

It's spring and that means it's

EASTER TIME!



What is your favorite part of spring?

Do you like to play outside? Maybe you know that after Easter the school year is almost over and then you get to have summer break. If you live somewhere warmer, maybe spring means swimming and Popsicles[®]. But if you live somewhere colder, maybe you still have to wear a coat!

Just as different places have different weather during Easter, they also celebrate in different ways. In the United Kingdom (UK) the children dye Easter eggs and then roll them down a hill. When the children roll them, they are told to remember that the stone was rolled away from the tomb where Jesus was buried.

In Greece the people paint their eggs red to remember the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. When the eggs dry, each person carries one around. When he finds someone else who is also carrying an egg, they bump the eggs together and say, "Christ is risen!", reminding both of them that the tomb cracked open!

In some places in North America, they hide Easter eggs to remember that Jesus was hidden in a tomb for three days. When someone finds an egg, it reminds him or her that Jesus rose from the dead!



How do you celebrate Easter?

Some churches have a special Thursday service to help people remember the Last Supper that Jesus had with His disciples. Some churches that have a Thursday service do foot washing, just like when Jesus washed His disciples' feet. They will often take Communion as well.

Good Friday is the day that God's people remember Jesus' death. When the church gathers it is usually a more quiet service because people are thinking about how Jesus died. They read Bible passages about Jesus' betrayal and death and sing songs about God's love for His people. God loves His people so much that He allowed His Son, Jesus, to die in order to save them.

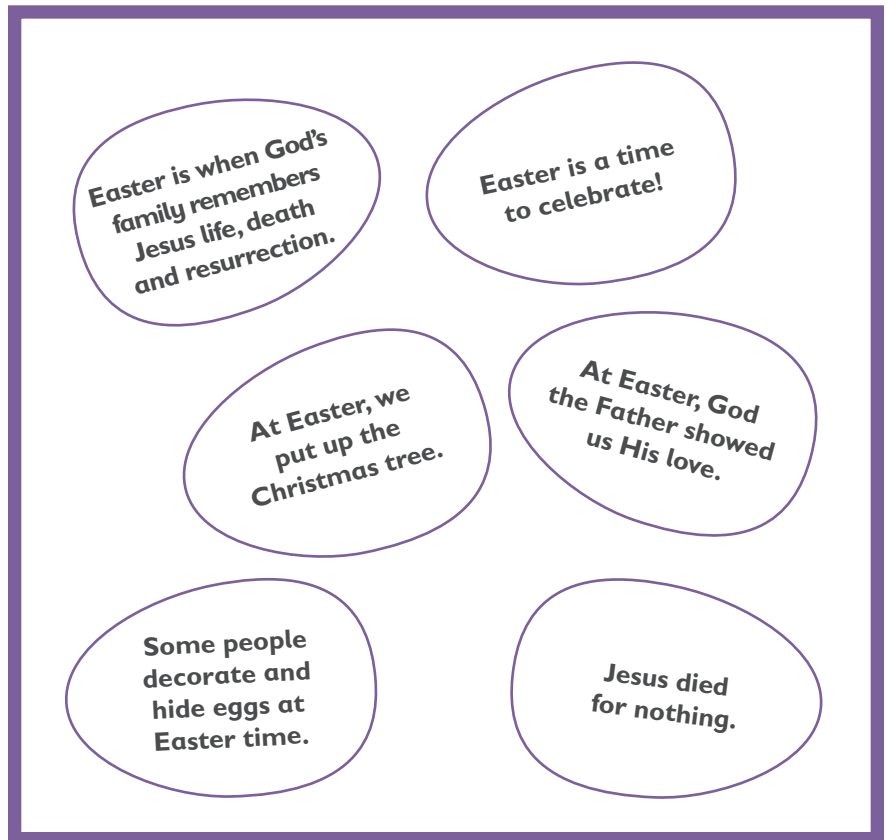
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Color all the eggs that are TRUE about Easter.

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On the Saturday after Good Friday, many churches don't have services or meetings, but a few do. It's meant to be a quiet day. If there is a service, then it's also quiet and gives people time to think about Jesus being in the tomb.

All of the days before Easter are sad days. But it's important to remember that we would not have a Savior if Jesus didn't die for our sins. Even though those days are sad, there is hope! Easter Sunday is a celebration! Jesus did something amazing – He rose from the dead! Jesus didn't just die. He came back to life! God is very powerful because He raised Jesus from the dead. He is very loving too!



Easter is when God's family remembers Jesus life, death and resurrection.

Easter is a time to celebrate!

At Easter, we put up the Christmas tree.

At Easter, God the Father showed us His love.

Some people decorate and hide eggs at Easter time.

Jesus died for nothing.

EASTER IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN

God's family celebrates...

Jesus' life, death and resurrection (when He rose from the dead). The Bible tells us that the world needed a Savior. Can you remember John 3:16? Say it out loud to your parent or leader. What does this verse say? It tells us that God loves the world! He loved it so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to show the world just how much He loved it.

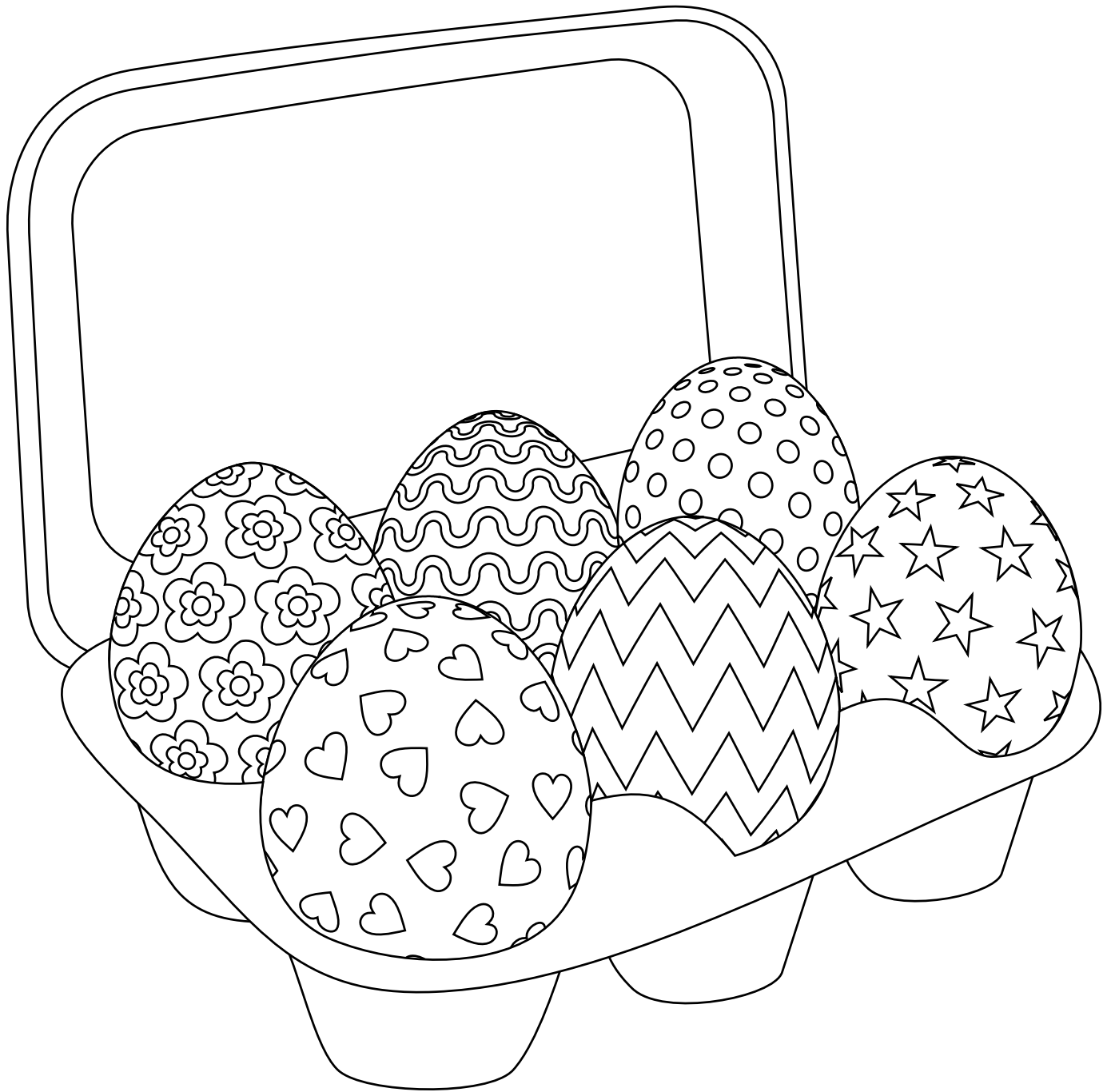
When Jesus came to earth, He was a man and He was also God. He was the Savior that God the Father sent. Everyone is a sinner, so everyone needs a savior. Have you made Jesus your Savior? Talk to your parents or



leaders about Easter and who Jesus is and what He's done.

If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, then Easter is your holiday! Because you know that Jesus died for you and for your sins, you have a great reason to be thankful! No other person could do for you what Jesus did!

Color these Easter eggs!





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