

Easter Blessings

Adapted from an idea by Georgina Home League, Ontario

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever, believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

Song: SASB 149/TB 466 *O Joyful Sound! O Glorious Hour*

Jelly Bean Poem: *Charlene Dickerson*

Have sufficient jellybeans of each colour and a plastic Easter egg for each person and a copy of the poem below.

(Prepare the following as a handout for the ladies to take home)

Green is for the grass He made,

Yellow is for the sun God made.

Orange is for the flame so bright

Black is for our sins not right.

Red is for the blood He gave

White is for His grace that saves.

Purple is for His hour of sorrow

Pink is for our new tomorrow.

Read the explanation and let them take one jelly bean of each colour to put in their egg.

GREEN is for the grass He made,

YELLOW is for the sun God made.

ORANGE is the flame so bright.

God created this world. It was good. He made the beautiful plants, animals, the stars and the moon...

Rain, fire, mountains and valleys.

BLACK is for our sins not right.

God made people to live in this world ...Men & women. People disobeyed God and didn't trust in God best plan for their lives.

RED is for the blood He gave.

God sent His Son Jesus to earth to show us just how much He loves us. Some people didn't want to listen to the Good News Jesus was telling them about believing in God and trusting Jesus...so they killed Him on a cross.

WHITE is for His grace that saves.

PURPLE is for the hours of sorrow.

PINK is for a new tomorrow.

An egg full of jelly beans, Colorful and Sweet
Is a prayer, a promise, and a loved one's treat!!



Marbleizing Easter Eggs — Hard boiled

- Hard boil as many eggs as you need
- Prepare several cups of dyes, different colours for eggs (food colouring and water and vinegar)
- You can “marbleize” a plain white egg or give it a base color



- Once you're ready to start marbleizing, prepare separate dye cups by stirring 1 teaspoon of oil into each colour cup of egg dye.
- Quickly dip your egg in and out of the dye. The dye will adhere, the oil will repel, creating the marble design.
- Keep dipping for more intense colors. You can also let the egg dry and re-dip in a second color.
- Repeat as many times as you feel will make a gorgeous egg.
- When finished allow egg to dry, take a paper towel to get the excess oil of the surface of the egg.
- Different amounts of oil will result in more or less marbling. Experiment to find the mixture that you like best. Remember you can always add more, so start conservatively.

Devotional Thought

Easter is a joyous holiday when we celebrate Christ's triumph over sin and death... right? Or is it a sad holiday in which we mourn the weight of sin and squint to see Jesus holding a light at the end of a long tunnel?

It seems strange that one holiday would evoke such different emotions, but it's something we've all probably seen. Easter is a time of happy anticipation, though for some Easter can be a sad reflection on mortality and the distant-seeming hope of resurrection.

As we grow older, notice that each of the major holidays (Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving) may evoke a particular mood in us. The experience of each holiday is shaped by events and emotions we associate with them—for some people, Christmas is a time of joy, for others it is somber or even depressing, depending on their circumstances.

Easter is an especially powerful holiday because, more so than Christmas or Thanksgiving or the other events we commemorate throughout the year, its story spans the entire range of human emotion. The Gospel accounts of Easter is a turbulent, almost punishing experience; it shifts from joy and triumph to pain and fear, through despair and doubt, and then finally to victory.

It is important as believers to keep our focus on what was accomplished by Christ for us on Calvary and by His resurrection. Jesus was willing to die for us — to take our sins and their penalty upon Himself — we are saved from the penalty that sin brings — death. Because He died and rose again, we live and will go on living eternally. His resurrection gives us the assurance and hope of an eternal life to spend with Him in Glory. So emotions like sadness (for our sins and what it cost God to erase them) and joy (for the redemption that is our through His shed blood) and peace (for the promised power and presence of Christ in our lives) are all emotions that we experience at Easter. Truly Easter is a time of blessing as we rejoice in our salvation and rest assured in our promised eternal resurrection all because of Jesus.

Chorus: *Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow*

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