

# Explore It

## FOR LEADERS



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### EASTER SUNDAY

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#### Matthew 28:1-10 Jesus has risen

Each child will need:

- A hollow chocolate Easter egg
- Eggs to juggle (real, plastic or chocolate!) – optional – see Game 4, Start It section
- Pens/pencils and paper

You will need:

- A photo of an Easter egg hunt in your room – optional - see Game 2, Start it section
- A hollow chocolate Easter egg
- Easter egg prayer idea <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2017/04/easter-egg-prayers.html>

## Start It

Today is a day of celebration. Let's party and play some games!

### Game 1 Silly Impressions

Who can do the best impression?

- Hop like a bunny
- Peck like a chicken
- Swim like a duck
- Leap like a goat
- Lay like a lamb

### Game 2 Virtual Easter Egg Hunt

Hide eggs in one part of your room and take a photo. Share the image and ask children to annotate when they spot the eggs.

### Game 3 Easter-Themed Pictionary

A drawer sketches an Easter word or phrase and everyone guesses.

Some ideas: egg hunt, springtime, a hopping bunny, chick, Easter card, lamb, chocolate, sunrise ...

Children could come up with their own ideas too.

### Game 4 Easter Egg Juggle

How many eggs can you juggle? Try one. Add another ... And another ...

**Ask:** Why is Easter Sunday a day of celebration?

## Sing It

Let's continue the celebration with this energy-filled song!

'Happy Day' (Tim Hughes / Ben Cantelon) by Worship Together Kids  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Daj3qrHbDI>

## Tell It

Screen share a video. There are two options this week.

### Option 1

If you used the Good Friday session, then this video continues on from the crucifixion, focusing on the resurrection.

*The Story of The Resurrection Bible Story* by Kids on the Move  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqE-WYqhnHk>

### Option 2

This video gives a story overview of the events of Holy Week including the crucifixion and resurrection.

*God's Story: Easter* by Crossroads Kids' Club  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ4gQniUV08>

#### Discuss:

- What do you notice about the story?
- Do you have any questions?

Read Matthew 28:1-10.

#### Discuss:

- I wonder what it was like for Mary going to Jesus' tomb that morning?
- I wonder how Mary felt when she saw Jesus' body was not in the tomb?
- I wonder what it was like to hear the words, 'Jesus is alive. Jesus is risen'?
- I wonder what it felt like to tell others that Jesus is risen?
- I wonder how we can know that Jesus is alive?

## Action It

🗨️ **Say:** Jesus is alive! He defeated death. He destroyed sin so we can be in relationship with God. Do you believe Jesus died for you and rose from the dead? Do you put your trust in him?

🗨️ **Say:** We celebrate that we serve a living God today. But there are so many people who won't celebrate Easter, who don't know Jesus died for us and rose again. Let's talk about who these people might be, and how we can tell them.

**Ask:** What are the hard questions people might ask you? How do you answer?

Role play how different conversations might go with your friends. What could you say? How might different friends respond?

## Pray It

Use the hollow chocolate Easter egg to pray with; follow the instructions and text on the blog.  
<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2017/04/easter-egg-prayers.html>

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Remember to send home the Explore It (For Me) and Explore It (Together) ideas for children and families.