



**EASTER**

**EGG HUNT**

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# Overview

- Hidden plastic eggs lead children to numbered tables, each table has a craft activity and a 'clue'.
- Eventually they have four different Bible crafts and four clues – which make a Bible verse.
- Their prize for writing the whole verse is a large Easter Egg and an invitation to Easter events at church.
- If they do all the crafts, and the verse, they get 5 different gospel messages (or more if you include some with the prize at the end!)
- We've had up to 150 children, and their parents enjoy free refreshments and friendly chat, so they often willingly accept the church invitation.
- All the printables you need are included as downloads on [elim.org.uk/easteregg hunt](http://elim.org.uk/easteregg hunt)



# Planning

## Location

- You can do this at church, but my suggestion is you find a neutral space such as a park. Not everyone is willing to come to a church, so you will probably get more people this way – or at least people who are harder to reach.
- If you need to host it in a church space, does it have to be your church space? Gloucester Elim did this in partnership with an Anglican church which had a great space, but nobody to run outreach events. They provided the space, Gloucester Elim provided everything else. Remember: it's not a competition it's about the Kingdom!
- If you are using a public space, make sure you ask the council for permission, in my experience they're really happy to have you there, they may even help promote the event and /or fund part of it. If it's a large space, find a part you can section off just for this. You don't want an egg hunt that covers acres of parkland! You also need to be able to control how people enter and exit to help keep children safe.

### Pro tip

Building good relationships with your local council is a really good idea. Ideally, before you ask them for help, ask them what local needs your church can help with. Litter picking or repainting a playground for example.

Also, take them doughnuts or biscuits occasionally - treat them kindly and they'll treat you kindly too!

## Timing

- 🥚 This event is best done before you do your Easter programme, because it's an ideal time to promote your other events, groups or clubs.
- 🥚 The weekend before Easter is ideal so families can easily come. It's also often the start of Easter holidays, so parents are looking for activities to do with their kids.
- 🥚 The whole event can be done in about 2 hours (plus set-up and pack-down time).



## Volunteers

- 🥚 You will need enough people for these roles:
  - 🥚 4 for craft tables
  - 🥚 1 runner to redistribute eggs
  - 🥚 1 for welcome table
  - 🥚 1 for prize table
  - 🥚 1 for refreshments table
- 🥚 If you're *really* short on people, you could combine the welcome, prize and refreshment tables, meaning you could run this event with only 6 volunteers. It would be very busy though!



## Shopping list (for 100 children)

- 🍷 100 Large Easter eggs: <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>
  - 🍷 These eggs are good but expensive. You may want to use 'normal' Easter Eggs as prizes and just add booklets.
  - 🍷 Get a few dairy-free eggs. Nobody should miss out!
- 🍷 100 Plastic eggs: <https://amzn.eu/d/ci1pDwq>
- 🍷 40 bags of mini eggs (Aldi): <https://groceries.aldi.co.uk/en-GB/p-dairyfine-mini-chocolate-eggs-80g/4088600073750>
- 🍷 1 Pack of labels code LL65: <https://amzn.eu/d/1XlptVY>
- 🍷 100 Paper bags: <https://amzn.eu/d/ge6rzYE>
- 🍷 1 Pack of white card: <https://amzn.eu/d/37HLUgA>

### Pro tip

Branded products are expensive, so I get custom ink stamps made. This is the site I use: [Zazzle.co.uk](https://www.zazzle.co.uk), but others are available. There are various ink colours available, and you can then brand paper bags, notepads, and other paper items.

- 🍷 100 Booklets - get whichever you feel are best. Below are some retailers I have used:
  - 🍷 Bible Society: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/filters/Easter/> (these are particularly good)
  - 🍷 Eden: <https://www.eden.co.uk/easter-books-for-children/>
  - 🍷 10ofthose: <https://uk.10ofthose.com/category/all?query=easter&range%5Bprice%5D=0%3A100000>
  - 🍷 CPO: <https://www.cpo.org.uk/books/easter-books.html>
- 🍷 Craft materials – enough for 100 of each craft
- 🍷 Refreshments for parents and children

# Preparation

- Stick numbers 1-4 inside plastic eggs (1 number per egg, 25 of each number)
- Print off signs and 100 answer cards
- Print off the table labels and stick (or laminate) the clues to the back.
- Below are two example key verses, pick **one** of them and prepare the crafts.

1. Clue: For God loved the world so much

- a. Talk about God's love
- b. [Mosaic heart craft](#)

2. Clue: That He gave His only Son

- a. Talk about Jesus dying
- b. [Lollipop stick crosses craft](#)

3. Clue: So that everyone who believes in Him

- a. Talk about belief joining us to Him
- b. [Paper chain people craft](#)

4. Clue: May not die but have eternal life.

- a. Talk about eternal life
- b. [Egg chick craft](#)

Key verse: John 3:16

1. Clue: This is real love

- a. Talk about love
- b. [Origami heart craft](#)

2. Clue: Not that we loved God

- a. Talk about loving God
- b. [Praying hands craft](#)

3. Clue: But that He loved us

- a. Talk about God loving people
- b. [Paper chain people craft](#)

4. Clue: And sent His son to take away our sins.

- a. Talk about Jesus taking away our sins
- b. [Lollipop stick crosses craft](#)

Key verse: 1 John 4:10



# How it works

1. Each child gets given a card with four blank sections numbered 1-4 for 'clues', and a paper bag.
2. The children run and find a hidden plastic egg, inside each egg is a number (1-4), they go to the table with that number and drop the egg in a basket on the table.
3. Each table has a Bible-based craft activity (see page 6) and a bowl of chocolate to keep the children motivated. The people running the craft explain the meaning behind it (e.g God's love).
4. Once the child completes the craft they can put it in their paper bag. They then flip over the table number to reveal a 'clue' – which they write in the numbered section on their card.
5. They then go and find another plastic egg with a different number, which takes them to another table. Eventually they have four different Bible crafts, plus all four clues which combine to reveal a Bible verse.
6. They take to the completed card to the final table to get their prize: a large Easter Egg, an Easter booklet, and an invitation to Easter events at church. They can put all those in their paper bag.

# Extra tips

- Hide the plastic eggs, but not too well - remember you have to clear up after!
- Set up the tables (make sure they are big and accessible from all sides)
  - Welcome: Clue cards and paper bags
  - One table per craft: Label it with the right number and the clue!
  - Prize table: large eggs, Easter booklets, church events leaflets
  - Refreshments table: have cold and hot drinks
- Gazebos are a good idea for shade / rain cover!
- The children bring the plastic eggs to the tables, so eventually you won't have many to find! Make sure you have at someone not assigned to a table to put the eggs back, and to make sure everyone is ok.
- While the kids are busy, serve refreshments to the parents and make sure you chat to them. They'll be much more likely to turn up to another event / service if you do.
- Be ready to help smaller children write the clues down.
- If you have chocolate eggs left over, use them to bless other people – e.g a nursing home.
- Don't forget to have fun!

