

What came
first, the
chicken or the
egg?

A look at the symbols
of easter.



Introduction:

Easter is an event within the Christian religion and celebrated throughout the whole world.

The Easter Story is all about Jesus death and resurrection, new life, and the love between God and the people on earth.

During this time there are several symbols that are related to easter.

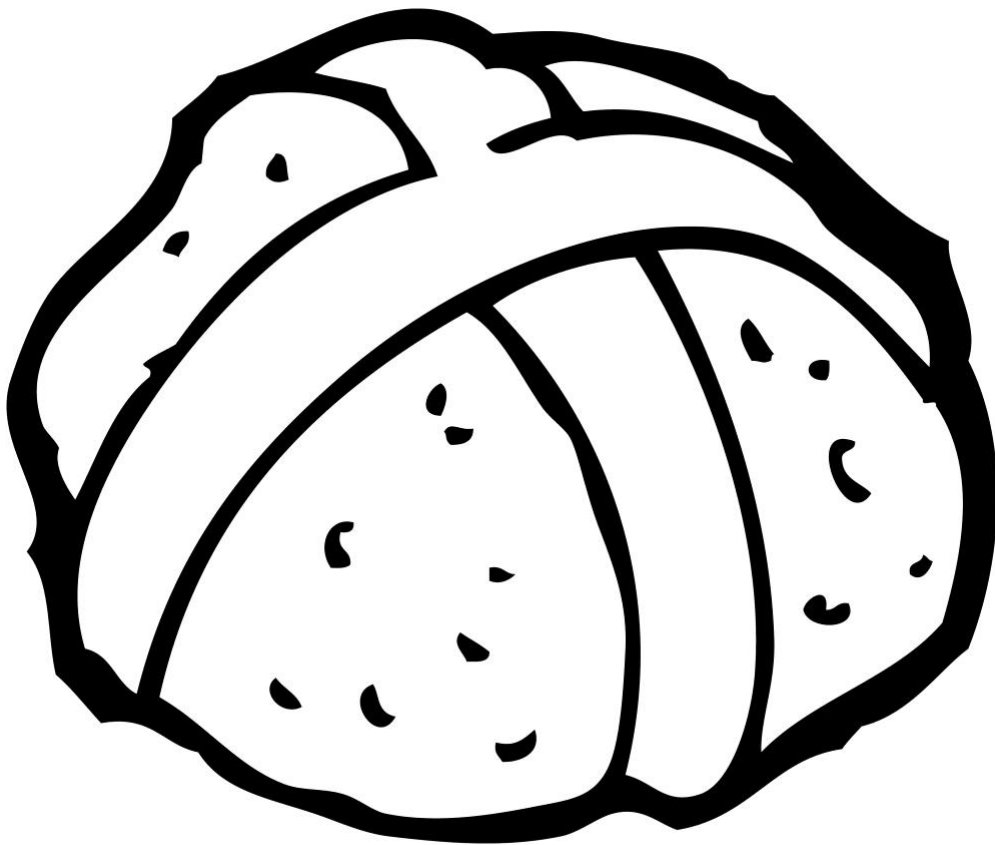
- Baby chicks and other animals
- Hot Cross Buns
- Easter Eggs
- The Easter Bunny
- Easter Bonnets

This booklet will show some of the symbols and explain why we use them, and what they represent within the Christian Easter Story.

Hot Cross Buns

We know that Easter is on the way when the Hot Cross Buns hit the shelves, or magically appear in our cupboards.

The cross on the Hot Cross Buns is used to remind us of the cross that Jesus died on, during his death and resurrection.



EASTER EGGS

The next most recognized symbol of Easter is the widely loved Easter Eggs.

Eggs are used to symbolize new life. They come in both filled to show the life inside the egg, and hollow eggs.

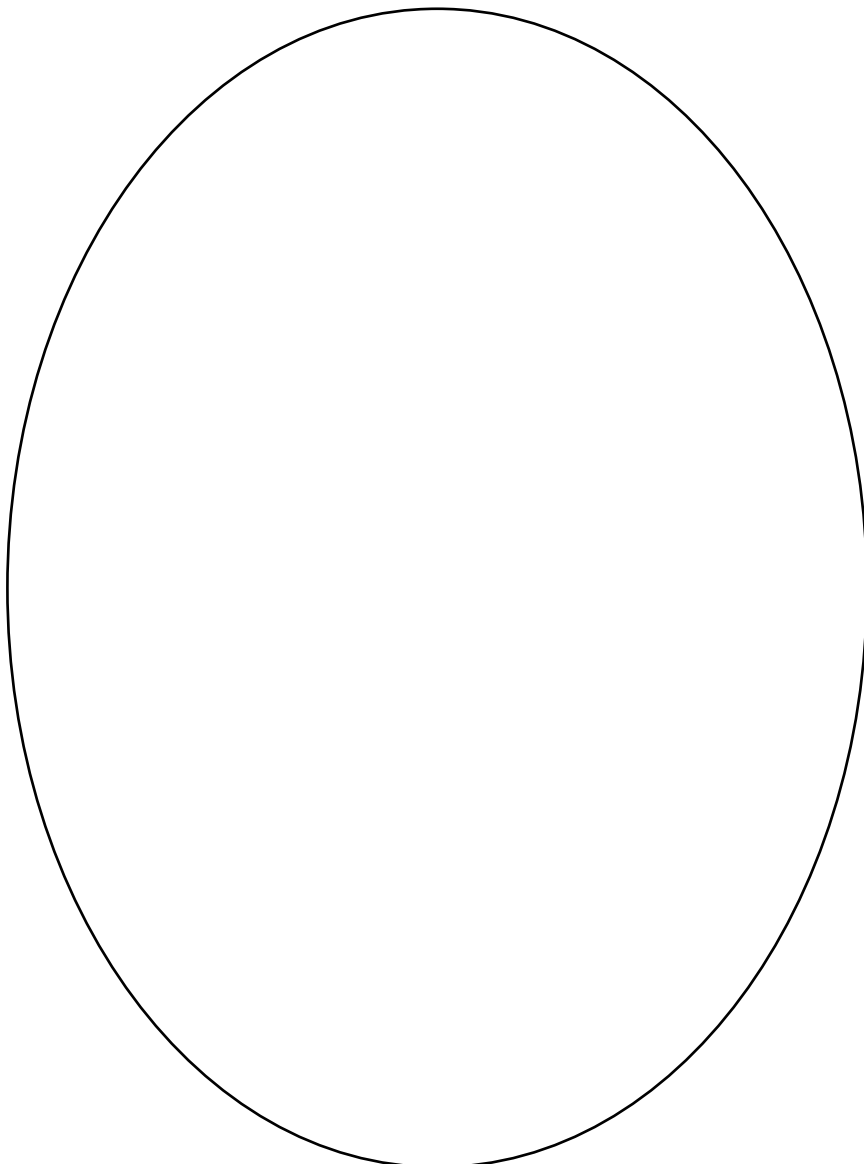
Hollow eggs represent the tomb of Jesus. When Jesus died he was put in a tomb and a stone was rolled over it to seal it. However, three days after his death some of his followers found that the stone had been rolled away, and his tomb was empty. Jesus had resurrected and was alive.

One tradition is that people would hard boil eggs and roll them down a hill to represent the stone rolling away. Whoever's egg did not break would win. **Why not ask your parents if you can try this at home.**

Decorated Eggs

Another tradition regarding Eggs is decorating Easter Eggs. This represents the unique relationship Jesus has with all of the people that believe in Him. We are all different and He loves us in our own unique way.

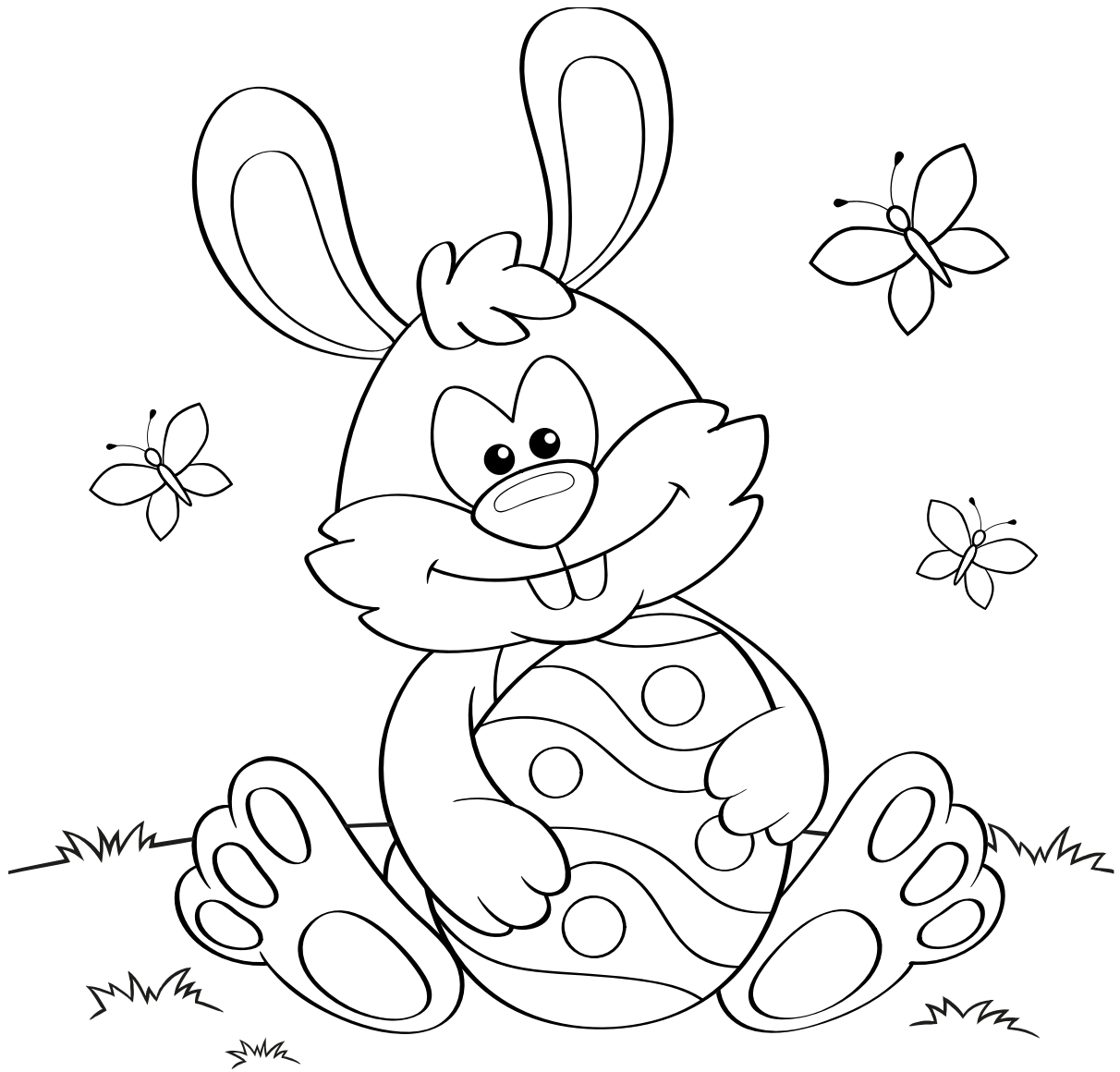
Use the templet below to decorate your own Easter Egg. Or you can ask your parents if you can use a hard boiled egg and paint.



Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny is used to show abundant new life. We receive eggs to show the new life we have all been given because of Jesus death and resurrection.

Colour in the Easter bunny.



Easter Bonnets

A long time ago Easter Bonnets were also a common symbol of Easter. Sometimes we receive or give new clothes at easter, or make Easter Bonnets to give to each other. This reminds us of the new life that is offered to us through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Use ideas from google to make someone a Easter Bonnet or top hat. Or use the template below to copy and decorate one.

