

## Easter Celebrations

Easter is the oldest festival in the Christian religion and is very important to Christians all over the world. Celebrate with this themed activity!

### Learning aims

- Understanding about different faiths from around the world
- British Values of tolerance and acceptance
- Expressing yourself through arts and design

### Resources

- Eggs (either boiled or blown)
- Paints
- Paint brushes
- Cardboard, feathers and other collage materials
- Coloured pens
- Scissors, glue and sticky tape.



### Activity Outline

For many, Easter is a time to exchange gifts such as decorative or edible Easter eggs or flowers. Other celebrations include attending the Easter Vigil at church, eating a special meal with family and friends, decorating eggs and having an Easter egg hunt. When celebrating Easter, remember to consider the families that use the provision and their culture, beliefs and customs. Here are two different activities to try at your setting:

### Decorating an egg for an Easter Egg Hunt

1. Prepare the eggs prior to the activity, by either hard-boiling them or blowing them to remove the innards
2. Support the children to use the paints and paintbrushes to decorate the eggs in their own design
3. If children don't want to use paint, they could also use cut up magazines pasted to the eggs to make different designs
4. Ask the children to go and hide their egg in the garden or outside space, and then go on a hunt for the other eggs!

### Easter Bonnet or cap

1. Use the card to make a circular headband to fit each child. Use sticky tape to seal it as a circle
2. Ask the children to use the different collage materials to decorate their Easter bonnet or cap
3. Ask the children to use Spring as an inspiration, so go outside and collect resources to use if they wish to
4. Why not have a parade for your parents to show off your creations?
5. You may also choose to have a panel of children to judge the hats - this can be compiled from children who may not wish to make their own hat. Award results for the funniest, most colourful etc.

### **Working with babies**

Why not create an Easter or Spring themed treasure basket? You could use colourful ribbons, pompoms, spring chicks, different textured wooden and plastic eggs etc.

Remember to check for choking hazards and supervise at all times during this activity as the children are likely to explore the materials with their mouths.