

EASTERFACTS

Across central and Eastern Europe an ancient tradition exists which sees people try to drench each other with water buckets of water, usually men soaking the women, on Easter Monday.

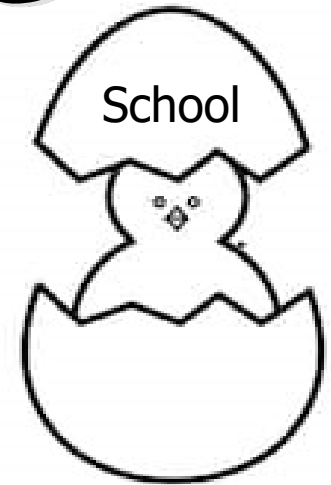
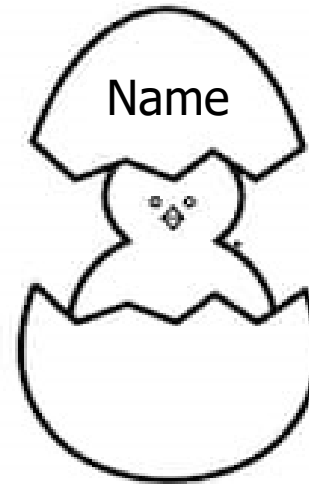
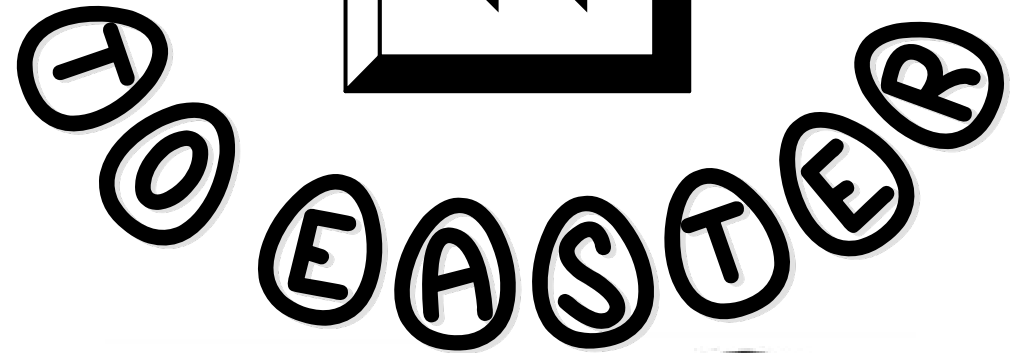
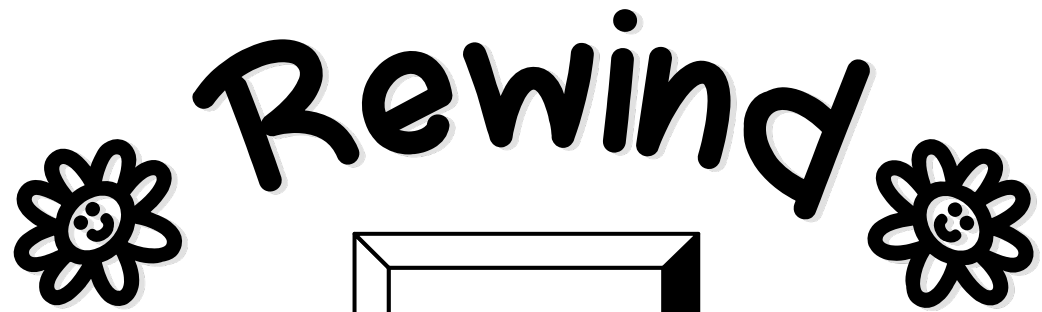
In Florence, Italy, a huge, decorated wagon is dragged through the streets by white oxen until it reaches the cathedral, then a dove-shaped rocket is fired into the cart, igniting a large fireworks display.!

In Greece, people will only paint hard-boiled eggs red, no other colour. The red stands for life as well as the blood of Jesus. The red eggs are therefore a sign of Jesus' victory over death.

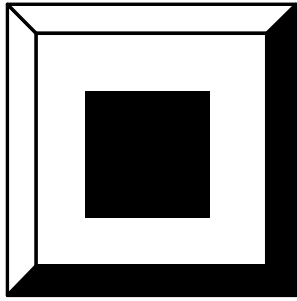
In Colombia, instead of eating chocolate at Easter, people eat iguanas, turtles and large rodents!!!

In Bermuda, kite flying is everyone's favourite Easter pastime. Bermudians make their own kites and then get together and let their beautiful constructions fly – or goes to Horseshoe Bay Beach to attend the annual Kite Festival on Good Friday.

Happy Easter

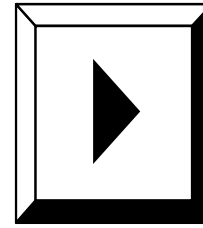






What surprises you the most about the Easter story?

What is the most exciting thing about the Easter story for you?



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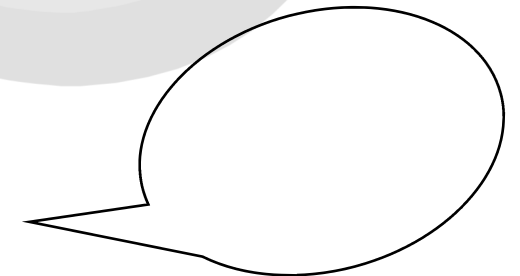
What is your favourite chocolate?

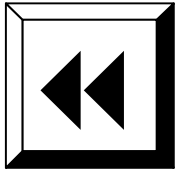
How many eggs are you hoping to get this Easter?



For many people, Easter is a special time of year.

Do you know why?





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Jesus and his disciples reached Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives. When they were getting close to Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of them on ahead. He told them, "Go into the next village. As soon as you enter it, you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden. Untie the donkey and bring it here."

The disciples led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back, and Jesus got on. Many people spread clothes on the road, while others went to cut branches from the fields. In front of Jesus and behind him, people went along shouting, "Hosanna!" and "God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"



What do you think Hosanna means?

Why do you think everyone was shouting it?



Use the left over letters to show what the angels said to the women who went to the tomb on the Sunday morning.



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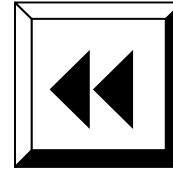
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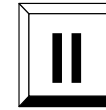
Find these words from the story of the first Easter:

betrayed	died	palms	stone
bread	donkey	Pilate	thorns
cross	Jerusalem	risen	tomb
crown	Jesus	Romans	wine
crucify	Judas		





























While they were eating, Jesus took some bread. He thanked God for it and broke it. Then he gave it to his followers and said, "Take it. This bread is my body."

Then Jesus took a cup of wine. He thanked God for it and gave it to his followers. All of them drank from the cup. Then Jesus said, "This is my blood which begins the new agreement that God makes with his people. This blood is poured out for many."



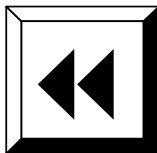
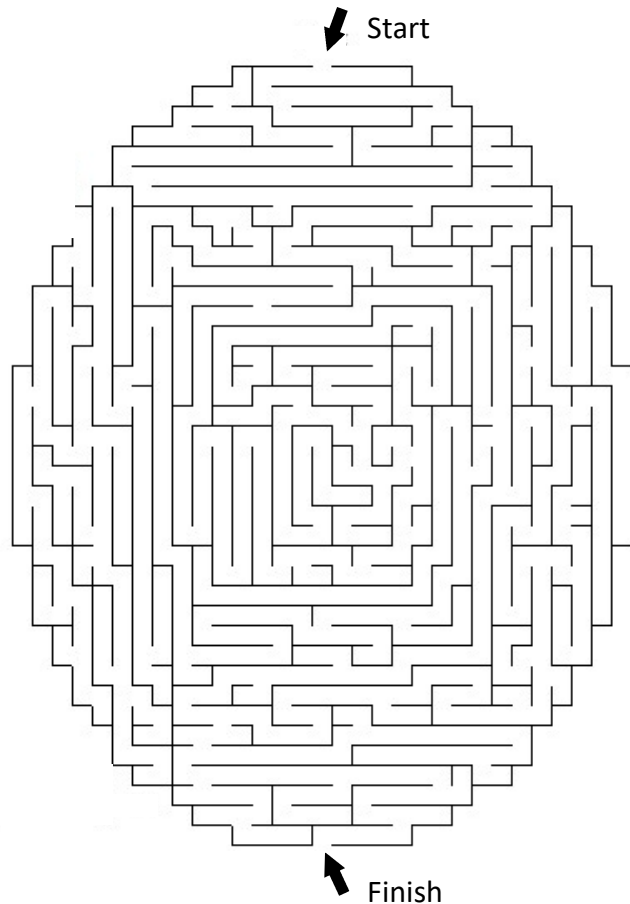
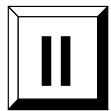
Crack the code to see something Jesus said at the meal

												
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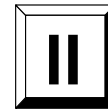
												
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Jesus walked from Jerusalem to a hill called Golgotha, carrying his cross on his back. Can you find your way through this maze?

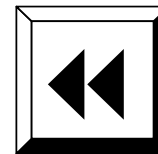


When the soldiers came to the place called "The Skull," they nailed Jesus to a cross. . Around noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until the middle of the afternoon. The sun stopped shining, and the curtain in the temple split down the middle. Jesus shouted, "Father, I put myself in your hands!" Then he died.



Can you unscramble these Easter words?

slamp _____ pepurs _____
 merbreem _____ sorsc _____
 olgatogh _____ bomt _____
 enirs _____ vialc _____



Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices that they had prepared. When they found the stone rolled away from the entrance, they went in. But they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus, and they did not know what to think. Suddenly two men in shining white clothes stood beside them. The women were afraid and bowed to the ground. But the men said, "Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive? Jesus isn't here! He has been raised from death. Remember that while he was still in Galilee, he told you, 'The Son of Man will be handed over to sinners who will nail him to a cross. But three days later he will rise to life.'" Then they remembered what Jesus had said.

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How do you think the women felt after seeing and hearing these things? _____

What do you think you would have done if you were there?
