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# **S** 8 At-Home Easter Activities for Kids

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As one of the holiest days of the year, it's hard to imagine celebrating the much-revered holiday without neighborhood Easter egg hunts, church services, or even family gatherings. During this strange time, your children might especially need a pick-me-up in the form of joyful Easter activities that can be completed at home while stuck in the house.

You can be rest assured that Kids Academy has your back! We know how much children need some sense of normalcy in their lives, and this week that means observing the holiday despite what's going on in the world outside.

## Fun Easter Activities to Do at Home

Don't let the coronavirus put a damper on your family's celebration. Take a look at the following ideas that include everything from family games, activities, to independent tasks children can do at home!

#### Personal In-Home Easter Egg Hunt

An egg hunt is a fun-filled mainstay of Easter celebrations, with neighborhoods and churches holding their own year after year. Unfortunately, it appears that most egg hunts across the country are cancelled in light of the pandemic. Instead, hold a personal scavenger hunt that your children can complete inside your own home!

First, plan ahead by ensuring that you have eggs to hide. This might sound obvious, with stores shut down, you might be wondering how to obtain those colorful plastic eggs. First, check big box stores like Walmart, or Target, and check out options for curbside pickup or home delivery. If all else fails, use hard boiled eggs and write a number on each using a marker. Then assign prizes or candy a number that matches that on the egg, so kids can match their eggs and receive a prize. When ready to start, simply hide the eggs around the house and let children find them on Sunday morning!

#### Easter worksheets, coloring pages and videos

We know that with much of the country under quarantine, it might not be easy to get out of the house and to the store for craft supplies or decorations. Don't forget that Kids Academy offers a plethora of Easter-themed worksheets, coloring pages, and brand-new videos that are uploaded weekly with on point educational content and songs.

Moreover, our worksheets can be printed for off-screen completion, or they can be completed right inside the app. With so many ways to play, we know that your child can find something to use to learn more about Easter and celebrate in their own way during this strange time of social distancing and isolation.

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#### Make an Easter Egg Tree

Many families in America put up a Christmas tree after Thanksgiving, but did you know that it is tradition in some countries of Europe to decorate an Easter egg tree? For years in Germany and Austria, it has been a popular custom to hang hollow eggs from tree branches outside. This year bring the fun indoors for a crafty at-home activity!

All you'll need are some clean stones or pebbles, a vase, and some tree branches. For the eggs, hang colorful plastic eggs, which typically have a hole at the top or the bottom, or feel free to create salt dough ornaments, just as you would at Christmas. Place the pebbles in the vase before sticking in the branches and hanging the eggs. For a quicker project, feel free to set up a table-top miniature Christmas tree, decorating it with egg and pastel ribbon!

#### Hold a family Egg Race

An egg and spoon race is a classic Easter tradition, and can be played amongst your family in the backyard! All you'll need are siblings or family members, as well as spoons and eggs for each player. If you're afraid of the mess, opt for hardboiled eggs, but if you're willing to get dirty, throw on some old clothes and use raw eggs straight from the fridge for a little messy fun!

To get started, head outside with your family with the eggs and spoons in hand. Determine a start and finish line, and mark these with objects or spray paint on the grass. Each racer will get one spoon and one egg. The object is to be the first to finish the race, balancing their egg on the spoon, keeping it intact until after reaching the finish line. Designate one family member to be a referee who will keep time watch the racers to ensure a fair game. When it's go time, racers zoom down the path, trying to get to the finish line with their egg safely on their spoon!

#### Read an Easter book

One Easter evening activity that might be perfect for toddlers could include a variation of your usual bedtime routine: reading a book! There are a variety of Easter children's books available to read that your child will love! You might be wondering how to access books if the public libraries are closed. If you have an Audible account, you can find countless titles like:

- Pete the Cat: Big Easter Adventure by Kimberly and James Dean
- Pinkalicious: Eggstraodinary Easter by Victoria Khan
- How to Catch the Easter Bunny by Adam Wallace and Kirby Heyborne

If you don't have an Audible account, you can also check out your library's online book collection using the Overdrive or Libby apps, or sign up for a free trial with Scribd to find eBooks.

### Easter Egg Rock Painting

You may have already painted the eggs, but most stores have placed a limit on how many cartons you can purchase during the pandemic. Why not make a set that can be used as decoration year after year? Simply head outside with the kids and go on the hunt for small egg-sized stones. Clean them off and collect them in a basket before bringing them back into the house for painting.

To get started, get out the acrylic paints and brushes, and look up some pictures online of designs your little artists may like to use on their eggs. Protect your work area and start painting the rocks! Set them out to dry on some newspaper or paper plates. When fully dried, take the eggs and place them back in the basket. Use ribbon to decorate the baskets and set the basket outside on the doorstep as a fun and festive decoration for Easter Sunday!

### Play a Round of Bunny Bowling

Don't recycle those water bottles yet! You'll need them to create bowling pins for this exciting Easter-themed game!

Materials Needed:

- 9 empty water bottles with lids
- Uncooked white rice
- White construction paper
- Tape or school glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker
- A medium to small, soft ball

In the week leading up to Easter, save your empty water bottles and take the label off of each and let them dry. After building a collection of 9 water bottles, fill them with plain, uncooked white rice and place the cap on the bottles. Using the white construction paper, create and cut out ears. Glue or tape the ears to the top of the water bottles, and draw eyes, a nose, and whiskers on the front of the bottles to resemble bunny faces.

When ready to play, set the pins up at the end of a long hallway, as bowling pins are set up at an alley. Using the ball, take turns bowling, and keep score based upon how many pins each player knocks down. The player with the highest score wins!

#### Easter Egg Pom Pom Painting

Easter activities at home should be easy, utilizing common materials that can be found around the house! For this activity, try to find the following items that you probably already have at home.

Materials Needed:

- Construction paper
- Pom poms
- Acrylic paints
- Marker
- Paper plate

Prepare the paints ahead of time, so your little artist can get right to work! Using the paper plate, create dollops of different paint colors around the edges, like a paint palette.

To begin, help your child draw a large egg using the marker, taking up much of the space of one sheet of construction paper. Using a pom pom, dab it into the paint, and then onto the egg, creating a design of your child's choice. Repeat this process, using a new pom pom for each new color! Help guide designs by creating chevron shapes with the marker, filling in the space with dabs of color!

We sincerely hope that the activity ideas above will bring joy to your child this Easter! Try the above activities celebrate spring and the holiday, even though your family will be at home cooped up in the house.



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