# **Easter Conversation Starters**

Sometimes starting specific conversations can be a challenge. An Easter activity might make it a little easier to discuss topics related to Jesus and His resurrection. Once you've invited people over to your home, you can use the fun facts or questions to start the conversation.





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### **Dying Easter Eggs**

Invite some people over to your home to dye eggs with food coloring, or by boiling plants and herbs for natural colors. Using wax crayons to write or color on the eggs before dying them can produce fun designs. Be sure to hard boil them before

### **Host an Egg Hunt**

Invite friends to join in the pursuit of finding eggs hidden in the house or the yard, especially if you already spent time together dying or decorating them. Take it as an opportunity to talk about what people are serching for in life, or to tell the story of the resurection and why hunting for eggs can be similar. See fun fact below for correlation.

#### Create a Resurrection Tree

The Resurrection Tree is a bare branch, that could be broken from a bush in the backyard. On its twigs hang symbols that remind you of the Crucifixion, Resurrection and things that point you toward the names and characteristics of Jesus that are related to his sacrifice for our redemption.

Source: Desiring God, Treasuring Christ in our Traditions PDF

### Buy or Make Resurrection Eggs

Resurrection eggs are plastic eggs filled with items such as a little donkey, silver coins, a crown of thorns, nails, or a white linen cloth. Fill the eggs with items that represent parts of the story of holy week. Leave at least one empty to symbolize the final part of the story: the empty tomb.

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# **FUN FACTS**

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### **Easter Egg Hunts**

When the Protestant reformer Martin Luther organized egg hunts for his congregation, the men would hide the eggs for the women and children to find. This was a nod to the story of the resurrection, in which the empty tomb was discovered by women.

Source: English Heritage, History of the Hunt

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#### **Easter Lilies**

During the Easter season, homes and churches alike are adorned with the gorgeous, fragrant white blooms we know as Easter lilies. The plant's scientific name is Lilium longiflorum, but along the way, it picked up the common name "Easter lily." The flowers are often referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope," and they symbolize the purity of Christ, who was free from sin.

Source: Southern Living Easter Lily Meanaing

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### **Easter Egg Decorating**

Eggs were formerly a forbidden food during Lent, the tradition and practice of giving something up for 40 days before Easter. For Easter morning, people would paint and decorate eggs to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

Source: History.com Easter Symbols



### QUESTIONS

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What is the meaning of Easter to you?

What is the most important part of this holiday?

Do you know how Easter connects with Christmas? In what ways does Christmas connect with Easter? How has your family celebrated Easter in the past?

Do you know why Christians celebrate Easter?

