

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 often. The Gospels proclaim the Easter event and celebrate what God did for us through his son, Jesus. When the priest and deacon bless the assembly with the sprinkling of holy water, all renew their baptismal commitments. The Church celebrates together as an Easter people.

Scripture



Read **Acts 4:32–35**. It describes life in the early Christian community. In what ways does your family live in harmony and provide for the needs of one another and the wider community?

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

Easter

- Usually children at this age will respond well to helping those in need.
- At this age, most children are interested in and want to participate in rituals and ritual activity.
- As a rule, children this age are alert to the sensate. They will be aware of and motivated by expansive Easter symbols and music.



CATHOLIC FAMILY CUSTOMS >>>

Depending on when Easter occurs, some part of the season will occur during the month of May. The Feast of Saint Joseph the worker is celebrated on May 1. This is a good day to honor workers who give service to your family (waste removal, fire and police, plumbers, or electricians) with a word of thanks.

FAMILY PRAYER >>>



The Alleluia is a prayer of praise and thanksgiving. Celebrate in the Resurrection at your evening meal. Encourage your child to lead you. Turn off all lights, then light a candle to symbolize the light of Christ.

Leader: Jesus, we praise you for your Easter victory over sin and death.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: Increase our joy during these fifty days of Easter, and transform us by the light of your Resurrection.

All: Alleluia!



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