

40 Ways to Celebrate Easter

Optional Daily Focal Point Possibilities:

1. Paper Chain – calendar countdown until Easter
2. Your home as a place of worship –set up worship center using symbols of the season, (Lily, spike, fragrances etc) weekly worship times as a family
3. Easter Sunday – a heart preparation for the day
4. Sending an Easter card, possibly in lieu of Christmas cards
5. Color Focus:
 - a. Purple for Royalty
 - b. Black for mourning and Sadness
6. Foot Washing – act of service
7. Pin the Tail on the Donkey Game– discussion of Palm Sunday
8. Artist Evening – use of early church art as a depiction of Christ's death and resurrection. This might include a family trip to the library or research on the internet.
9. Bunnies – the importance of the Easter bunny in our society
Suggested book - Is the Easter Bunny for Real
10. Lamb – the importance of the sacrificial lamb in the Scriptures – collection of lambs.
11. Treasure Hunt for 30 silver coins – the cost of Christ's betrayal
12. Passover – Last Supper – a reenactment of the Christ's last supper with His disciples
13. Easter Music – using hymnals and current worship songs, a look at the theological importance of the lyrics – Handel's Messiah History – Random Act of Culture clip
14. Kingship – A worldly view of a king, wearing a crown of jewels -tiara
15. Thorns – the pain and suffering He endured while wearing a crown of thorns, make a crown from rose bushes or holly bushes in your yard...
16. Celebrating Communion together – common cup, kneeling, breaking bread
17. Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday – visit a local church service or celebrate in a park or your own backyard
18. Butterflies – the importance of having a new life in Christ
19. Common Easter activities – Dyeing Easter Eggs
20. Common Easter Activities – Buying new clothes/hats/shoes, if budget permits. Make an effort of wearing your best outfit.
21. Easter Lilies – meaning and purpose of Easter lilies
22. Sacrificial activities – Fasting
23. Sacrificial activities – agreeing to give up something for other families or individuals
24. Cross – meaning and purpose of the cross – project: hand made crosses
25. Gifts given at Easter not Christmas
26. Week of Week Basket – A symbol for each day of the week (see attached)
27. Visit a Local Prayer Garden
28. Hot Cross Buns –Tradition in the church
29. Practice Easter Greeting of "Alleluia, the Lord is Risen"..

“He is Risen Indeed”

30. Fig Tree Account in the Gospel – eat figs
31. Create a Paper Mural - from Freezer wrap - grocery store item
32. Making the Easter Basket – resource on HBC website
33. Hide the Eggs - after dinner on Easter - Boys hide girls hunt; girls hide boys hunt. Count each round and see who wins...Boys? Girls?
34. Week of Weeks Play
35. Lilies - fresh lilies
36. Plant something and watch it grow - (can just be grass seed in a shallow pan)
37. Give a gift to one another - as you might do at Christmas
38. Go to a Food Bank - with donations - perhaps using your 30 pieces of silver
39. Serve a Homeless Center
40. Add a new habit to your life - a discipline of the faith instead of giving something up