

Introduction: What are your favourite parts about Easter? What is something you remember about an Easter from the past? What are some Easter traditions you share? (Parents – share an Easter memory or tradition from your childhood)

Easter Message: Scripture Passage - Read Luke 24:1–8 from a Bible or The Resurrection from a Picture Bible or watch one or more of the clips;

Clips: Share Kids – Empty Tomb https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xe50_LaJgWE
God's Story Easter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ4gQniUVO8>
Bible Story for toddlers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQeU6gZzHT4>
A Very Special Easter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zY2NH8Wpoog>
Animated – The Easter Story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3UKd6LQKng>

To prepare for the message have a basket with plastic eggs. In the eggs, place chocolate or lollies, small toys, and one big bill (\$20 or so). Also, have an egg that is empty.

The Message Talk about Easter hunts.

Ask what the goal of an Easter egg hunt is. (*To get as many eggs as possible.*)

Ask why people do Easter egg hunts on Easter Sunday. (*Responses might be a lot of fun!*)

Say the following: “In the Bible passage the women were going to the tomb prepared for one thing. But SURPRISE—they instead found the most incredible discovery! What did they find? Was it (*open one egg and pull out the lollies*) this? Or (*open an egg with a toy*) this? No. Both of these are pretty neat, but they aren't amazing or life-changing.

(*Open the egg with the money*) “Do you think the women were amazed because they discovered this? (*Allow for responses.*) No! These are all neat to find in an egg hunt, but what the women actually discovered was in this egg. (*Pull out the empty egg. With some flourish, open the egg.*)

“Why is this empty egg the best or most life-changing thing the ladies could have found? (*Allow for responses.*) When the women went to the tomb, they fully expected to find the body of Jesus. They had gone to the tomb to do burial rites that were part of what their culture did when someone died. Instead, they didn't find the tomb closed—it was open! The burial rites they thought they'd come there to do were replaced with incredible surprise and joy as they saw the risen and glorified Christ. You see, Jesus has risen! He has risen indeed!

“So often, we miss the joy of Easter and instead settle for so much less. Instead of the joy of Jesus risen from the dead and the joy that we will also get to be with Him in heaven, sometimes people settle for egg hunts. Today, let's take it all in. God loves us so much. He gave us His only Son, Jesus, to live with us, to die for us, and to rise again so we will one day rise as well. If you ever are doing an egg hunt and you see an empty egg, remember the incredible surprise and joy we have because God loves us so much. He is risen! He is risen indeed!”

[Free Easter Children's Message: The Empty Egg \(cph.org\)](https://www.cph.org)

Songs:

Jesus Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rn84AYtFUSM>

Gods not dead (No! He is alive)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRsgqcl_9Bw&list=PLGFjiQ_3q0fi2AD-uX2v8m9sDyF0qPIE8&index=36

1 2 3 Jesus is alive

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mlf9jv4pVTM&list=PLGFjiQ_3q0fi2AD-uX2v8m9sDyF0qPIE8&index=2

My Redeemer Lives <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEImzx6NCTw>

Diamonds <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yf1ARbpB0gA>

Restart <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBwH0XOb6dk>

Activity: Have an Easter Hunt around your home.



Use the In Search of Easter material and have fun. I did send the instructions sheets to St Andrews Families last week. There will be more photocopied activity pages printed over the Easter weekend at church for you to collect. I cannot add the link to these to this page as it goes onto the website as we have purchased the right to use this material for our church community only.

Try this Easter Scavenger Hunt. Print off the clue cards from the link below. Place them around the home and have fun.

- Put Card #1 in a plastic Easter egg and place outside your child's bedroom door (or somewhere obvious for first thing in the morning).
- Put Card #2 in a plastic Easter egg and place by a banana.
- Put Card #3 in a plastic Easter egg and place under a chair in your kitchen.
- Put Card #4 in a plastic Easter egg and place by a lamp in your house.
- Put Card #5 in a plastic Easter egg and hide outside somewhere (on the sidewalk, in a bush or tree, etc.).
- Put Card #6 in a plastic Easter egg and place in a shoe.
- Put Card #7 in a plastic Easter egg and place in the bathroom on top of the toilet.
- Put Card #8 in a plastic Easter egg and place in your dryer.
- Put Card #9 in a plastic Easter egg and place under a bed.
- Put Card #10 in a plastic Easter egg and place in the shower.
- Put Card #11 in a plastic Easter egg and place next to a toy.

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