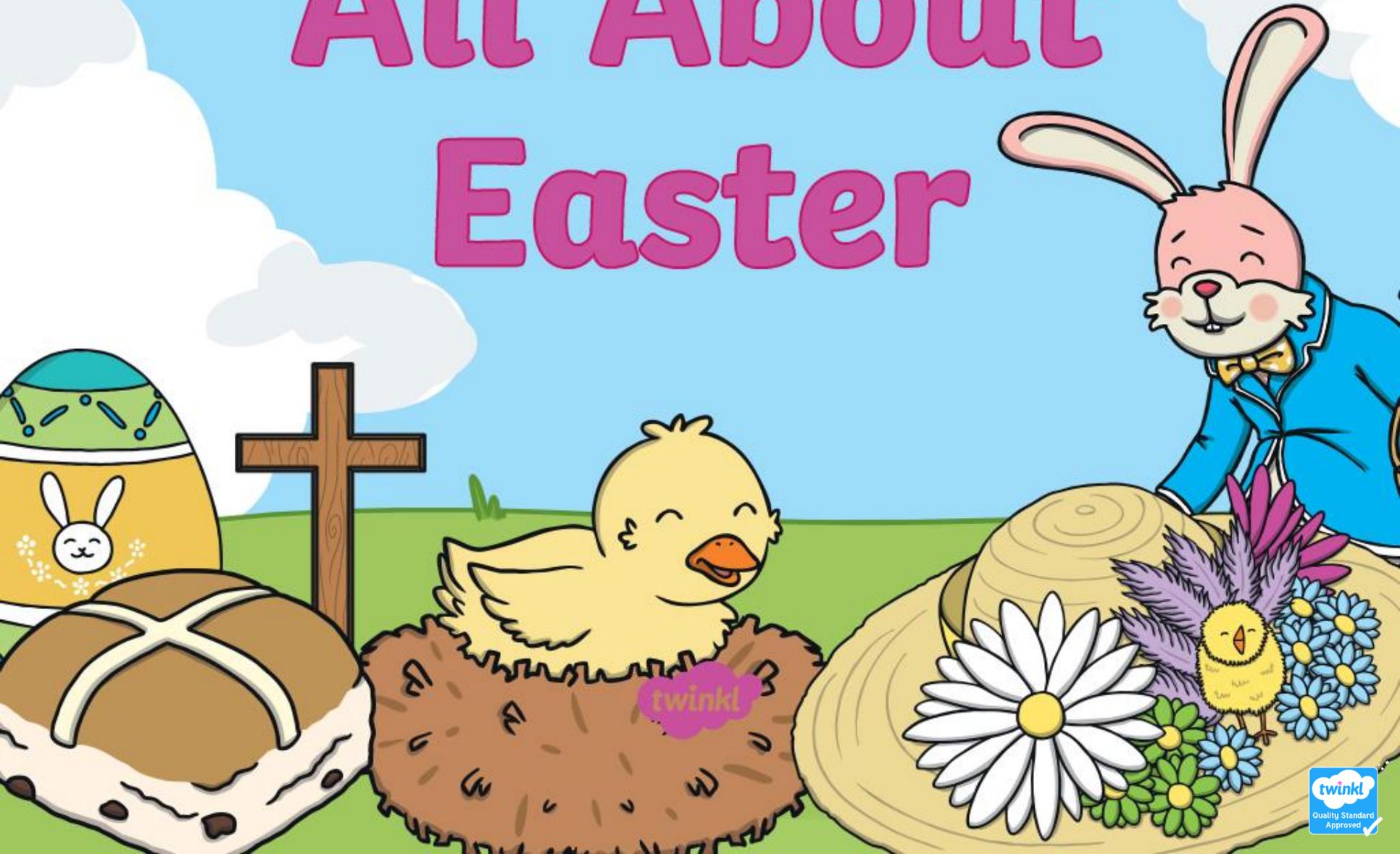


All About Easter



Why Do People Celebrate Easter?

- It is a Christian festival.
- It is the oldest and most important Christian Festival.
- To celebrate the death and coming to life again of Jesus Christ.

- For Christians, the dawn of Easter Sunday with its message of new life is the high point of the Christian year.



The Easter Story

Maundy Thursday - Jesus had the 'Last Supper' with his disciples.

Good Friday - Jesus was nailed to the cross and died. His friends put him in a tomb and covered it with a large rock.

Saturday - Jesus remained in the tomb.

Easter Sunday - Jesus rose from the dead!

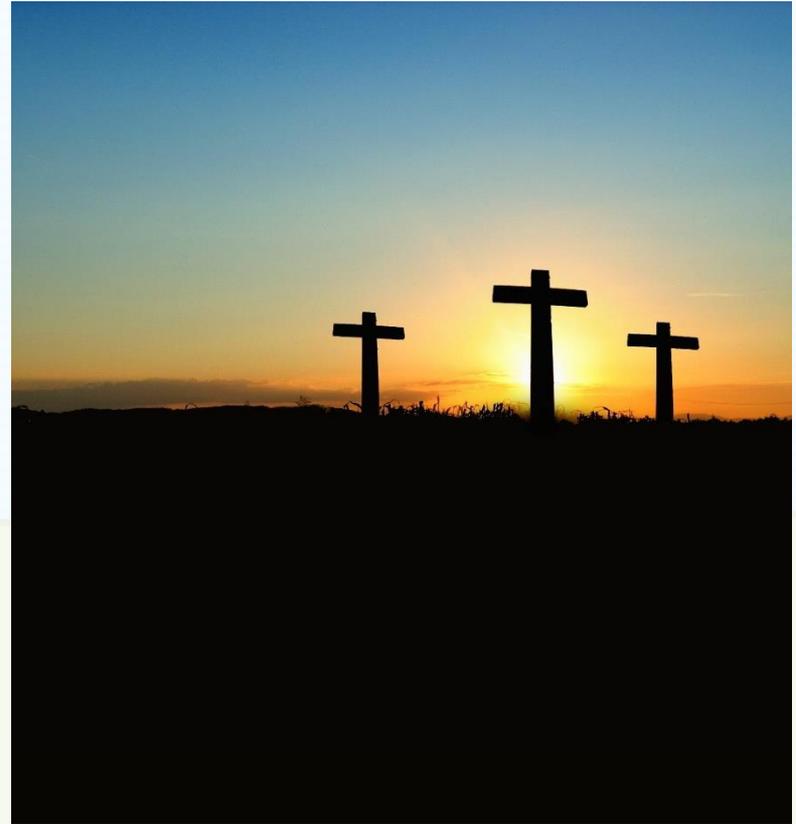
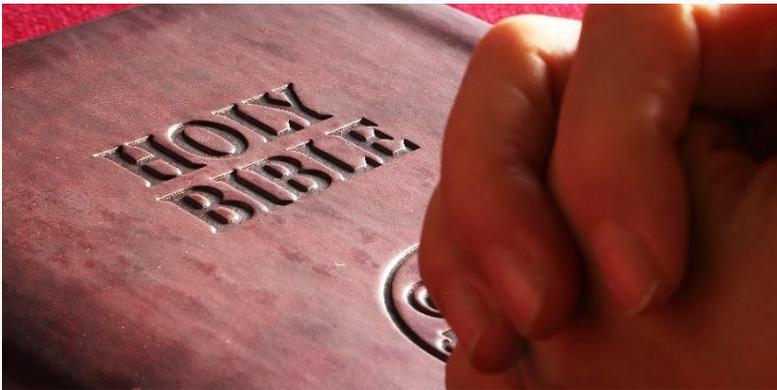
He had come back to visit his friends. He told them to teach others about God's love.

**"Tell the people to believe in me, even if they can't see me."
And then Jesus went up to Heaven to live with his Father.**



Who Celebrates Easter?

Easter is celebrated by Christians all over the world.



Where Do People Celebrate Easter?

In churches all over the world.

Services sometimes start at midnight of Easter Eve. Candles are used in churches all over the world to start the midnight celebrations.

In Greece, fireworks are sometimes used to start the service.

Churches are often filled with flowers on Easter Day - these represent new life.

Christians also celebrate Easter in their own homes.



How Do People Celebrate Easter?

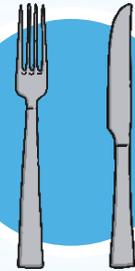
By going to church for a special Easter service.



By giving Easter cards.



By eating a special meal with friends and family.



By giving chocolate eggs, going on Easter egg hunts, decorating an egg. Eggs are used as a symbol of new life.



By eating hot cross buns.



The True Meaning of Easter

To celebrate when Jesus rose from the dead.

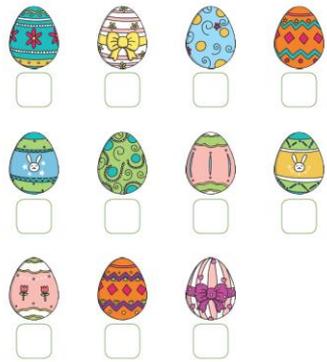


Your Activity

Have a think about how you and your family celebrate Easter. Do you have any special traditions which you have every year? What is your favourite thing to do at Easter time? Perhaps you could make a mind map!

As we are approaching Easter, why not have your very own egg hunt in the house or outside with your family? We have attached an egg hunt pack but you may wish to make your own! We have also attached some Easter craft baskets and colouring-in.

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Egg Hunt 0-10



Easter Themed Basket Craft

- Instructions:
1. Colour in the basket and the handle.
 2. Cut out and fold on the dotted lines.
 3. Glue the sides together and staple on the handle.
 4. Fill your box with Easter goodies.

