

Easter D-egg-orations

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Explore some of the meanings for Easter egg colors and decorations. Then decorate a paper egg.

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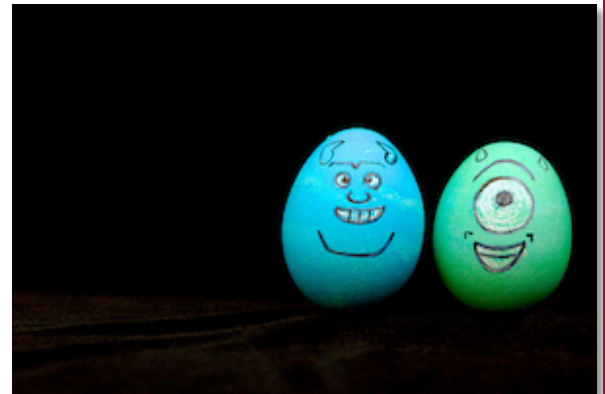
Just for Kids

Season

Spring

Needed

A printer so that you can print out the paper egg template, markers *or* crayons *or* colored pencils



 by [JD Hancock](#)

Activity Plan

1. God is with us in everything we do, and prayer helps us to remember that. Begin this activity by praying this prayer:

"Thank you, God, for celebrations! Thank you for the mystery of Easter, and for things like eggs and spring flowers and special Easter foods that help us celebrate that mystery. Amen."

2. Eggs have been a symbol of new life in many cultures for thousands of years. There's something quite amazing about seeing a baby chick break out of its shell! Early Christians saw the shell as being a bit like the tomb from which the resurrected Jesus came forth. Some people create beautiful designs on eggshells using a wax art form that is similar to batik. The finished designs are called "pysanky." Check out this website to see some pysanky:

<http://www.livinginseason.com/tag/pysanky/>

The symbols and colors found on pysanky eggs have different meanings. Here are some of the meanings:

SYMBOLS

STAR: happiness

FLOWERS: love

LEAVES: growth

SUN: good fortune

BIRDS: fulfillment of wishes

DEER: good health & prosperity

CROSSES: Christ

WAVES: eternity

LADDERS: prayer

SPIRALS: protection

SPIDER: patience

TRIANGLE: Holy Trinity

BASKET: knowledge



COLORS

WHITE: birth

GREEN: renewal, health

YELLOW: light, warmth

ORANGE: strength

RED: passion, action

BLACK: eternity, remembrance

PURPLE: trust, royalty

BROWN: mother earth

BLUE: hope, life-giving

PINK: contentment

3. The following link will take you to a picture of an egg outline. Print it out (as many copies as you'd like) and color it in, using markers, crayons or colored pencils. If you need some decorating ideas, use the chart of pysanky symbols and colors above. Feel free to create your own symbols as well. Happy d-egg-coring!

http://www.firstpalette.com/tool_box/printables/easteregg-plain2.pdf

