



HOLY WEEK

Jesus dies but is raised to life!

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday. Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem was marked by the crowds cutting palm leaves and spreading them in front of him as he rode on the donkey.

After nearly a week teaching the people in Jerusalem, Jesus ate the Passover meal, his last supper with his disciples before he was arrested. He was tried by Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, then handed over to be crucified on the day we remember as Good Friday. To remember this, Christians in many countries carry a cross or models of scenes retelling the Bible accounts of Jesus' death through the streets.

On the third day, Jesus rose from death as he had prophesied. On Easter Day, Christians rejoice that Jesus was raised from death to life. People sometimes give each other decorated Easter eggs as a sign of new life.

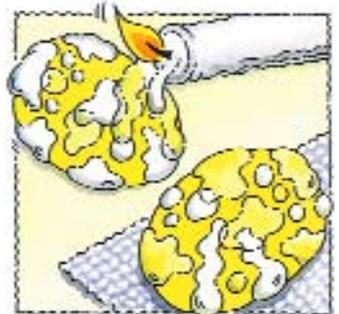


To blow an egg, make small holes in both ends of the egg with a pin and blow out the contents into a bowl, which can be used in cooking.

To make batik eggs, ask an adult to drip melted candle wax on to the surface of the blown or hardboiled egg, making blobby and streaky patterns. The wax will harden very quickly.



2 Dip the egg into the lightest dye, probably yellow, and use the spoon to gently move the egg around in the dye until it has turned yellow. Then remove the egg and dry it with paper towel.



3 Drip more melted wax on to the egg, covering part of the yellow surface. When the wax has dried, put the egg into the second dye colour and leave to soak. Remove and dry the egg as before. Repeat the method with other eggs, using different patterns and placing them in different coloured dyes.



You will need:

Hard-boiled or blown eggs

(Eggs can cause severe allergic reactions in some people. Eggs from self-hardening clay could be used instead and then decorate following steps 5-6 below.)

For batik eggs:

Food dyes, each one mixed into a small bowl of water and made fairly strong

Candle wax

Some adult help

Paper Kitchen towel and Kitchen foil

Old tablespoon

For decorated eggs:

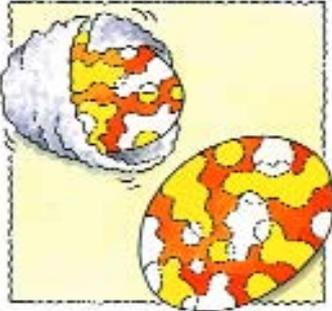
Coloured shaped stickers

Coloured thread

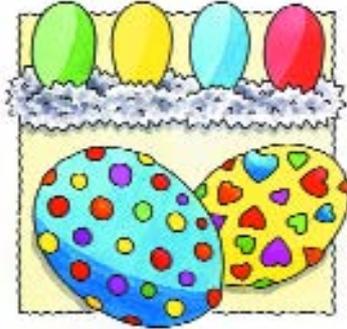
Beads and needle

PVA glue



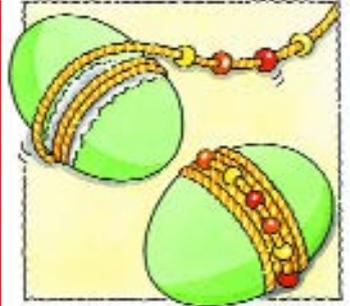


4 Ask an adult to remove the wax from the eggs by placing them on a foil-covered tray and warming them in a medium oven for a couple of minutes. When the wax has melted, wipe the eggs clean with paper towels.



5 To decorate eggs with stickers, first paint the eggs or dye them using the food dyes. Leave them to dry,

placing them on pieces of crumpled foil to stop them rolling around. Then decorate them with coloured sticker shapes.



6 To decorate eggs with coloured threads, thread some little beads or sequins on to the thread, then glue it in bands around the painted or dyed egg.



Decorate these colourful eggs for Easter and rejoice that Jesus came alive again.

