

# Mommy, What Is Easter All About?

Every year, as the winter frost starts to melt away and flowers begin to bloom, children eagerly await the arrival of Easter. Blessed with the joys of egg hunts, chocolate bunnies, and baskets filled with goodies, it's easy for youngsters to get lost in the excitement. However,



## The Religious Significance of Easter

Easter is celebrated by Christians worldwide as one of the most important events in their religious calendar. It commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, as described in the New Testament of the Bible. For believers, Easter

represents the triumph of life over death and serves as a reminder of God's promise of salvation.

The journey to Easter begins with Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, a somber day of reflection and mourning. However, on the third day, Easter Sunday, believers celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, symbolizing new life and hope.



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The resurrection of Jesus is considered a central event in Christianity, highlighting the power of faith and the promise of eternal life. Christians attend church services, participate in processions, and take part in various traditions to honor and rejoice in the resurrection.

## The Historical Origins of Easter

Although Easter is primarily a religious celebration, its roots can be traced back to ancient pagan festivals. In many cultures, springtime represented a season of rebirth and renewal, and several traditions and symbols associated with Easter have their origins in these ancient practices.

The word "Easter" itself derives from Eostre, a pagan goddess of spring and fertility. During the pagan festival honoring Eostre, people celebrated the return of light and warmth by decorating eggs, a symbol of new life. This tradition eventually blended with Christianity and transformed into the Easter egg tradition we know today.

Furthermore, the Easter bunny, a beloved character associated with Easter, has its roots in German folklore. The hare, a symbol of fertility, was believed to lay colorful eggs in the spring. Over time, this myth transformed into the Easter bunny who would hide eggs for children to find.

## **The Modern Celebration of Easter**

In present-day society, Easter is celebrated in various ways around the world. Different cultures have their unique traditions that add color and flavor to this special occasion.

For instance, in many parts of the world, families gather for a sumptuous Easter feast. Indulging in delicious meals and exchanging gifts is a common practice. Traditional Easter foods often include roast lamb, hot cross buns, and an array of desserts in the shape of eggs and bunnies.

Another beloved Easter tradition is the egg hunt. Parents and relatives hide colorful eggs in gardens, parks, or homes, and children joyfully scurry around searching for them. The thrill of discovery and the reward of sweet treats make Easter egg hunts a cherished activity for kids.

Moreover, decorating eggs has become an art form, with intricate designs and vibrant colors adorning these delicate shells. Families come together to showcase their creativity and create lasting memories while decorating eggs.

Easter parades are also a common sight during this festive season. People dress in their finest attire, often with bonnets and colorful outfits, and participate in processions. These parades celebrate the joyous resurrection of Jesus and fill the streets with music, dance, and a lively atmosphere.

## **Teaching Children the True Essence of Easter**

As parents, it is essential to help children understand the deeper meaning behind Easter while embracing the fun traditions. Here are some ways to impart the true essence of Easter to your little ones:

1. **Read Bible Stories:** Share age-appropriate Bible stories with your children, explaining the events leading up to Easter and the significance of Jesus' resurrection.
2. **Attend Church Services:** Take your family to Easter Sunday services where they can witness the importance of Easter in a spiritual community.
3. **Encourage Reflection:** Engage your children in discussions about faith, hope, and what Easter means to them personally.
4. **Volunteer and Give Back:** Teach your children the value of compassion and selflessness by involving them in acts of kindness, such as donating to charity or volunteering at local shelters during the Easter season.
5. **Create Meaningful Traditions:** Establish family traditions that connect Easter celebrations with the religious significance, such as lighting candles together or sharing a special prayer.

By incorporating these practices, you can ensure that your children grasp the true meaning behind Easter while still embracing the excitement and joy it brings.

Mommy, Easter is not just about chocolate bunnies and egg hunts. It is a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life and hope. The origins of Easter, rooted in both ancient pagan festivals and Christianity, have shaped the modern-day traditions we enjoy today. As parents, it is our responsibility to teach our children the true essence of Easter, helping them understand the religious significance while cherishing the joyous celebrations.

So, let's continue the tradition of Easter, passing down the stories and embracing the rituals that remind us of the eternal message of love and faith. Happy Easter!



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"Mommy, What is Easter all About" is my second children's book that I published. These are Christian based Faith Stories for Children.

I am a born again mom of 10 children, a pastors wife, a youth pastor, holistic health practitioner and a middle school teacher. Most of my stories will be written of real life experiences while raising my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Some of my stories will be made up for educational purposes, but will have strong Christian values in them,

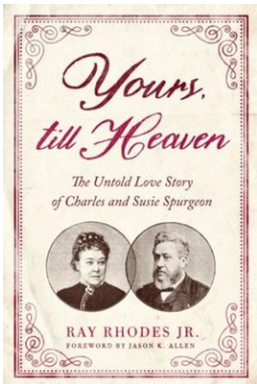
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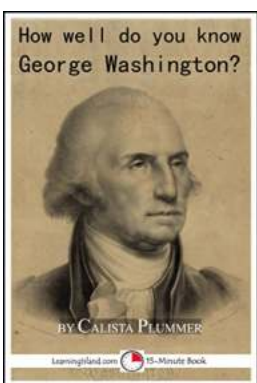
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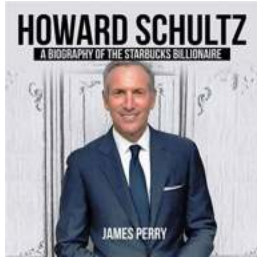
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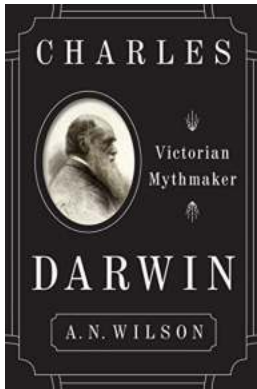
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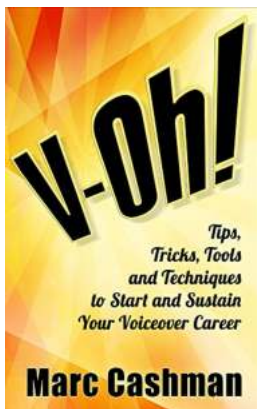
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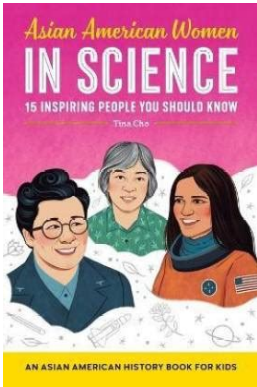
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