



# Easter

## PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

### Additional Resources

PowerPoint presentation

A variety of Easter eggs.

You may wish to bring in a small Easter egg for each child, with the school's permission.

### Easter Eggs

#### Aims

To reflect on the symbolism of Easter eggs

To explore the Easter message

## Introduction

*Welcome children and teachers to assembly and introduce yourself.*

*Display slide 2. Can anyone fill in the missing word? Click to reveal parts of a picture, to reveal the Easter words: Easter egg, Easter chick, Easter bunny, and Easter basket.*

## Main Talk

Today I am going to talk to you about... Easter eggs! *Display a variety of eggs.* Rub your tummy if you like Easter eggs. I wonder if anyone could put their hand up and tell me why they like Easter eggs? Is it the chocolate? Is it the toy inside? Is it the box? Is it the character on the box? Is it the amount of Easter eggs that you get? The eggs look so shiny and tempting! So what is it about Easter eggs that you like? *Take a variety of answers.*

Do you buy your own eggs or are they given to you? Are they a gift? *Take a variety of answers.* I must confess I usually buy quite a few, but I really enjoy it when I get one given to me as a gift.

What do you like to do with your eggs? Do you munch them all up at once? Break them into pieces? Eat each egg shell crack one at a time? Hide them? Share them? Roll them? *Take a variety of answers.*

For me, the best bit is **inside**. The outside looks so attractive. *Take out a hollow egg and crack open.* The chocolate is so tasty and yummy! *You may wish to eat a piece or offer a piece to an adult.* But there is nothing inside here! *Look inside the egg.* So what did I mean by saying the best bit is inside?

I meant the message that is inside. Not a message you can pick up and read. I mean that Easter eggs have a message to pass on, something that Easter eggs represent. This Easter egg means Easter is nearly here. And Easter brings a very special message to Christians. It's a time Christians remember that Jesus showed his love for us by giving up his life. And by coming back to life, he gives us a promise of a new and better life with him.



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But why is it an egg? Why is the message given with an Easter egg?

I could tell you lots of possible reasons.

The Easter egg is often given as a gift, just like Jesus gave his life for us. An egg, a real egg, is a promise of new life. Some people roll eggs, just like the stone covering the entrance to where Jesus' body was laid was rolled away. The pretty wrappings make a promise of the good things that are going to come. Just like the message of Easter is of a promise of the good things to come in a life with Jesus. And the empty egg is a picture of the empty tomb when Jesus came alive again.

I don't know the real answer! Maybe you do? I just know that Easter eggs look and taste really good! And when I see them, I know it's time to celebrate Jesus coming back to life.

### Christian Perspective

Christians read the Easter story in the Bible. They read that **'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life'** (John 3:16-17 Good News translation). It teaches Christians about the message of Easter; of how God showed his love and power through Jesus.

### Challenge and Reflection

Next time, if you're fortunate enough to get an Easter egg, take a moment to think what it means to you.

Is it just the chocolate and the wrapping, or is there another message there for you too?

*Pause for short reflection time. If appropriate, you may wish to hand out the mini eggs at this point so pupils can reflect with an egg in their hand, before they eat them!*

*Thank children and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly today.*

