EASTER



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| Easter  (New Life) | |
| Faith | * Jesus, the Son of God rose from the dead * God gives life to all of creation |
| Values / Morality | * Respect for God's creation |
| Points for  Discussion | * Jesus rose from the dead: * his mother and his friends were very happy * New life in Spring: * frogspawn * birds’ eggs * baby animals * spring flowers * trees |
| Prayers | * Alleluia * Thank you God * I Love Jesus * New Life in Spring |
| Sacred Space | * Cloth of appropriate colour * Candle * Children’s Bible * Seeds / bulbs growing * Easter artwork |
| Children's  Bible Stories | **Suggested links with scripture:**   * Easter Bible Stories, based on:   + Matthew 28   + Luke 24   + John 20 |

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| Songs & Nursery Rhymes | * Touch Your Toes * The Seed Song |

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| Books | Selection of books based on Easter and New Life:  My Easter Basket, and the True Story of Easter  By Mary Manz Simon  Published by Standard Publishing  ISBN-10: 0784713561  Clifford’s First Easter  By Norman Bridwell  Published by Cartwheel Books  ISBN-10: 0545200105  Honey Bunny Funny Bunny  By Marilyn Sadler, illustrations by Roger Bollen  Published by Random House Books for Young Readers  ISBN-10: 0679881816  Spot’s First Easter  By Eric Hill  Published by Warne  ISBN-10: 0723263612  Flowers and Showers : A Spring Counting Book  By Rebecca F Davis  Published by Capstone Press  ISBN-10: 0736868909  Easter Babies : A Spring Time Counting Book  By Joy N Hulme, illustrations by Dan Andreasen  Published by Sterling Children's Books  ISBN-10: 1402797637  The Easter Bible Storybook  Scripture Union  ISBN-13: 978-1844272921 |
| Links with Family | * Celebrating Easter with family |

**Prayers**

**Alleluia**

Celebrate this special day.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The risen Jesus is here today.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thank You God**

Thank you God for Jesus,

is the prayer we say.

Thank you God for Jesus,

alive on Easter Day.

**I Love Jesus**

I love Jesus.

I know he is risen,

so that I can live

with him for ever!

**New Life in Spring**

Thank you God

for birds in Spring.

And thank you God for the

songs they sing.

Thank you God

for flowers in Spring.

And thank you God for the

colours they bring.

**Songs and Nursery Rhymes**

**Touch Your Toes**

Touch your toes, jump up high,

stretch your arms up to the sky.

Easter is a happy time,

Jesus Christ is alive.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**The Seed Song**

Seeds are planted deep, deep, deep.

In the ground they sleep, sleep, sleep.

God sends sunshine bright, bright, bright.

Raindrops falling light, light, light.

Seeds are planted deep, deep, deep.

In the ground they sleep, sleep, sleep.

Gentle breezes blow, blow, blow.

Little seeds they grow, grow, grow.

Grow, grow, grow, grow.