

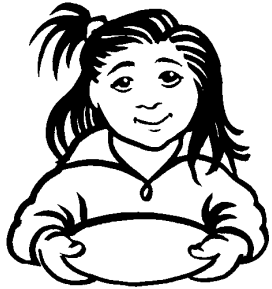
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Fifty days of Easter

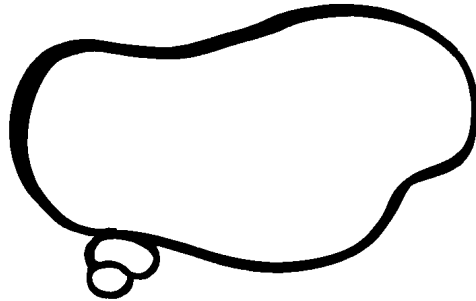
Did you know that the church season of Easter lasts 50 days? Here are three ways you can celebrate. Finish each picture.



Go on an egg hunt.
Hide eggs in the picture.



Bring treats to your neighbors.
Draw treats on the empty plate.



Say "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" each morning when you wake up.

Write these Easter words in the balloon.



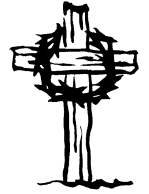
Jump for joy! Shout, "Hooray!" Jesus Christ is risen today! Amen

this week

Notice times when you "see Jesus" in your everyday experiences.

Kids Celebrate

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is Easter! For Christians, Easter is the most joyful celebration of the year. This is the day Jesus rose from death to a new life. What changes do you see in your worship space? What color is the cloth on God's table (the altar)? What kinds of flowers do you see? During the 40 days of Lent we didn't sing or say "Alleluia." Today, listen for all of the times you say or sing "Alleluia!"



Jesus Christ is risen!

John 20:1-18

Early in the morning, Mary Magdalene came to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the big stone was rolled away from the door. Jesus' body was gone!

Mary cried as she looked in the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white. They said to her, "Why are you weeping?"

Mary said, "Jesus is gone." Then Mary turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus.

Jesus said, "Mary!" When Mary heard her name, she recognized

Jesus. Jesus told Mary the good news—he had risen from the dead!

Mary ran to the disciples. She said, "I have seen the Lord!"



Easter eggs

Our celebration of Easter is filled with eggs. Jelly beans look like tiny, colorful eggs. We eat chocolate eggs and chew bubblegum eggs. We turn ordinary eggs into beautiful pieces of art. Eggs are a powerful symbol of Easter. The eggshell is like Jesus' tomb. It carries new life inside of it. When the chick hatches out of the egg, it reminds us of Jesus' new life at Easter.



Can you help these children find 10 eggs?



When you hear someone say, "Christ is risen!" respond this way: "Christ is risen indeed!" Practice with a family member or a friend.