

Sunday 12th April

Easter Sunday



Happy Easter!

Today is Easter Day, when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection (rising from the dead to new life). The story of Easter can be found in all 4 gospels, but today we're going to read it in: Matthew chapter 28, verses 1-10 in your bibles, 'The Empty Tomb' (beginning p.482 if you have a Spark Story Bible, or you can watch it here:

<https://youtu.be/TikWatDJGuk> (1st 55 seconds).



Why Easter Eggs?

Eggs aren't mentioned in the resurrection story, so why do we have Easter Eggs? The egg shape reminds us of the stone which was rolled away to reveal the empty tomb. Eggs are also a source of new life. Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday, but rose to new life on Easter Day, giving us the gift of a new life through him too.

This is a song we often sing at Augustine on Easter Day which says this too. Here is a link for the tune:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VsRAPVczDDA>

You and you family might like to sing it and see if you can remember the actions.

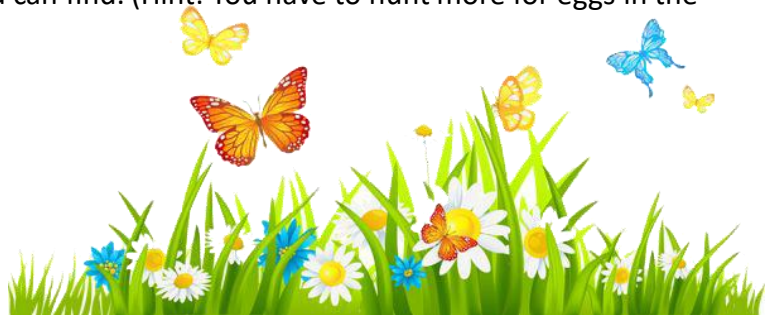


*Roll the stone, roll the stone, roll the stone away, (roll hands)
Jesus died, now he's alive for it is Easter Day (arms out (cross) then wave arms
First we like to paint our eggs (mime painting)
Sometimes blue and sometimes red.
Then we roll them til they crunch (mime rolling)
Then we eat them munch munch munch (mime eating)*

Some Activities to try in Easter Week

Spring is the time of year when many things come to life – flowers, trees, baby animals are born etc. Either during your daily exercise, or from the window at home, Why don't you see if you can see/smell signs of new life. With less traffic noise at the moment, you may be able to hear signs of new life too.

Attached are a couple of other activities for you to try: Both pictures you can colour in, and then count how many eggs you can find. (Hint: You have to hunt more for eggs in the second one.)



Prayer:

Our awesome God

We are so happy, excited and filled with joy because Jesus is alive!

Thank you for new life and the miracle of the resurrection. Help us tell everyone the great, good news Amen