, 2022 at 7pm. This day commemorates the Last Supper

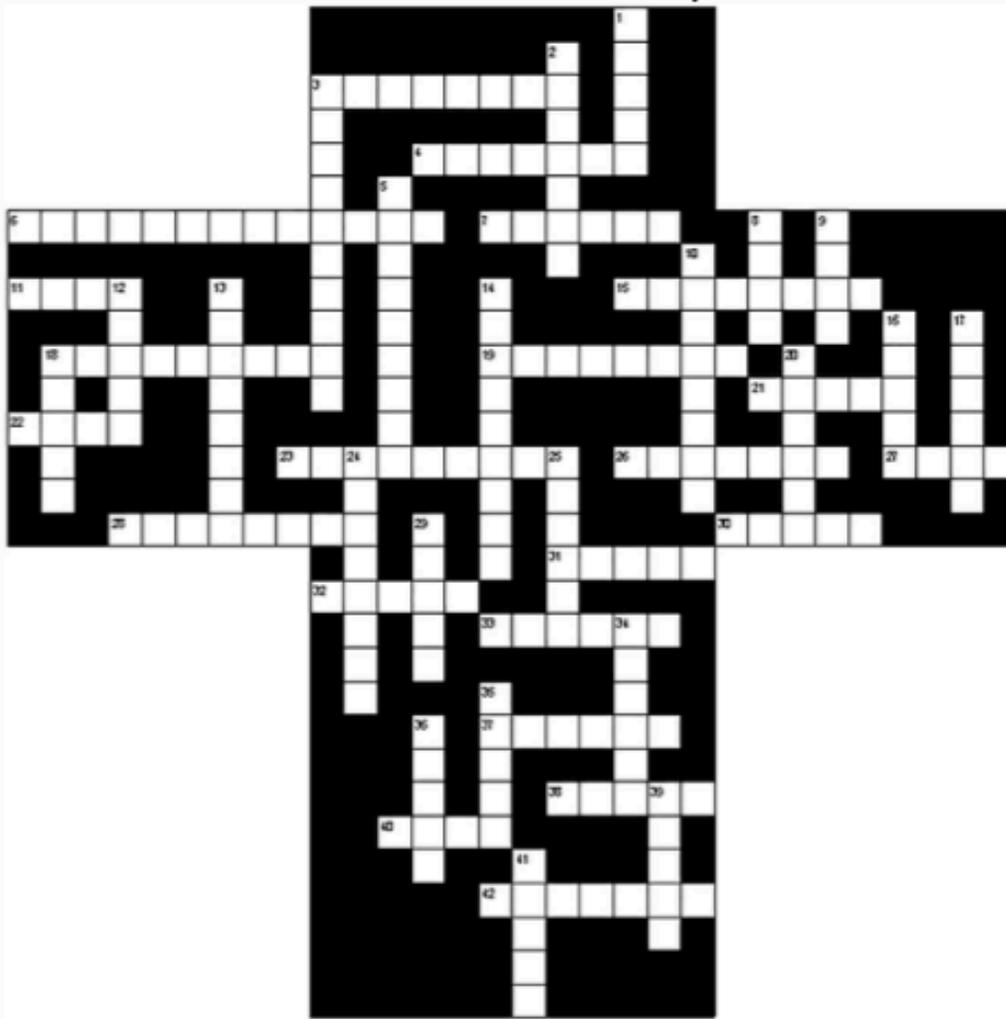
when Jesus shared the Passover meal with His Disciples. We have a lot of different names for the same thing. Seder means “order.” The celebration of passover has a lot of tradition and a meal is one of them. The meal has many different components that all have a specific order to them. So Jesus celebrated **Passover** by having a **Seder** meal where he and his disciples had the first **Communion** and Christians Commemorate this day and call it **Maundy Thursday**.



RUN

Easter Devotionals: 40 Days to Easter is a devotional that leads you through the Lenten season with 40 devotionals and readings. These devotions will allow you to gain a more complete perspective on your personal relationship with Jesus and the power of his work in your love today. This devotional can be purchased as an ebook for \$1.99 on Amazon Kindle.

The Easter Story



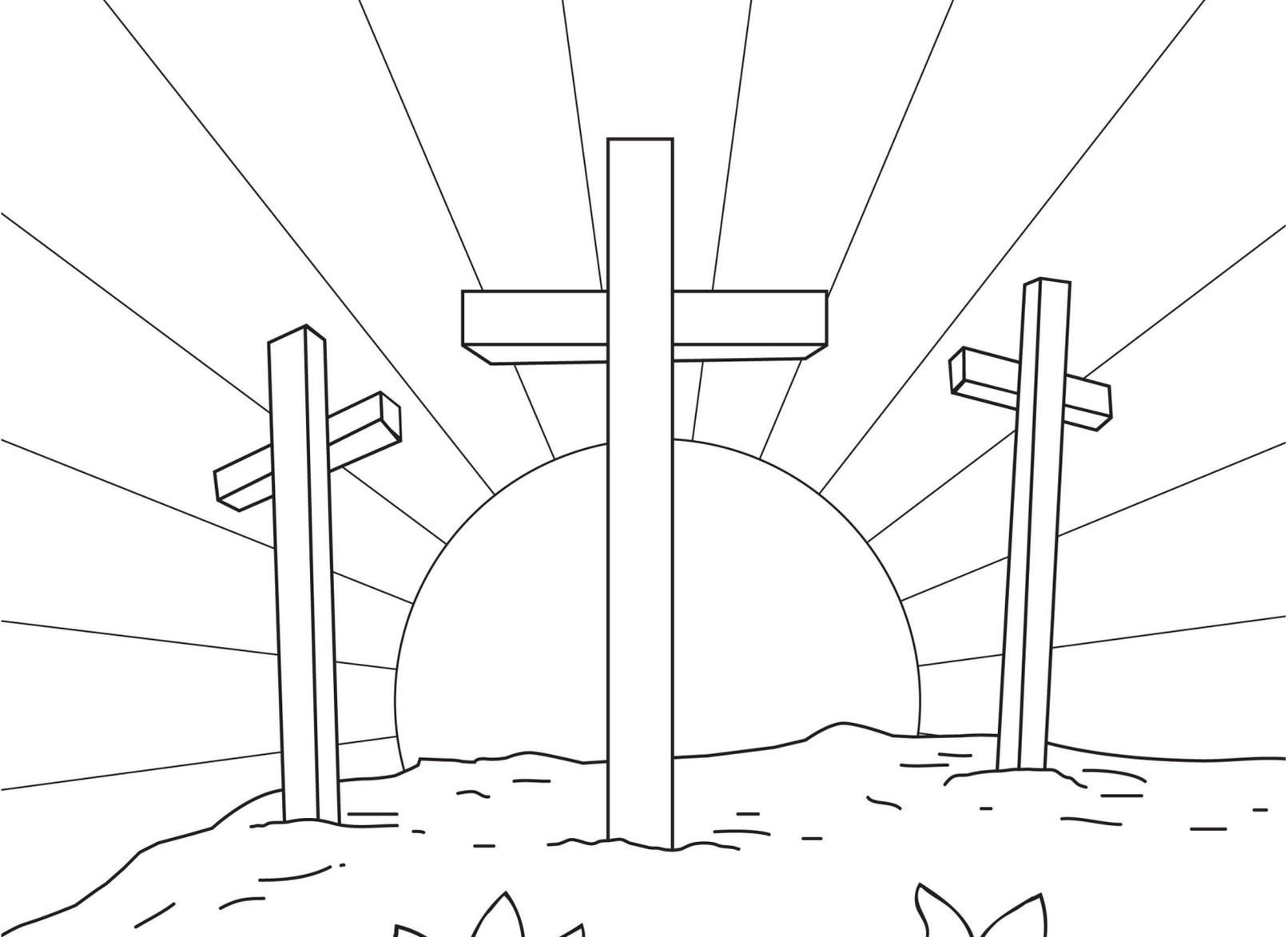
Across

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| 3. It means "A place of a skull;"
Where He was crucified | 26. "Father, _____ them; for they
know not what they do." |
| 4. These guys were crucified on each
side of Him. | 27. He shed His blood so our _____
would be forgiven. |
| 6. And He was numbered with the
_____. | 28. The Last Supper was a celebration
of this Jewish holiday |
| 7. Jesus was anointed with precious
ointment in preparation for His
_____. | 30. The ruler of Galilee |
| 11. This part of the temple was torn in
two from the top to the bottom | 31. This was sent to strengthen Him
when He was praying in the
garden. |
| 15. And when the sixth hour was
come, there was _____ over the
whole land. | 32. This apostle denied that He knew
Jesus three times. |
| 18. This Roman said, "Truly this was
the Son of God." | 33. This wealthy man of Arimathea
buried Him. |
| 19. The high priest who said it was
expedient that one man die for all. | 37. The doubtful apostle |
| 21. The _____ of blood was
purchased with the betrayal money | 38. "A spirit has not _____ and bones
as ye see me have." |
| 22. The disciple that took Mary home
as his own mother | 40. And they stripped Him, and put on
Him a scarlet _____. |
| 23. He appeared first unto Mary
_____. | 42. They gave Him this to drink when
He was on the cross. |

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Down

1. The father-in-law to the high priest. Jesus was first brought to him
2. Another name for the place of His crucifixion.
3. The garden where Jesus prayed before He was arrested
5. And it was the third hour, and they _____ Him.
8. This was written and set over His head: "_____ of the Jews"
9. Judas betrayed Jesus with a _____.
10. "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every _____."
12. Joseph took His body down and wrapped it in fine _____.
13. The prisoner released by Pilate instead of Jesus
14. The pharisee that brought spices for His burial
16. The apostle who betrayed the Christ
17. "Why seek ye the _____ among the dead?"
18. He was taken up; and a _____ received Him out of their sight.
20. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of _____.
24. And they crucified Him, and parted His _____, casting lots:
25. He appeared to two disciples on the way to this village.
29. Jesus told Peter to feed His _____.
34. The Roman governor who washed his hands of the whole affair
35. This was rolled in front of the tomb and then sealed.
36. and His sweat was as it were great drops of _____.
39. The soldier pierced His side with this _____.
41. He is not here: for He is _____ as He said.



Jesus
Is Risen

