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
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| Values / Morality | * Respect for God's creation
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| 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
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| Prayers | * Alleluia
* Thank you God
* I Love Jesus
* New Life in Spring
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| Sacred Space | * Cloth of appropriate colour
* Candle
* Children’s Bible
* Seeds / bulbs growing
* Easter artwork
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| Children'sBible 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 EasterBy Mary Manz SimonPublished by Standard PublishingISBN-10: 0784713561Clifford’s First EasterBy Norman BridwellPublished by Cartwheel BooksISBN-10: 0545200105Honey Bunny Funny BunnyBy Marilyn Sadler, illustrations by Roger BollenPublished by Random House Books for Young ReadersISBN-10: 0679881816Spot’s First EasterBy Eric HillPublished by WarneISBN-10: 0723263612Flowers and Showers : A Spring Counting BookBy Rebecca F DavisPublished by Capstone PressISBN-10: 0736868909Easter Babies : A Spring Time Counting BookBy Joy N Hulme, illustrations by Dan AndreasenPublished by Sterling Children's BooksISBN-10: 1402797637The Easter Bible StorybookScripture UnionISBN-13: 978-1844272921 |
| Links with Family | * Celebrating Easter with family
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**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.