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Kids' corner: Easter is coming!

Learning about Easter eggs

The precise origin of the ancient custom of decorating eggs is not known. Some people think that the blooming of many flowers in spring coincides with the use of the fertility symbol of eggs. Eggs boiled with some flowers change their color, bringing the spring into the homes.

Many Christians of the Eastern Orthodox Church to this day typically dye their Easter eggs red, the color of blood. Through this, they recognize the blood of the sacrificed Christ. The egg shell also symbolises Christ's empty tomb.

German Protestants wanted to retain the Catholic custom of eating colored eggs for Easter, but did not want to introduce their children to the Catholic rite of fasting. Eggs were forbidden to Catholics during the fast of Lent, which was the reason for the abundance of eggs at Easter time.

The idea of an egg-laying bunny came to America in the 18th century. German immigrants in the Pennsylvania Dutch area told their children about the "Osterhase". "Hase" means "hare", not rabbit!

In Northwest European folklore, the "Easter Bunny" indeed is a hare, not a rabbit. According to the legend, only good children received gifts of colored eggs in the nests made with their caps and bonnets before Easter.

In 1835, Jakob Grimm described similar myths in Germany itself. Grimm suggested that these derived from legends of the Germanic goddess "Ostara".



Easter smileys

How many Easter eggs can you put in an empty basket?

Only one – after that it's not empty any more!

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?

It might crack up!

How does Easter end?

With the letter R!

What's yellow, has long ears, and grows on trees?

The Easter Bunana!

What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?

Hot cross bunnies!

What's the difference between a counterfeit dollar bill and a crazy rabbit?

One is bad money, the other is a mad bunny!

Easter puzzle

Easter Word Search

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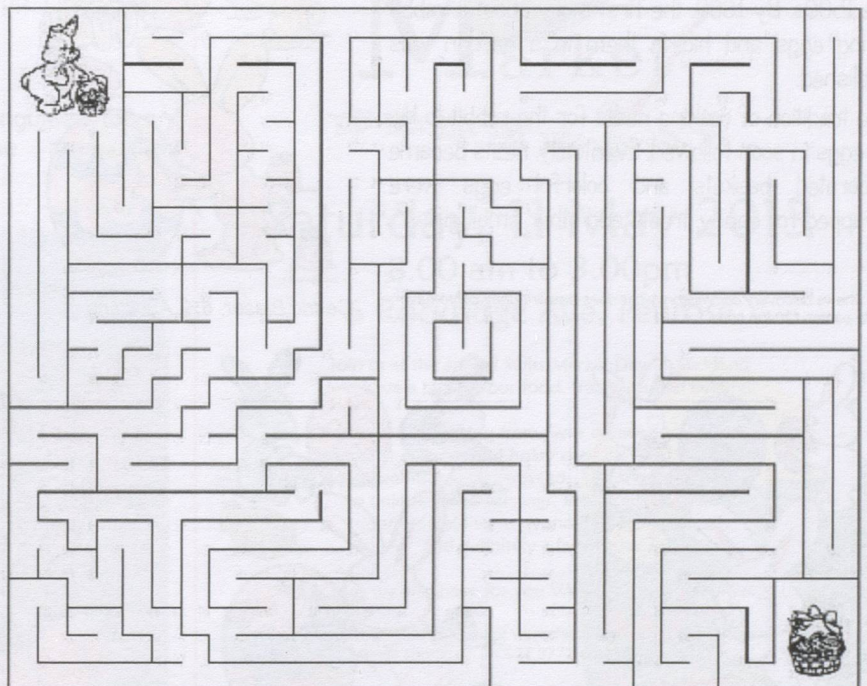
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Can you find these words:
FLOWER SPRING BUNNY BASKET EGGS



Help the Easter bunny find his way to fill the basket on Easter day!



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