

Easter Talking Points for Children

Easter Bunny

Meaning: The emblem of Easter goddess. In ancient times, the rabbit was the emblem of Eostre, the goddess of spring. The word Easter is said to come from the name Eostre, meaning spring. In time Easter became the English name for the day set aside to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Colored Eggs

Meaning: New life. In ancient days the people of Egypt and Persia colored eggs and gave them as gifts to their friends to celebrate the return of spring. To them the egg was a symbol of new life and immortality.

Daffodil

Meaning: Growth. How beautiful are the daffodils and other flowers that grow from bulbs and bloom in the spring. The brown bulb from which the daffodil grows is buried in the ground and for a time it appears lifeless. But it is waiting for the right time to begin its growth. The daffodil, and the bulb from which it grows, symbolize the law of growth in action.

Green Leaves

Meaning: Growth and renewal. In the spring, trees that have seemed barren and lifeless all winter send forth new leaves, reminding us that God-life was present in the trees all the time. So the green leaves represent growth and renewal, the quiet assurance of the ever presence of God-life.

The Lily

Meaning: Purity. Lilies are used to decorate our homes and churches at Easter. The lily symbolizes purity, reminding us that pure, good thoughts best express our Christ nature.

The Lamb

Meaning: Child of God. The Shepard tends to the sheep just as Spirit tends to our soul. When we are willing to follow the wisdom of Spirit, we receive all the gifts God has in store for us.

The Stone

Meaning: A Barrier. What are the barriers that we create in our lives that keep our Christ Spirit from rising to its full potential? When we “roll them away” our Christ light fully expresses itself.

The Cross

Meaning: Crossing Out. The cross reminds us that we can cross out all that is not good and kind; that we can heal and have victory over all things.

The Number 3

Meaning: Steps in Spiritual Growth. We think of the number three with Easter because our Lord arose on the third day. The three days represent the steps in spiritual growth needed for complete oneness with God. First, we need to be willing to change for the better; second, we

need to open our minds to God's good plan for us; third, we need to accept God's good plan and put it into action.

The Angel

Meaning: Spiritual Thoughts. Those who found the empty tomb on the first Easter morning had a vision of angels and learned of the glorious news of Jesus Christ's triumph over death. Angels represent our spiritual thought and our understanding of God.

The Sunrise

Meaning: Sign of light or the Christ Spirit within. No matter how dark the night becomes the sun always rises. This tells us that even through our darkest times the Christ is always with us ready to rise again when we are ready.

Here's some questions you could ask for discussion. Maybe after you to tell them the story of Palm Sunday and the entire Holy Week

- What happened in this story?
- What different things did Jesus experience?
- How do you think Jesus felt when his friends were not there for him?
- How does the story end?
- Tell me about a difficult time you had with your family or friends?
- How did you feel?
- What did you do?
- At the end of this story, Jesus went with God and was alright again. What does this mean to you?
- How can going back to God, or remembering that God is with you even in difficult times help you?
- What is important to remember about this story?