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– <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgFZDCguR8E&t=5s> >

and watch 'Our Easter Story' to see more of what Easter is all about.

If you'd like to invite Jesus to live in your heart,
you can do that right now.

All you have to do is pray – that's just a word we use for talking to Jesus, it's like talking to your best friend on your phone.

The following prayer is a good place to start....

Thank you Jesus

That everything you did at Easter you did because you love me, so much.

I'm sorry for the wrong things I've done, and ask you to forgive me and help me to try my very best to do things better.

I want you to come and live in my heart, and to be with me as my friend, just now and forever.

Amen.

It's important to tell someone you trust that you've invited Jesus into your heart, and to talk to Jesus every day. He likes to hear from you, and to know the things that make you happy or sad. And remember, nothing, not even really bad stuff can separate us from being friends with Jesus. Because He loves us!!



Chocolate Easter Egg Nests

Ingredients

- 225g plain or milk chocolate, broken into pieces
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 50g butter
- 75g cornflakes
- 36 mini chocolate eggs

Method

1. Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases.
2. Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a saucepan of gently simmering water (do not let the base of the bowl touch the water). Stir the mixture until smooth.
3. Remove the bowl from the heat and gently stir in the cornflakes until all of the cereal is coated in the chocolate.
4. Divide the mixture between the paper cases and press 3 chocolate eggs into the centre of each nest. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour, or until completely set.



Recipe Tips

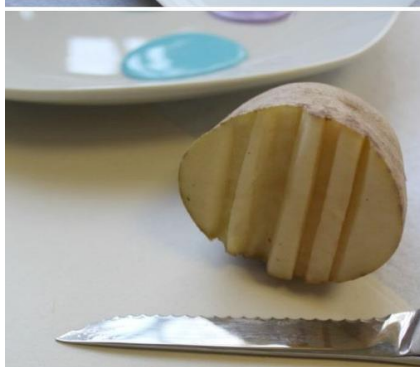
Shredded wheat or puffed rice cereals can be used instead of the cornflakes.



POTATO EASTER EGG STAMPS



Premeditated LEFTOVERS



Choose a potato, and your coloured paints.

Ask a grown up to help you cut the potato in half, then cut a pattern in one half of the potato. This could be stripes, spots or zig zags – an old fashioned potato peeler could be good for creating spots. Just use the pointy end.

Next squirt a few blobs of paint onto a plate – about the size of a ten pence piece.

Take a brush and carefully paint the colours onto the cut side of your potato – this will work best if your potato is slightly dryer so you could try blotting it on a piece of kitchen paper first.

Now the really fun bit. Carefully put the painted side of your potato onto a piece of paper – taking care not to move it around otherwise the image will be fuzzy, then just as carefully peel it off.

You should have a picture of a patterned Easter egg.

Leave your pictures to dry then you could cut them out and use them to decorate cards or as gift labels or simply punch a hole in them, thread a piece of ribbon through the hole and after tying them on hang them up.



You will need –

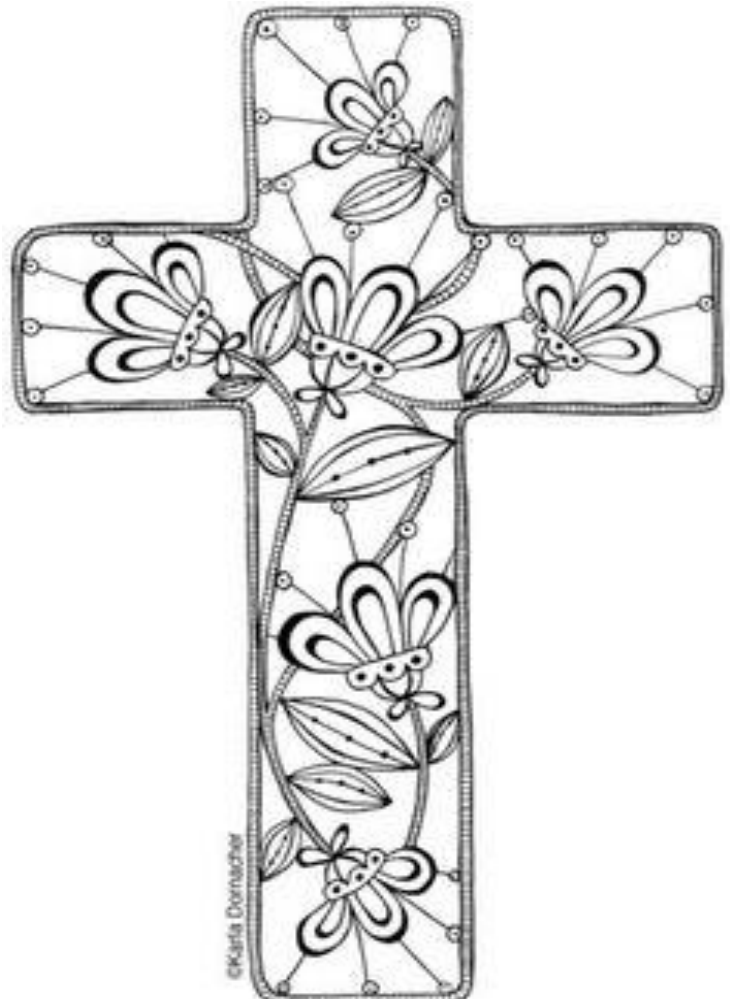
- potatoes
- knife/potato peeler
- paint
- plate
- brushes
- paper towel
- paper and card
- ribbon or string





Why do we celebrate new life at Easter? Christians believe that on the third day after Good Friday – when Jesus died on the cross – He came back to life. The tomb where he'd been put was empty. Easter eggs help us remember the empty tomb, and as a chick breaks out of its shell when it's time to be born, it reminds us of Jesus breaking out of the tomb into new life. The eggs and the little chick remind us of the new life of Jesus. When Jesus becomes our friend he lives in our hearts, we can have a new life with him.

Here's a picture you can colour
If you print it onto card you could cut it out and use it as a book mark. So as well as helping you keep your page in your book, it will remind you of all Jesus did at Easter, because he loves you.



Here's a great game you can make and play, either on your own, or better still with your family and friends.

Have fun!

Easter Story Cards

Idea → Print out two copies of this sheet. Cut out the cards and tack them with card (so each looks the same on the back). Lay cards face down. Take it in turns to turn over 2 cards until all are matched!

 <p>Hosanna!</p>	 <p>Jesus washes the disciples' feet</p>
 <p>The last Supper</p>	 <p>Jesus prays in Gethsemane</p>
 <p>Jesus meets Pilate</p>	 <p>Jesus dies on the cross</p>
 <p>Jesus is put in the tomb</p>	 <p>He is Risen!</p>

Here's a thought.....

Do you have a favourite 'Super Hero'?
Do they have AMAZING super powers?
My 'Super Hero' had amazing powers too. He could make blind people see, he could walk on water, turn water into wine – really useful as the party he was at had run out!

My super hero is the Jesus we've already been learning about, the one who died on a cross. Can you imagine how much you might have to love someone to do that for them?

Hold your hands a couple of centimetres apart. Do you think Jesus would love someone that much to die for them?

No, much more.

Hold your hands half a meter apart. Do you think Jesus would love someone that much to die for them?

No, so much more.

Now stretch your arms as wide as you can. Go on, really stretch. Look from the fingertips on one hand to the fingertips of your other hand, and see that, actually, Jesus loves us this much that he died on a cross for each of us.

But we know that's not the end of the story.....

When you crack open your chocolate Easter eggs on Easter morning, remember the empty tomb where Jesus' friends had laid him after he had been taken down from the cross. He wasn't there, he'd come back to life!

Enjoy eating your chocolate, and celebrate that Jesus is alive today, and forever.

Here's a great song you can join in with, have fun working out your own 'superhero' actions [click on the link or go online](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7-pQrQB1_k)

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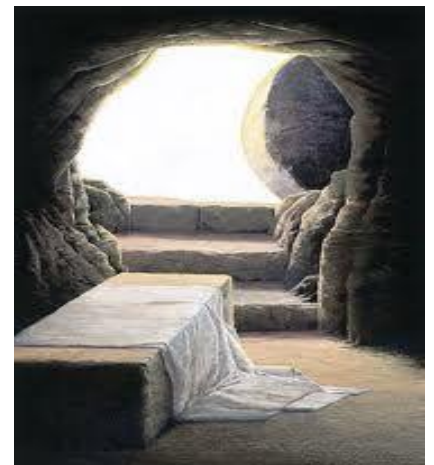
That you really are the most amazing 'Super Hero' ever.

Thank you that you died on a cross, because you love each of us so much.

Help us to remember all you did for us on that first Easter, and to remember that your dying wasn't the end of the story, but just the beginning.

Thank you for being our friend, help us to live our lives with your love in our hearts,

Now and for always, Amen.





Easter Challenge

Exploring: New life and new hope

The Easter story has many parallels to the new life we see in Spring, and the hope that it brings. Have a look around your garden or take your grown up for a walk and see how many different things you can see that demonstrate new life.

If you're stuck inside this could even be done by looking out of the window. - Look for any new flowers or plants that have appeared? - Look carefully at trees or shrubs for buds or new shoots. - Notice how some plants die right back in the winter in order to come to life again in Spring.

Think about what might be underground and yet to appear. - Take a moment to watch and listen for butterflies, bees and birds—which ones can you identify?

Creating: Easter Garden

Create an Easter scene in a part of your garden. You could make a cross out of twigs, and find a roundish stone to use for the tomb, maybe even make a cave with some soil or a small plant pot. Try adding to it other things (e.g. a path of small stones, some small flowers or moss). Alternatively this could be done in a seed tray or other plastic container part filled with soil (ideally with a couple of small holes in the bottom).



Twig crosses - Go for a walk in a wood as a family and collect lots of thin twigs (these can be found on the ground, instead of snapping them off trees). Take them home (dry them if they are wet) and snap or cut them into two different sizes to make the main stem of the cross and the cross section. Then bind them together in a cross shape using string or wool. These can be used as a door front decoration during lent or at Easter. Or you could give them to family and friends to remind them of what Easter means.

Coin Crosses - Collect as many coins as you can find. Then use the coins to make lots of different shapes, designs and sizes of crosses. These can be photographed to have a record of the different designs. The final cross can be joining all the coins together to make a massive cross. When you have finished this activity you could collect all the coins up and give them to a local charity.

Tissue paper crosses - You will need: • A4 paper • A marker pen • PVA glue or a glue stick • Coloured tissue paper • Scissors

On the A4 paper draw a cross shape, then put a thin layer of glue in the cross shape. Cut up or rip up bits of the tissue paper and scrunch it up. Then stick it on the cross until it is full. When the glue is dry you can cut the cross shape out.

Set yourself a challenge – see how many crosses you can find around your home, in a window or door frame, or when you're on a walk, perhaps on a gate or the branches of a tree.

Set yourself a challenge - Easter starts with Jesus spending 40 days – and nights – in the wilderness, a place like a desert.

See if you can do forty acts of kindness in the run up to Easter day. It could be helping with the washing up, or carrying in the shopping. Making a cuppa or helping to cook the dinner. Sending a card to cheer up someone who lives on their own.....

The possibilities are endless.

Write each one down, and then look back on all you've done. You'll get a lovely fuzzy feeling Inside!



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Jesus

alive

crown of thorns

soldiers

empty tomb

cross

Easter egg

super hero

pray

friends

angel

new life

heart

heaven

love

remember me

son of God

three days

chocolate

