

Easter Games for Kids



Where's the Stone?

A large stone was placed in front of Jesus's tomb to protect his body from grave robbers. Lead the children in an Easter game to remind them of when the women went to Jesus's tomb on Easter morning and found the stone that covered the tomb had been rolled away and the fact that Jesus was not there – He was Resurrected!

- Assemble the children in a circle seated on a rug.
- Ask the children to hold their hands behind their backs.
- Show the children a stone that will be used in the game.
- Ask the children to close their eyes.
- Walk around the circle of children and place the stone in one of the children's hands.
- Ask the children to open their eyes and then ask one child to try and guess which child has the stone.
- When he or she finds the correct child with the stone, the child who held the stone gets to guess during the next round.
- You can repeat this until each child gets a chance to guess.

Jesus' Resurrection

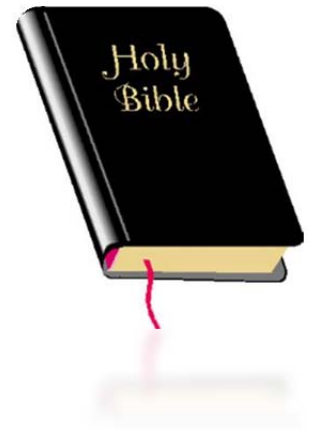
This game is for smaller children who like to play peek-a-boo, but they are not too small to learn about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- Assemble children in a circle seated on a rug or even around a table in chairs.
- Tell them about how people put Jesus in a dark cave where they thought he would stay because they rolled a big stone in front of the cave to make sure no one tried to remove him.
- Place a small figure such as a LEGO toy person in a cup to represent this.
- Tilt the cup sideways so the children can see inside it easily to see the toy figure.
- Tell the children to cover their eyes with their hands and then remove the figure from the cup. Say, "Peek-A-Boo" and then have the children open their eyes to see the empty cup.
- Reveal the toy figure and state, "Jesus is Alive!" Play several rounds to help the smaller children know that Jesus is Alive this Easter!

Bible Books

This game is a fast-paced Easter religious game that the children will definitely learn a lot from, although maybe not directly related to Easter. It is quite intellectual and tests the knowledge of a child or a player in their knowledge of the Holy Bible.

- Create Flash Cards with every book in the Bible one book on each card. Create about 5 sets of the cards.
- Assemble five of the children at a table with plenty of room between them.
- Have the five players attempt to get their cards in hand in exact sequence as per the Bible books.
- The child or player that gets their cards or books of the Bible in correct order first wins the game.
- Keep alternating five players until all the children have a chance to play the game.



Easter Bible Words Find Challenge

This is another fast-paced yet interesting and fantastic Easter religious game that children will definitely have fun learning more about the true meaning of Easter.

- Assemble the children or players together around a table with a pencil, paper and Holy Bible.
- In this game, each player races against time and finds all the words related to Easter that he or she can in a limited amount of time such as Jesus, cross, crown, Andrew, Apostles, Christ, crucified, faith, God, holy, hope, James, Jews, John, king, lamb, Mary, miracles, Paul, peace, Peter, redemption, risen, Romans, sacrifice, Savior, son, thieves, throne, etc.
- Whoever gets the most Easter words in the limited amount of time first wins the game.

Easter Guess Who Game

This game requires children and Post-It notes only.

- Have children sitting down around a table.
- Write one Bible character (Jesus, James, John, Mary, etc.) on every Post-It note and stick one on every child's back where the children cannot see it.
- Have each child stand up (one at a time) and turn around and sit down so that the other children can read the name on the Post-It note.
- Have the group of children give each child clues to help him or her identify the character on the note until he or she guesses the name on the Post-It note.
- Continue this game until every Bible figure has been named.



Easter Candy Fishing Activity

This game requires children, straws, paper plates and Easter candy (jelly beans...).

- Put Easter candy on a paper plate that covers most of plate for each child playing. You could just set up 5 plates of Easter candy at a time.
- Give each child a straw and have each child suck up and hold the candy with the straw only and then move it into another empty paper plate.
- When the 5 children begin racing time them and then have them stop when timer goes off and the child with the most Easter candy in their other plate wins.

Easter Resurrection Egg Hunt

Resurrection Eggs can be purchased or you can make them by simply purchasing some plastic eggs and inserting an object pertaining to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ into each egg. Colorful plastic eggs with visual reminders are a proven learning tool for children.

- Have the children that find the resurrection eggs to sit down and listen to a story regarding Jesus' Resurrection. Have pictures of the items on a poster board and have the children hold them up during the story.
- After the story, emphasize Jesus' sacrifice and have the children sacrifice their eggs, etc. with the knowledge that they will receive something better at the end of the event/day - just as Jesus knew that his sacrifice would bring something better in the end!
- While they have free time, have some helpers divide the eggs evenly and put prizes which say "He is Risen" (you can purchase from the Oriental Trading Company or make your own) in their bags. Then have the children come back and receive their gifts. This makes a wonderful tool to further the knowledge of Jesus and Easter to our children.