

VINTAGE ADVENTURE 4) HOME

SPRING - EASTER



Dear Friends,



I wonder if you, like me, look forward to the middle of March when the hours of daylight are increasing and we tip over from it being dark most of the time to it being light most of the time. For many of us that means our mood lifts. Flowers are more abundant and become more colourful. The shape of the daffodil is like a trumpet to herald the arrival of spring. Spring is a wonderful celebration of life!

Have you ever watched a bud as it grows - tiny at first - then swelling more and more - until it bursts - to reveal a tender green leaf or a bright flower! The energy inside is amazing!

Leaves and flowers do not need ironing - they come out uncrumpled.

I think, as we watch spring unfolding, it challenges us to think about Easter - passing from death to life, as we see in the resurrection of Jesus.

I hope you will enjoy sitting quietly, perhaps with a drink, and reading this month's copy of Vintage Adventure @ Home. Ponder as you worship and enjoy the articles and activities.

God is alive - in nature around us - but also in each one of us.

Let His love fill you, so that like a bursting bud, you experience life in abundance

May God bless you richly. Happy Easter.

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The True Meaning of Easter

Opening Scripture

John 11:25-26

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die, Do you helieve this?"



The opening words of Jesus in this verse are of great comfort to us. They remind us that death, though inevitable in the physical realm, is not the end for believers.

Instead, it is a transition to a better life, which is eternal. This promise is not reserved for the select few but is extended to all who put their faith in Jesus Christ. We should and can live with the assurance that our physical death is not the end.

Opening Prayer

Dear Father God. You loved this world so much, that You gave Your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too.

Lord help us to live in the gladness and grace at Easter time and everyday.

Let us have hearts of thankfulness for Your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell Your good news to the world.

All for Your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen

Reflection

Easter is a time to reflect on our lives, our faith, and our relationships, and to renew our commitment to God and to each other. In a world that can be full of pain, suffering, and despair, Easter offers us hope of a brighter future, a future where love, justice and peace prevail.



Easter Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through His blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Why do we celebrate Easter?

A common belief is that Easter is about bunnies and eggs, a day that celebrates the coming of spring. Although Easter egg hunts are fun, and the

blooming flowers are beautiful parts of God's creation, there is something infinitely better to celebrate - the cross and the empty tomb.

At Easter Christians gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The day is joyous with praise and thanksgiving for the gift of salvation that we receive through Jesus' death and resurrection. Christians celebrate and declare this good news because it is foundational to our faith and hope.

Easter believers celebrate the truth that Jesus rose from the dead. The Friday before, which is traditionally called "Good Friday", Christ was crucified. He died and was buried in a tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea.

(John 19:28-42)

Every Day Is Easter

"Easter comes but once a year,"
So many people say,
But, to a person saved from sin,
It's Easter everyday!

When those, are saved or "born again"

Their life to Christ will give,

And, as a new-born babe in Christ,

Have just begun to live.

"I am the resurrection and the life."
The Saviour, one day, said:
"And, those believing in my Word
Shall live, though they are dead."

Through Jesus's death on the Cross, we have been granted a second chance. We have permission to leave our old lives behind and focus on the new day, with all its potential for joy and choices that honour God.

As we reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, may we be renewed in our faith, our hope and our commitment to love and serve others.

Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour? If you have never invited Jesus to come into your heart and forgive your sins to be your Lord and Saviour then now is the time! Don't wait!

Jesus is calling you with His arms wide open.

Revelations 3:20

Jesus said: Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: If anyone hears My voice, and opens the door, I will come into him, and sup with him, and he with Me.



The Salvation Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask your forgiveness.

I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead.

I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life.

I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. Amen



Reflection



"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!"

Every day of the week Christians give thanks for Jesus' saving love, His dying on the cross and His rising again on the first Easter day. This year Easter falls on the last day of March so, as you receive this edition of Vintage Adventure, you may be thinking ahead to chocolate eggs and special cards from family and friends.

Easter cards bring greetings of love, joy and hope, often with religious images such as a cross or a church, or bright flowers and colourful egg shapes. But do you know why we celebrate with Easter eggs and why white lilies are the favourite flowers for decorating churches at Easter?

Historically the egg symbolizes the tomb carved from rock out of which Christ emerged to the new life of His Resurrection. In parts of Eastern Europe, it is a tradition to create intricate designs on eggs and then colour them. Called pysanki, these special



eggs are sold in Ukraine at Easter and are saved from year-to-year. In some countries, eggs are pierced, hollowed and decorated before being suspended from plants and shrubs like decorations on a Christmas tree. White lilies are often



placed in homes and churches as symbols of new life. One legend tells how, on the very first Easter Day, lilies sprang up in the Garden of Gethsemane at the place where drops of Jesus' tears had fallen to the ground as He prayed and wept before His arrest.

That first Easter morning the tomb where Jesus' body had been laid was empty. Some remembered Jesus saying He would rise from death after three days and their faith was strengthened. Others, including the disciple called Thomas, felt cheated, even let down, and found it hard to believe that Jesus was alive.

It is the same with us: tough and difficult times of life can bring us closer to God or distance us. Suffering can bring us a deeper sense of Jesus' saving love, or make

us feel sad and isolated. Sometimes we may feel a bit of both. The empty tomb brings us reassurance of Jesus' promise that He is with us, even to the end of time, and conveys the message that nothing is final in this life, not even death. God's love is stronger than any human power. Love conquers all.



As Christians, how we respond to the message that Jesus has conquered death is shown through all that we do, for Jesus' sake, with the lessons we have learned over the years of our lives so far, and from the myriad of informative and lifegiving opportunities we have had along the way.

Whatever our age and circumstance there will always be ways in which we can serve our Lord and Saviour: including by sharing a smile, a kind word, an act of generosity or compassion. Every time we encourage others to put their hope in Jesus' name, we are being 'Easter people'.

God calls and invites us to rejoice in the new life that He offers freely to all of us every day. New life begins when we promise to faithfully serve Him now and forever. We are His new creation and by starting and ending each day with a prayer of thanks to God for raising Jesus from the dead, we find strength for today and bright hope for all our tomorrows.

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!"



Word Made Flesh

The fleshiness of God - behold this Baby nuzzling at the breast, whose minute hands feel for its intimate warmth, close on a finger. Nappies smelling of digested milk, arms uncoordinated, legs-a-kick, a language of cries and tears, faint smiles and the gentle breathing of innocent sleep; God opening His heart to man.

Stand below this bloody post, look, if you can, at His contorted face and form spread-eagled on the wood. Hear Him gasp, heave upwards on the nails struggling for breath twist as muscles knot and nerves burn. Hear Him pray for His captors and the crowd as we wait helplessly below. This is God, with punctured side, stabbed to the heart.

Now come in the early dawn to the tomb's mouth,
The dead weight of the stone has rolled, the shroud
that bound is empty and collapsed, gone
the battered corpse; transformed He meets His friends,
Listen for His invitation, steady
your hand to feel the scars, reach
the very heart of God revealed in flesh and fall before His majesty and grace.

Following Jesus - a struggle to forgive

Cornelia ten Boom was born on 15 April 1892 into a devout family of strict Dutch Reformed Calvinists. Her father, Casper, was a watchmaker, and Corrie was licensed in 1922 as the first female watchmaker in Holland. The family, her two older sisters, Betsie and Nollie, and brother Willem, lived with their parents above the shop in Beje street, Haarlem.

Inspired by their faith, they served the local community: Corrie ran a youth club for teenage girls and the family offered shelter, food and money to those in need, including from 1940, increasing numbers of Jews and dissenting intellectuals facing persecution under the Nazi occupiers.

In her memoir *The Hiding Place*, Corrie describes the secret 'room' no larger than a small wardrobe, behind a false wall constructed in her bedroom. A crude ventilation system provided air for six occupants, who had about a minute to seek refuge, whenever a buzzer in the house warned of a security sweep. Some fugitives would stay a few hours, while others lingered several days until another safe house was found. Corrie became a leader in the 'Beje' movement, overseeing a network of safe houses in the Netherlands, saving the lives of around 800 Jews.

Eventually betrayed by a fellow citizen, as leaders of the Dutch Resistance, the family was arrested, Casper dying after just ten days of imprisonment. Despite dreadful suffering, Corrie survived.

In 1947 she returned to Germany sharing the message that GOD forgives.

Corrie recounts, "It was in a church in Munich that I saw him, a balding heavyset man in a gray overcoat, a brown felt hat clutched between his hands. People were filing out of the basement room where I had just spoken, moving along the rows of wooden chairs to the door....

And that's when I saw him, working his way forward against the others. One moment I saw the overcoat and the brown hat; the next, a blue uniform and a visored cap with its skull and crossbones.

"You mentioned Ravensbrück," he was saying. "I was a guard in there." No, he did not remember me.

But I remembered him and the leather crop swinging from his belt. It was the first time since my release that I had been face to face with one of my captors and my blood seemed to freeze. "But since that time," he went on, "I have become a Christian. I know that God has forgiven me for the cruel things I did but I would like to hear it from your lips as well. Fräulein"—the hand came out—"will you forgive me?"

And I stood there -I whose sins had every day to be forgiven - and could not. Betsie had died in that place—a slow terrible death.

It could not have been many seconds that he stood there, hand out, but to me it seemed hours as I wrestled with the most difficult thing I had ever had to do.

.... The message that God forgives has a prior condition: that we forgive those who have injured us. "If you do not forgive men their trespasses," Jesus says, "neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

I knew it not only as a commandment..., but as a daily experience. Since the end of the war I had created a home in Holland for victims of Nazi brutality. Those who forgave their former enemies, were able to return to the outside world and rebuild their lives, no matter what the physical scars. Those who nursed their bitterness remained invalids.

And still I stood there with the coldness clutching my heart. But forgiveness is not an emotion.Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.

"Jesus, help me!" I prayed silently. "I can lift my hand. I can do that much. You supply the feeling." ...woodenly, mechanically, I thrust my hand into the one stretched out ... And as I did, an incredible thing took place. The current started in my shoulder, raced down my arm, sprang into our joined hands. And then this healing warmth seemed to flood my whole being, bringing tears to my eyes. "I forgive you, brother!" I cried. "With all my heart!"

Corrie died in California on 15 April 1982, her 91st birthday.



March Trivia

The month of March was named after Mars, the Roman God of war.

March used to be the first month of the year until Julius Caesar changed it to the third month.

We celebrate two saints in March: Saint Patrick and Saint David.

The saying 'Mad as a March Hare' comes from the strange behaviour of male rabbits during the breeding season, including boxing with other hares and jumping vertically.

'Beware the Ides of March' was made famous by Shakespeare's play 'Julius Caesar'. Caesar ignored the warning and was murdered on 15th March, 44B.C. The saying is associated with doom, betrayal, and disastrous events.

March 1 marks the independence day of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

March 3, 1931 was the date 'The Star-Spangled Banner' became the official national anthem of the USA.

The first St Patrick's Day Parade was held in New York City on 17th March, 1762.



From Prison to Freedom

Nelson Mandela was born in Umtata, in Transkei, South Africa on 18 July 1918. His father was Chief Henry Mandela of the Tembu Tribe. Mandela grew up in poverty and oppression, witnessing the white South African government imposing more and more restrictions on a downtrodden, uneducated, black majority.

While studying law at the University College of Fort Hare and the University of Witwatersrand, he found he could not ignore the gross injustices committed

in the name of apartheid. Having qualified in 1942, in 1944 he joined the African National Congress (ANC) and became an outspoken activist. Mandela's charismatic speeches triggered an investigation by the ruling National Party Government. In 1956 he was put on trial for treason but acquitted in 1961.

In 1962 he was re-arrested on the same charge, found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment. From 1964 to 1982, he was incarcerated at Robben Island Prison, off Cape Town, often in solitary confinement; thereafter, he was at Pollsmoor Prison, on the mainland.

Mandela consistently refused to compromise to obtain his freedom: "I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve." Who could imagine that this elderly, grey haired man, jailed for twenty seven years, would one day walk free and unite South Africa?

After his release on 11 February 1990, Mandela worked tirelessly towards a peaceful, democratic South Africa, striving to attain the goals he and others had set out almost four decades earlier. Initially Mandela had participated in the armed struggle against the

oppressing minority power, but now chose to negotiate peacefully with his former persecutors. Although more radical ANC members tried to pressurise Mandela to take a violent, vengeful approach, he urged closer relations with President de Klerk and government leaders.



Known as the 'Grandfather' of South Africa, Mandela's strong spirit transformed him into an international symbol of reconciliation, and he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993. Despite seemingly insurmountable odds, Mandela facilitated a peaceful transition to the first free election in April 1994, after which he was

inaugurated as the country's first democratically chosen president.

Mandela personifies the way in which the human spirit can triumph over hate and evil by embracing the path of peace, negotiation, and reconciliation.

Psalm for Spring

Maytime on the Downs. Buzzards circle above, breasting the currents with precision, while larks on eager wings press upwards singing; they drop bubbles of rounded sound from invisible heights of blue, I plod the rough track fumbling for words of gratitude to the Creator.

Clouds push shadows across fields where young wheat rustles and rape in strident yellow dominates the air with scent.

Hedgerows foam white froth of hawthorn and cow parsley above tangles of sappy green - astonishing abundance of never ceasing workmanship.

Beyond earshot and the hill
the distant town must toil and bustle,
aware only that the sun today is warm.
I turn towards it grateful for the music of the Downs
still singing in my memory.
I shall try with greater faithfulness to use
the voice my God has given me.

David Corfe 2014 The Road Taken Selected Poems 1990-2013 p.17 Psalm for Spring

Preparing for Easter Pancakes, Shrove Tuesday and Lent

In the run up to Easter, did you eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday? What was your favourite topping? Do you prefer lemon and sugar, bananas and cream, chocolate, syrup, honey, blueberries, or something different? The anagrams below include six possibilities:



ASGRU	OOHCCAETEL
PYUSR	EONML
NAANBA	RMCAE

Here are some fun facts about Shrove Tuesday and Pancakes

- The date of Shrove Tuesday is linked to the date of Easter
- The earliest Shrove Tuesday can be is 3rd February
- The latest Shrove Tuesday is 9th March
- The most people to flip a pancake at the same time in the same place is 890 in Sheffield in 2012
- The largest ever pancake recorded was produced in 1994. It measured 15.01 metres in diameter, and weighed 3 tonnes.
- The world record for the most pancake flips is 140 flips in one minute by Australian celebrity chef Brad Jolly
- The oldest pancake race happens in Olney in Buckinghamshire. It was first run in 1445!

What is pancake day all about?

Choose from the following words to complete the gaps

Tuesday Wednesday Food Jesus Lent Ash

Pancake Day is often known as Shrove But why do we cook
pancakes? Matthew 4 :1-2 tells us that went into the
wilderness by Himself for 40 days to go without food and spend time
concentrating on GOD and His forthcoming mission in the world.

Christians try to model their own lives on Jesus and so they have an annual period of 40 weekdays before Easter called This word comes from the Old English 'Lencten' which means springtime. Historians think that Lent began to be regularly observed after the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. So during this period many Christians try to live more simply and spend extra time with GOD, reading the Bible, talking to Him in prayer, reflecting on a Lent devotional book, pondering the events which led up to Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and His triumphant resurrection on Easter Sunday. Some Christians fast, others give up something: either a favourite food or something else such as watching television or scrolling on their phones. Lent is also traditionally a time for almsgiving or contributing to the work of a charity, either by volunteering one's time or sharing financially. Lent is traditionally a season of penitence, of saying sorry to GOD and seeking His forgiveness. It ends on the evening of Maundy Thursday, often with a special service of Holy Communion, commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus and His disciples.

Do you know how Shrove Tuesday and Ashgot their particular names?

Ash Wednesday is so called because on that day palm branches were burnt and their ashes used to mark a cross on the foreheads of Christians as a symbol of repenting and saying sorry to GOD for those things they had thought, said, done wrong or for those things they had omitted to do.



As believers intended to go without food during Lent, they wanted to make sure that their homes were not full of food to tempt them, so they ate up eggs and similar food stuffs the day before, leaving their store cupboards as bare as possible. One way of using up eggs and milk was to make pancakes.

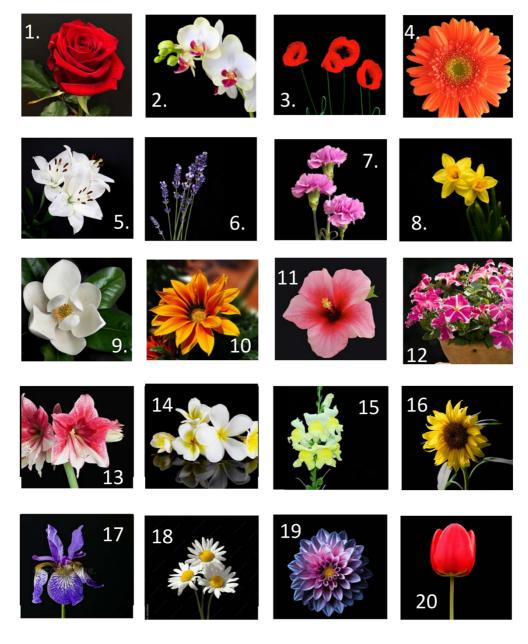
Churches often held a special service that Tuesday called a 'shriving' service. Shriving is an old expression meaning saying sorry and being forgiven, so that people could make a fresh start at the beginning of Lent. This is how the name Shrove Tuesday originated – everyone went to church to be 'shriven.' Ideas based on Scripture Union resources

Pancake recipe

- Sift 8 oz/250 g plain flour into a mixing bowl
- Add two large eggs and a pint of milk
- Whisk to a smooth batter
- Heat some olive oil in a frying pan or crêpe pan
- When hot, ladle in some of your pancake mix
- Cook pancakes until brown, then turn and cook the other side.
- Remove each pancake and keep warm in a low oven until ready to serve
- Serve with lemon juice and a topping of your choice
- If you have any left over you can layer the pancakes between baking parchment and then wrap in cling film or put in a freezer bag and freeze for up to two months before enjoying later!



Wordsearch-Flowers



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Words that start with MAR....



- 1. An area of soft, wet sand usually between water and land
- 2. A famous Actor, _____ Brando
- 3. Germany's currency before the Euro
- 4. Famous African American civil rights activist
- 5. Animals carrying their young in a pouch
- 6. Famous French Mime artist
- 7. Uniformed and rhythmic walking
- 8. An alcohol cocktail decorated with olives
- 9. Large fish with a spear-like snout
- 10. Famous English classical ballerina
- 11. Shaken musical instrument used in Central and South America
- 12. Connective tissues that fills the cavities in our bones
- 13. The legally or formally recognised union of two people
- 14. Political and economic theory started by philosopher Karl Marx
- 15. A tulip-like flower; also 'butterfly' in Spanish

Scrambled Springtime

What words relating to Spring are hidden below



1. BRNSOI

- 2. WFRSLOE
- 3. INAR
- 4. FSSHINUN
- 5. RISPNG
- 6. EGNRE
- 7. BALSELBA
- 8. MYA

- 9. RDENGA
- 10. BRNOAIW
- 11. ORWMS
- 12. ABTSRBI
- 13. PILRA
- 14. ESNT
- 15. TLYTEBURF
- 16. SSBOLOM

Spring Quiz – Multiple choice

Tick the answer you think is correct



- 1. The bunny is a symbol of... a) Fertility b) Countryside
- 2. A female rabbit is called a) A bunny b) A doe
- 3. Which movie starring Judy Garland has the word 'Easter' in its title?
 - a) The Easter Bunny is Coming to Town b) Easter parade
- 4. Which country started the tradition of the Easter Bunny?
 - a) Germany b) Brazil
- 5. Easter begins with Lent, a period of penitence which lasts for?
 - a) Forty days b) Twelve days
- 6. How did Easter Island get its name?
 - a) Because it was discovered on Easter Sunday 1772
 - b) Because they accidently made Easter eggs
- 7. What is Carl Fabergé famous for?
 - a) For the jewelled eggs he created b) A world famous chocolatier
- 8. Which bunny is famous for saying: "What's up doc?"
 - a) Roger Rabbit b) Bugs Bunny
- 9. What is traditionally eaten on Shrove Tuesday?
 - a) Pancakes b) Fish and chips
- 10. On which day of the week did the 'Last Supper' take place?
 - a) Thursday b) Tuesday
- 11. What is the name of the bread eaten in Italy at Easter?
 - a) Panettone b) Plain loaf
- 12. How long does it take to hard boil an egg?
 - a) 7 minutes b) 17 minutes
- 13. In popular folklore what are you supposed to wear at Easter?
 - a) New clothes b) New watch
- 14. What do some girls and women wear on their heads at Easter?
 - a) Wigs b) Bonnets



Easter Quiz

How good is your knowledge of all things Easter?

- 1. Which celebrations immediately precedes Easter?
- 2. What is the traditional Easter flower?
- 3. What is the Friday before Easter usually called?
- 4. What does the tradition of Easter Eggs symbolise?
- 5. What are the Easter colours?
- 6. On which day is it traditional to make pancakes?
- 7. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. How many days after the crucifixion was Jesus raised?
- 8. The Easter Season starts on Easter Day and lasts for how many days 14, 21, 32 or 50?
- 9. In Western Churches what is the first day of Lent Ash Wednesday or Shrove Tuesday?
- 10. The Sunday a week before Easter is called what?
- 11. Name the hill where Jesus was crucified.
- 12. Hot Cross Buns are marked with what symbol on the top?
- 13. What kind of cloth was used to wrap the body of Jesus?
- 14. Who betrayed Jesus?
- 15. At the Last Supper, what food did Jesus liken to his body?

Word Search

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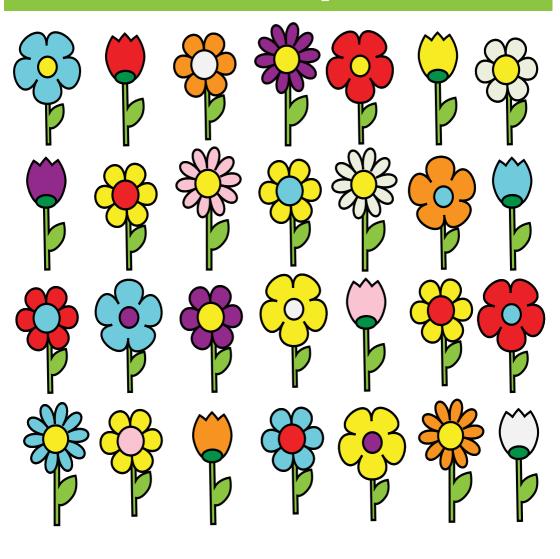


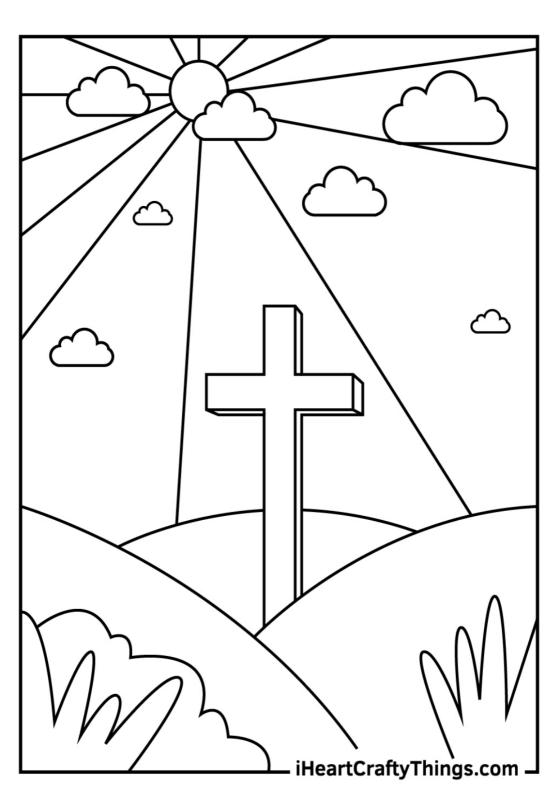
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Good Friday Rabbi Hunt Bonnet Marshmallow Palm Sunday Chocolate Angels Resurrection Chick Eggs Fertility Basket Christ Forgiveness

Jesus Simnel Cake Equinox Bunny Crown

Find 2 same pictures







Answers



- 1. Rose
- 8. Daffodil
- 15.Snapdragon

- 2. Orchid
- 9. Magnolia
- 16.Sunflower

- 3. Poppy4. Gerbera
- 10.Gazania 11.Hibiscus
- 17.Iris 18.Daisy

- 5. Lily
- 12.Petunia
- 19.Dahlia

- 6. Lavender
- 13.Hippeastrum 20.Tulip
- 7. Carnation
- 14.Frangipani

Answers to words that start with Mar

- 1 Marsh 2 Marlon 3 Mark
- 4 'Martin' Luther King Junior 5 Marsupials
- 6 Marcel Marceau 7 Marching 8 Martini
- 9 Marlin 10 'Margot' Fonteyn 11 Maracas
- 12 Marrow 13 Marriage 14 Marxism
- 15 Mariposa

Answers to Scrambled Springtime

- 1 Robins 2 Flowers 3 Rain 4 Sunshine
- 5 Spring 6 Green 7 Baseball 8 May
- 9 Garden 10 Rainbow 11 Worms
- 12 Rabbits 13 April 14 Nest 15 Butterfly
- 16 Blossom

Spring Quiz - Multiple Choice Answers 1 Fertility 2 Hunt for eggs 3 Bunny 4 Easter Parade 5 White 6 Germany 7 Forty days 8 Because it was discovered on Easter Sunday 1772. 9 It refers to the seventh Sunday after Easter. 10 For the jewelled eggs he created. 11 Bugs Bunny 12 Pancakes 13 Thursday 14 Panettone 15 Chocolate and marshmallows 16 7 minutes 17 Chicks and lambs 18 New clothes 19 Bonnets 20 Judas

Easter Quiz Answers 1 Holy Week 2 White Lily 3 Good Friday 4 Rebirth 5 Purple and yellow 6 Shrove Tuesday 7 Three days 8 Fifty 9 Ash Wednesday 10 Pretzel 11 Palm Sunday 12 Calvary 13 Cross 14 Linen 15 Forty Days 16 Judas 17 Bread

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