



Easter Week

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Easter Themed Games and Activities

Capture the Egg



Get ready for a little friendly competition with this fun take on "Capture the Flag". Divide all your players into two teams. For this game you'll need eight eggs, four each in two different colours.

Have each team choose a colour and then line up their eggs on their end of the field. Each team must try to capture the other team's eggs and bring them to their side of the field without being tagged by a member of the opposing team. If a player is tagged by an opponent, they are out.

To win, a team must successfully capture all the other team's eggs. or must have the last man standing.

Easter Egg Decorating Station



What Easter celebration would be complete without colourful eggs and candy? An egg decorating station with both hard-boiled and plastic egg "canvases" is the perfect way to unleash your creativity.

Encourage your little artists to get inventive by providing a variety of art tools such as paints, brushes, glue, glitter, and traditional egg-dyeing kits.

Adults can get in on the fun by helping kids make special patterns. Add a little friendly competition by holding a vote on the best design!

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Easter Egg Rolling Race



Let the good times roll with this fun relay race. Start with a dozen (or more) hardboiled eggs, one for each racer. Mark off a straight race track with multiple lanes. Each player begins by placing his or her egg at the starting line in his or her lane. Just like the popular White House tradition, each player then uses a wooden spoon to roll the egg down the lane and across the finish line. The first one to cross the finish line wins!

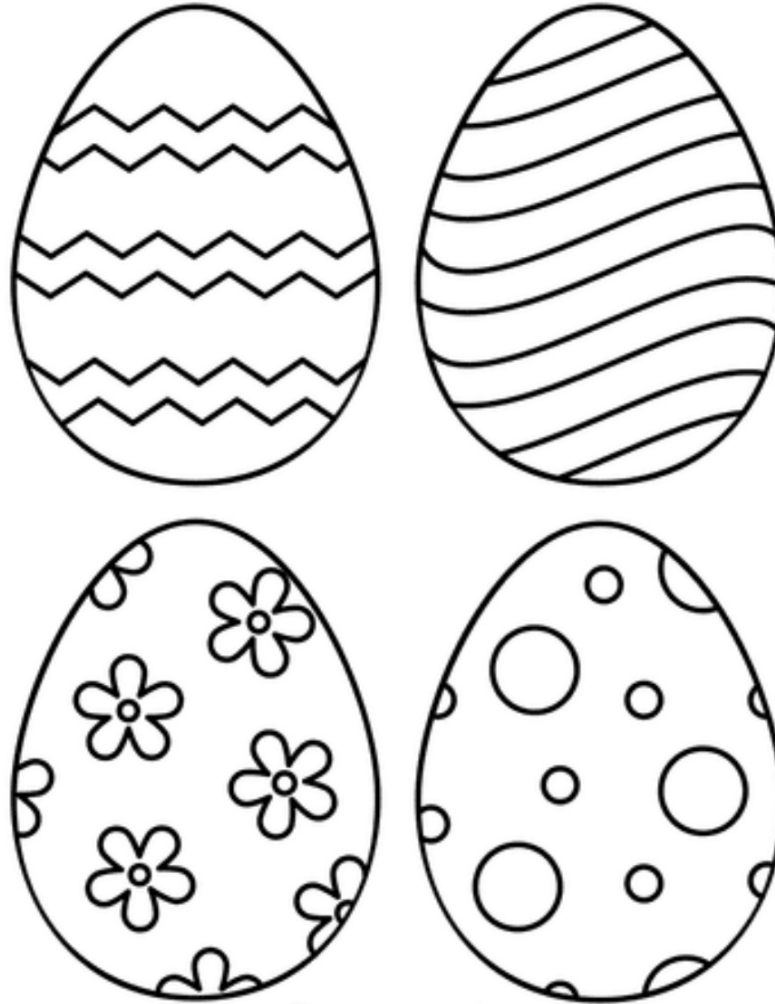
The Fox and the Eggs



Can you outfox your fellow Easter enthusiasts? This game is the perfect way to find out!

One player is the fox and the others are Easter eggs. Before the game begins, each egg decides what colour they are going to be and keeps that colour choice a secret from the fox. The eggs then face the fox, who guesses colours one at a time. If the fox guesses a player's colour, that player must run a set route before re-joining the other eggs in the home base "basket". The catch? The fox chases the egg, similar to "Duck, Duck, Goose"! If the egg makes it back to the basket, he or she chooses a new colour and play continues.

If the fox tags the egg before he or she returns to the basket, that player becomes the new fox.



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EASTER CRAFT IDEA!



Why not try hard-boiling an egg and painting them? It's a great and cost-effective way to make your house a little more colourful!

FACTS ABOUT EASTER:

1. What is Easter? Easter is the most important time in the Christian calendar. Easter forms part of Holy week; Holy week consists of Palm Sunday - the week before Easter Sunday, Good Thursday - the day of Jesus' Last Supper, Good Friday - the day that Jesus was crucified and Easter Sunday the day Jesus rose from the dead.

2. Why do we celebrate Easter? Christians celebrate the story of Easter and rejoice in the belief that Jesus died for our sins and was resurrected (came back) from death. Jesus was reborn and lives today; he was reborn because God exists and is alive.

3. Why does the date of Easter vary? The date of Easter varies each year as it is based on the lunar calendar and the position of the moon. Easter is celebrated on the Sunday after the full moon following March 21st.

4. Good Friday is the day that Jesus died. It is called Good Friday as Jesus died for the good of mankind.

5. Easter Sunday is the day that Jesus came back to life; it is a day of celebration and the day that we exchange gifts of eggs.

6. Why do we exchange eggs at Easter time, what do they represent? In Christian faith eggs represent a symbol of new beginnings, new life and renewed faith.

7. The word Easter dates back to early England; it is thought to relate to the Pagan goddess of spring and fertility Eostre (also called Ostara).

8. The act of exchanging gifts of eggs dates back to the time of the Egyptians and Persians! Painted eggs were given as gifts to symbolise fertility and new life.

9. The Easter Bunny originated in Germany, the idea was taken to America during the 1700s.

10. In 1879, the tradition of the Easter egg roll on the grounds of the White House began. Arranged by the 19th president of America Rutherford Hayes and his wife Lucy, the tradition is still in practice today and occurs on the Monday after Easter weekend.

11. Chocolate Easter eggs were not introduced until the early 1900s. Before the exchanging of chocolate eggs, gifts consisted of decorated chicken eggs and stuffed hollow cardboard eggs.

12. Early chocolate Easter eggs were much smaller and solid, not large and hollow as they usually are today.

13. Did you know that Pretzels were originally associated with Easter? They are thought to be invented by ancient German monks and were created in a pattern to represent two folding arms in prayer. Some people believe that the pretzel is the world's oldest snack food!

14. Different countries celebrate Easter in different ways. In Sweden they do not have an Easter Bunny, they have an Easter Wizard!

15. Popular Easter symbols include; the Cross, Eggs, Rabbits, Easter flowers, Baskets, Nests, springtime and Simnel cake.