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Historically, eggs have been associated with new life, rebirth, and springtime. Many ancient cultures used eggs in their religious ceremonies. It was not long before the Christian church took up the tradition of decorating and giving eggs as gifts as part of the springtime festival of Easter to celebrate the resurrection.

Decorating Easter eggs and hiding them for an Easter egg hunt has been a fun tradition for many a family gathering. Having an Easter egg hunt at one's home or at a community park can be a simple and effective way of celebrating the message of Christ's resurrection with family, friends, and neighbors. A congregation can also use the Easter egg hunt as an outreach tool for the surrounding community.



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We invite you to download this reproducible Taking Faith Home bulletin insert for Holy Week **at no cost** to print out and/or email to family and friends. [Click here.](#)

How can this piece of paper get traction in people's lives?

- As a simple bulletin insert that brings God's word home to be used as daily spiritual food
- It serves as a sermon help and a wonderful children's sermon resource in worship
- A team-building resource for groups that want to be grounded in God's living word (staff, council, vestry, session, and other governing boards, task forces, and teams)
- A tool for meaningful contact with shut-ins and those in hospitals and other care facilities
- A cross+generational faith formation tool that can be used to supplement Sunday school anytime during the year
- A meaningful resource for this special season of Lent

Moments that cause us to pause and shift gears like the celebration of the resurrection and the beginning of a new season in the church year happen once a year. Providing opportunities to take a breath and find God's presence in these moments is important. This Easter Egg Blessing Milestone Moment provides the opportunity to embrace a family ritual that can become a tradition for years to come.

The Easter Egg Blessing Milestone Moment costs \$2.95. It is a download, reproducible, and makes establishing this as an annual tradition in homes and congregations easy.

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Taking Faith Home Partial Year



The Taking Faith Home Year A 2016-2017 partial download is now available at a reduced rate of \$39.95. These weekly bulletin inserts can help your congregation build a more solid faith foundation by providing content that sparks conversation, inspires effective evangelism, introduces Christian rituals and traditions, encourages family faith formation, and unites generations.

The partial series of 47 bulletin inserts includes dates from 1 March, 2017 through 26 November, 2017 and is based on the Revised Common Lectionary.

Features:

- A short theme statement to

How can one resource serve a diverse population?

- Adults tend to use the daily Bible readings (though few do it without fail. One day is better than nothing and two is better than one.).
- Parents and grandparents use the weekly blessings and mealtime prayers with their children. They often use the weekly prayer at bedtime.
- Children like to use the conversations and devotions to hear about and discuss God's love.
- People on the go can grab a prayer, a Bible reading or something that connects them with God's living Word as part of their journey of faith.
- Couples, parents, and teen mentors use the Caring Conversations to bond relationships in faith.
- Everyone can take a glance and wonder how to use something from Devotions during the week.
- Service ideas and Rituals and Traditions are great for families and youth groups alike.
- Any part of it can work for small group ministries: from weekly Bible studies to young adult gatherings to social groups to leadership teams that want to ground their relationships, work, decisions, and actions in the Christian faith.



Resurrection Rolls

What are Resurrection Rolls?

Resurrection Rolls are explained using a recipe to teach an object lesson during Easter. The ingredients are Crescent Rolls, marshmallows, sugar, butter, and cinnamon. Making Resurrection rolls together as a family builds a yearly tradition of telling the story of Jesus burial and the empty tomb in a hands-on way to remember the story and tell it in a memorable, effective way.

How do you make Resurrection Rolls?

- 1 can of Crescent Rolls
- 8 large marshmallows
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/8 cup granulated sugar

- capture the week's focus
- Suggested daily Bible readings
- A key scripture verse that relates to the theme
- Weekly prayers and a blessing to use during the week
- A suggested hymn that relates to the theme (New for 2016-2017)
- Examples of each of the Four Key Faith Formation practices (caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions) that compliment that week's theme

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- 1 tablespoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Tell the story as you make the Resurrection Rolls:

God sent his son Jesus to pay for our sins. Jesus did not sin. The white marshmallow symbolizes his purity. When Jesus died, his body was prepared for burial with oil and spices. Dip the marshmallow in the butter and roll in the sugar and cinnamon to symbolize the oil and spices. Then Jesus was wrapped in linen. Cover each marshmallow entirely with a Crescent Roll until it looks like a ball. Place on a baking pan in the oven for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool.

Tell them that after three days, Jesus friends went to the tomb to visit but there was an angel there who asked them why they were looking for the living among the dead. Then give each person a roll and allow them to cut it open to look inside and show that the tomb is empty.

Pray together before you enjoy the rolls and give thanks for God's "sweet" love for us.

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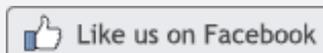
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