

Easter Challenge



Easter is arguably the most important of Christian festivals...

Prepare for a tale of fellowship, betrayal, sacrifice and joy as we explore the Easter story across the denominations. Are you ready?

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Easter' board over on www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily

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It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



PAWPRINT BADGES

Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

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Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

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Age 3 - 5



Age 5 - 7



Age 7 - 11



Age 11 - 14



Age 14 - 18



Age 18+



Craft



Food



Games



Other



Award yourselves a badge for supporting your young adventurers in their activities!

- Adapt activities as necessary to meet your needs.
- Add your own activity ideas or develop them into projects.
- Use what you have; don't buy in lots of new materials/equipment.
- No need to send us evidence, responsible grown-ups decide when the badge has been earned.
- One challenge badge can take as long as you like; from a few hours to days or even a full term!

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Craft

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- + Create your own Easter story stones and tell the story of Easter together.
- + Decorate an egg using only red to symbolise the Tomb of Christ and the blood shed; as is tradition in the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches.
- + Fold a palm leaf cross with paper or a palm frond if you can get hold of one.

Why?

Palm crosses are given at services on Palm Sunday. This marks the Sunday before Good Friday when Jesus entered Jerusalem and palm branches were placed in his path.

- + Decorate or make a plate and cup; at the last supper Jesus broke bread and blessed it as his body and took a cup of wine as his blood.
- + Create a nature crown. Jesus wore a crown of thorns on the cross, perhaps you could include some Easter flowers in your crown.
- + Make a table decoration for your Easter table to sit around and share a meal with family like Jesus' last supper.
- + Get creative and green fingered... Create an Easter garden either in miniature in a shoe box with modeling clay, cardboard and craft materials or for real in a window box, border, plant pot or planter.

Why?

There are 2 gardens in the Easter story; after the last supper Jesus took his disciples to the garden of Gethsemane where he prayed and the tomb where Jesus was laid after he was crucified was in Joseph's garden. Imagine what these gardens might have been like.

- + Fold, curl, glue and cut your own paper lily. The lily is a symbol of resurrection and traditionally decorates the church for Easter.
- + Make a stained glass cross using black paper and coloured tissue paper.
- + Create your own traditional, Victorian, satin-covered cardboard Easter egg. Originally eating eggs was forbidden during holy week so many were saved and decorated to give to children as gifts. This was adapted by the Victorians.
- + Decorate your home for Easter with palm leaf shaped decorations.
- + Make an Easter cross decoration with flowers, greenery and any other materials of your choice.



Food

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- ✚ Make a fish dish, traditional on Good Friday. Fish is eaten to abstain from meaty flesh as a reminder of Christ's death. Meat would have been a delicacy in ancient times and only slaughtered when there was something to celebrate.
- ✚ Jesus' last supper with the disciples was the Passover meal. Find out what this is and what is on a Seder plate.
- ✚ Bake your own hot cross buns.

Did You Know?

The cross on top of hot cross buns represents the crucifixion of Jesus, while the spices signify those used to embalm his body after death.

- ✚ Try fasting for a day as is tradition for Catholics on Good Friday. Those who cannot may have bread and water after sun set. It is not recommended to fast for those under 14.
- ✚ Make a dish like those that might have been eaten at the last supper; this could include bean stew, lamb, olives and unleavened bread.
- ✚ Bake some resurrection buns.

What?

A sweet bread roll these 'Empty Tomb Biscuits' encase a marshmallow (representing Jesus' body which disappears when baked).

- ✚ Bake a simnel cake and find out what the 11 balls of marzipan, that are traditionally used to decorate the top, symbolise.
- ✚ Decorate some Easter Tomb biscuits; using a digestive/similar biscuit as a base, stand up a ring shaped biscuit to create the mouth of the tomb and place a chocolate crispy egg at the side representing the rolled away stone.
- ✚ Make a lamb dish; traditional on Easter Sunday as lamb symbolises Jesus' sacrifice as "the Lamb of God".
- ✚ Learn a new way to cook eggs; scrambled, boiled, fried, poached, etc. How many ways can you think of?
- ✚ Give up a food you love or pledge to try something new each day of Lent, the 40 days preceding Easter.



Games

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- † Play the Right, Left, Easter Game using our free resource.
- † Have a game of Easter BINGO; there's a free resource on our website.
- † Ready, set, go! Race to gather all the items on your Easter Scavenger Hunt!

What?

Can you find the following...Something; white (for forgiveness), black (for sin), red (for Jesus' blood), empty (for the empty tomb), green (for the garden), made from wood (to represent the cross). There are more ideas online, check out our Pinterest board for inspiration.

- † Find all the parts of the Easter story on a treasure hunt and see if you can put them together in the right order. Read the story together first or use pictures for younger adventurers.
- † Play a game of 3 truths and a lie. Peter betrayed Jesus 3 times and lied that he didn't know Jesus. Can your friends/family guess which is your lie?
- † Take part in an escape room challenge. Jesus appeared to his disciples in a locked room after he rose from the dead. Can you escape a locked room?
- † Play In/Out of the Tomb.

How?

Place a line of tape or a skipping rope down the middle of your room. One side is 'In the Tomb' and the other is 'Out of the Tomb'. The caller shouts "In" or "Out" and players must jump to the correct side of the line. If a player jumps last or incorrectly then they are out of the game. Playing alone? How many jumps can you do correctly?

- † Unscramble the Paschal Greeting. The Paschal Greeting is between two people at Easter. One greets the other with "Christ is risen!" and the response is "He is risen indeed!" Write each word of the greeting on a piece of paper or a stone. Give one to each player and then players must rearrange themselves into the correct order as fast as possible.
- † Use the Paschal Greeting to have a relay race, racing to grab a word and then organising them as fast as you can.
- † Play a game of 'Who Am I?' Choose a character from the Easter story and answering only yes/no questions see if your friends/family can guess who you are!



Other

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- † Read the Easter story together.
- † Make a timeline of Jesus' life.
- † Attend an Easter service at your local Church.
- † Watch a film based on the Easter story.
- † Write your own version of the Easter story or write a newspaper article as though you are reporting at the time of Jesus' death.
- † Act out a TV news bulletin about the events of the Easter story.
- † Following Jesus' ascent in to Heaven the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit which appeared like flames. Light a fire or strike a match to light a candle.
- † The Holy Spirit allowed the disciples to speak many languages, learn a new language or learn greetings in several languages.
- † Attend a Holy Communion service which is the sharing of bread and wine, just like the last supper.
- † Take part in some community service and clean gravestones in your local church yard as is custom is the Moravian Church on Good Friday.
- † Listen to BBC Radio 4; they have for many years had a 7am news bulletin on Good Friday including a verse from Isaac Watts' hymn "*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*".
- † Clipping the Church is an ancient custom traditionally held in England on Easter Monday or Shrove Tuesday. Find out what it is and see if you can visit a Clipping the Church ceremony.
- † Can you find Jerusalem on the map? Which country is it in and what is life like there?
- † Debate; who should be released. At the time of Jesus it was custom, at the time of Passover, for the Roman governor to release a Jewish prisoner chosen by the ordinary people. Barabbas was released, he was a "notorious prisoner" Matthew 27:16, who was "in prison with the rebels who had committed murder" Luke 23:19. If you had to release one prisoner from a murderer, a con and a robber, who would you release and why?

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