

TALKING ABOUT EASTER >>>

The celebration of the Easter Season includes the fifty days following the Triduum. The Easter liturgies reflect the joy of salvation. The *Alleluia* is sung once again. The people of God renew their baptismal commitment in the sprinkling rite. The Gospels unpack the meaning of the Easter event and help the assembly to celebrate God's saving power. The people of God are sent out from the Easter celebrations to spread the Good News.

Scripture



Read **1 John 3:18–24**. In it, John points out the ways we know that God is with us. What are the signs in our family life that God abides in us?

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

Easter

- Usually, children this age have no problem seeing Easter as a day of celebration. Including them in preparations for family or cultural rituals helps them to understand the meaning of the celebration.
- Most children this age enjoy family group activities and will benefit by being involved together in Easter acts of charity.
- Ordinarily, children this age can understand the presence of the Risen Christ when it is compared to the way they experience presence in their family and friendships.



FEASTS OF THE SEASON >>>

Easter and Mary

Depending on when Easter occurs, some part of the season will occur during the month of May. The month of May is often celebrated as the month dedicated to Mary, the Virgin Mother of God. You may wish to honor Mary as a family during the month by reciting a decade of the Rosary whenever you are together in the car.

FAMILY PRAYER >>>



Pray this blessing together at your Easter meal:

God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.

Bless us and this food of our Easter meal.

May we who gather at the Lord's table continue to celebrate the joy of his Resurrection

and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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