



Children's
Easter
Activity Pack
2022



So, what is the Easter story?



Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus and the end of the period known as Lent. Christians believe that Jesus was crucified on Good Friday after being betrayed by Judas. Scriptures say he was sentenced to death and after crucifixion was placed in a tomb by Roman soldiers, who covered the entrance with an enormous stone. Three days later Mary Magdalene, later followed by some of Jesus's disciples, discovered that the tomb was empty. His followers believe he was resurrected on this day, which is now known as Easter Sunday.

But, where do Easter eggs come from?

Eggs are a common part of the religious festival because they are said to signify re-birth. The practice of decorating birds' eggs goes back tens of thousands of years – engraved and decorated Ostrich eggs have been discovered that date back 60,000 years! The Christian tradition of giving eggs began in Mesopotamia, where eggs were decorated and given as gifts. Eggs used to be stained red by early Christians to symbolise the blood shed by Jesus. From here, the tradition spread throughout Russia and Europe.

Why do we eat Easter eggs?

The introduction of chocolate eggs is a relatively new one originating in France and Germany during the 19th century. At the time the chocolate was hard and bitter and there was no process for moulding but as chocolate production became more sophisticated, hollow chocolate eggs were produced. The hollow centres are said to symbolise Jesus' empty tomb.

The first chocolate egg in the UK was produced in 1873 by Fry's of Bristol. The company later merged with Cadbury's, who launched their first Easter egg in 1875 – and Easter became a firm favourite with children. Now 90 million Easter eggs are sold every year in the UK alone!

Why does the Easter bunny visit?

Bunnies are also a big part of Easter. This tradition is believed to have come from a pagan festival, Eostre, which is dedicated to the goddess of fertility, who was often represented as a rabbit. Rabbits usually give birth to big litters, hence why they are the symbol of new life. Early pictures from Germany originally show the 'Easter hare' delivering eggs in baskets to children in Christian families. Some countries have slightly different traditions: in Switzerland, Easter eggs are delivered by cuckoo; in Bavaria it's a cock; and in parts of Germany, a fox does the honours.

What about hot cross buns? Where do they come from?

Hot cross buns mark the celebration of the end of Lent and the cross on the top represents the crucifixion and the spices used in the dough are said to represent Jesus' embalming. In English folklore it is said that buns baked on Good Friday will never go mouldy and are seen as a good luck charm!

Downloadable from - <https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/blog/why-do-we-celebrate-easter>



Cadbury Crème Egg Ice Cream



Ingredients

- 3 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder (Dutch-process or Natural)
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- Pinch salt
- 2 TBSP corn syrup
- 1 TBSP plus 1 tsp. corn-starch
- 4 oz. milk chocolate
- 8 oz. Cadbury Crème Eggs (the small ones), chopped (and unwrapped) and divided
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla

Instructions

1. In a non-reactive sauce pot, whisk together 2 cups cream, cocoa, sugar, corn syrup, and salt: mix until smooth.

In a small bowl whisk together ¼ cup cream with the corn-starch to make slurry, set aside.

2. Add the chopped chocolate and 4 oz. of the Cadbury eggs and whisk until completely smooth. Remove from heat.

3. Add the remaining cream, corn-starch slurry, and vanilla.

4. Whisk to combine.

5. Pour the mixture into a 1-gallon resealable plastic freezer bag and submerge the sealed bag in the ice bath.

6. Let stand, adding more ice as necessary, until the mixture is chilled through, about 30 minutes.

7. Pour the ice cream base into the ice cream maker and process until thick and creamy per the machine's instructions.

8. Pack the ice cream into a resealable container (I like a long rectangular shape) then sprinkle with additional 4 oz. of Cadbury Crème Egg pieces.

Cover and freeze for at least 4 hours.

Download from - <https://www.sweetrecipeas.com/2013/03/28/cadbury-creme-egg-ice-cream>



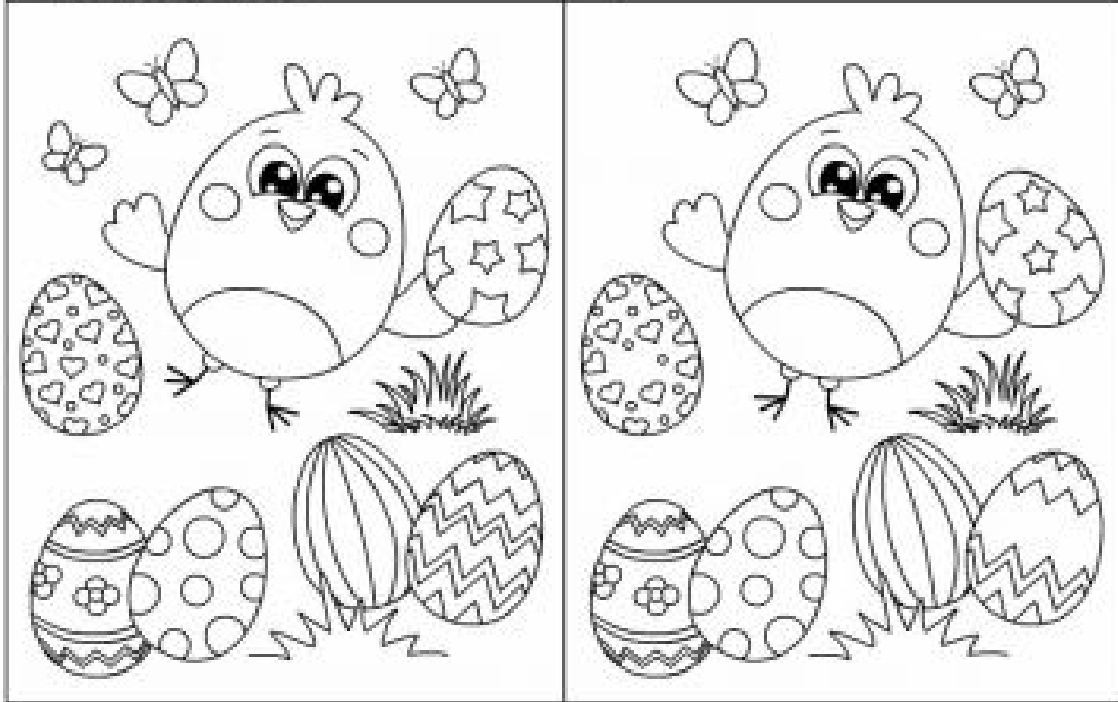


Spot the Difference!

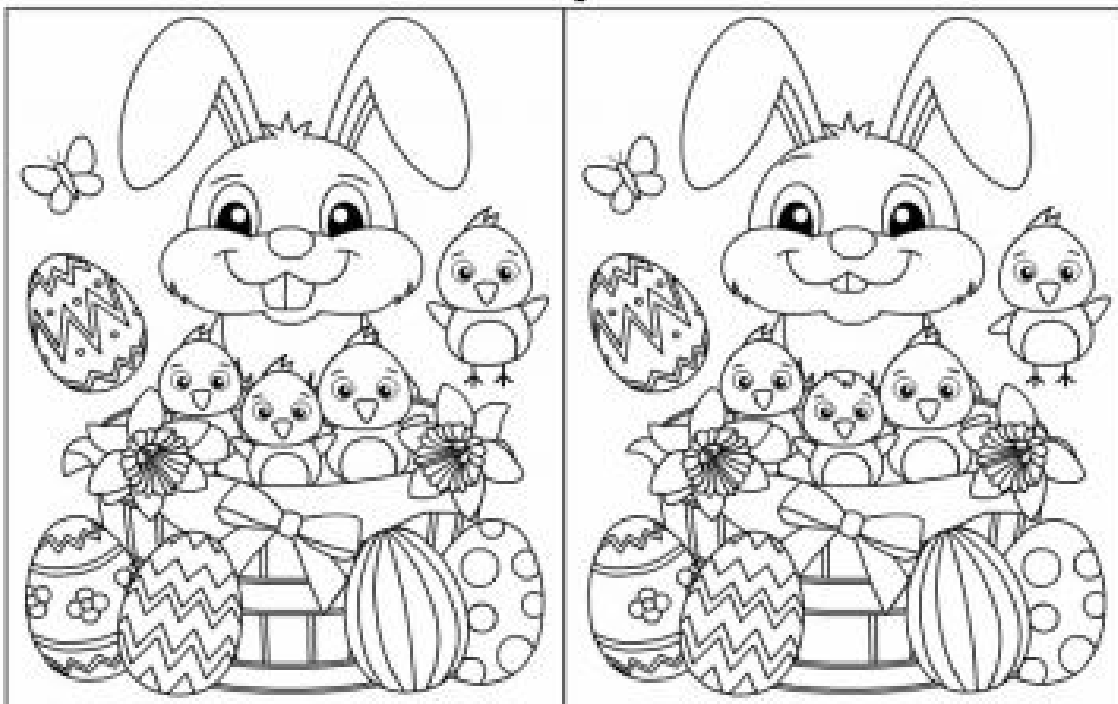


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Spot 5 differences!



Spot 10 differences!





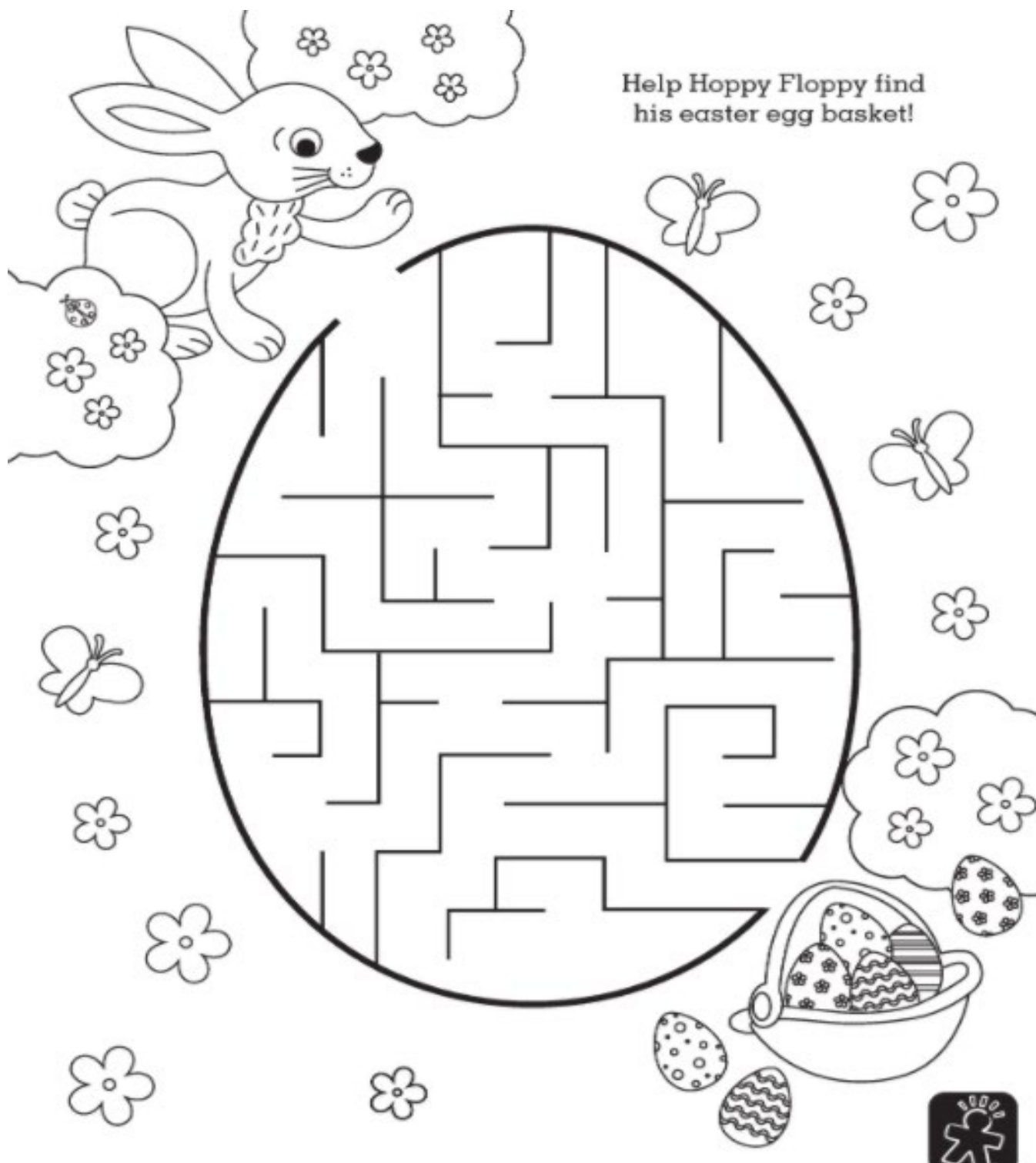
Find 10 small eggs!



Downloadable from – www.123kidsfun.com



Can you beat the Maze?





Let's find the words!



Easter



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BASKET
CHICKS
EGGS
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BEANS
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JELLY

BUNNY
EASTER
HATS
PEEPS





I Spy...



Easter I Spy & Count It

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on The Purple Pumpkin Blog

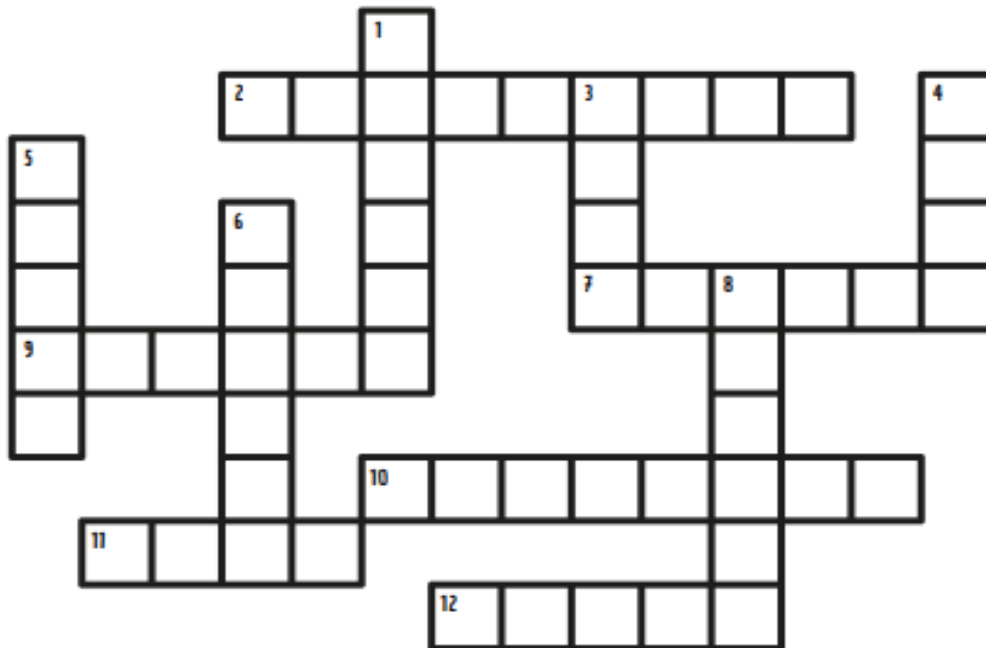




Easter Crossword



Try to work out all of the Easter words from these clues and fill in the crossword



ACROSS

- 2 Easter eggs are made of this
- 7 The Easter Bunny carries Easter eggs in this
- 9 The Easter Bunny's favourite food
- 10 A yellow flower that grows in Spring
- 11 A chocolate treat we eat at easter
- 12 They deliver your chocolate eggs at Easter

DOWN

- 1 A traditional Easter hat
- 3 The name for a baby sheep
- 4 Looking for your Easter eggs
- 5 These hatch out of eggs
- 6 Easter is celebrated in this season
- 8 Easter is celebrated on this day of the week





Spring – Colour by numbers



