



EASTER BLESS

EGG HUNT IDEAS

INVITE: Invite neighbors or friends to your home or nearby park. Maybe plan a potluck so that all families can participate.

If your yard is not large, ask neighbors if you can use their yards to hide eggs. Have one yard for younger kids and one for older kids. You could also have an egg hunt for younger kids first and then a hunt for older children in the same yard.

THE HUNT: For younger children, there is no need to hide the eggs! Place eggs in plain sight in the grass or around the yard. Have older kids help the younger kids "hunt" for their eggs. For older kids it's recommended to hide the eggs before they arrive or when they are distracted by another activity.

EVEN MORE FUN: Put slips of paper with numbers in some of the eggs. When a child finds an egg with a number in it, they come to a table (manned by an adult) and they get to pick a prize. Have some special golden or sparkly eggs that reward children with an extra special prize.

Another option: Have the kids hunt for empty eggs. After they have found the eggs they can turn them into an adult for a prefilled bag of candy or treats. This may be preferable for children with food allergies.

SHARING THE GOSPEL: Purchase a Resurrection Egg kit from Family Life Today or on Amazon.com or christianbooks.com. It comes with a carton of 12 eggs and booklet. Each egg contains a small item (nail, rock, linen, etc.) that helps tell the story of Jesus, His crucifixion and resurrection. Have the children do a special egg hunt and once all the eggs are found, gather the children around and talk about what is in each egg.

Provide fun activities or snacks for the kids such as coloring pages with crayons, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, etc. You could also have them decorate cookies or cupcakes.

WHAT TO DO WITH TEENS: Some teens want to join the fun but don't want to be treated like a little kid. You can have a separate hunt for ages 12-20. Fill eggs with gift cards or cash. Do this hunt last! Let the older kids know that the hunt is coming but first you need their help with games, the egg hunt for younger kids. Encourage their help with manning a prize table or explaining what is in the Resurrection Eggs. Don't let those older kids disengage, keep them a part of the fun!!

TIPS

Buy empty, plastic Easter eggs in fun colors at Walmart or Dollar Tree. Plan to have around 7-10 eggs per child that will be coming to the block party.

Fillers for Eggs

- jellybeans
- assorted candy
- fruit snacks
- friendship bracelets
- stickers
- small toys

You can find a wide variety of toys at www.orientaltrading.com

Prize Ideas

- inexpensive toys
- small water guns
- pencils
- full size candy bars
- bracelets
- stickers
- activity books
- small lego sets
- slime kits
- tie dye kits

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