

## THEME: Easter Eggs

This is the time of year to celebrate the important Christian festival of Easter and new life springing up all around!

An introductory activity can be used as the Squirrels arrive at the meeting place – colouring or simple puzzles can keep children occupied until all the Drey arrives or use a ‘joining-in’ style game, such as ‘The farmer wants a wife’ or a circle format ball game.

Add snack time where necessary!

TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	<b>GAME: Egg And Spoon Race</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Divide the Squirrels into small teams and give the first child in each team an egg and spoon</i></li> <li>○ <i>Use either rubber egg-shaped balls or hard boiled eggs! Toy shops, such as Early Learning Centre, sell plastic egg and spoon games with an egg which opens to reveal a fabric yolk and white!</i></li> <li>○ <i>The children take turns to ‘run’ to the other end of the hall and back without dropping their egg! If using hard boiled, it might be a good idea to have an extra supply in case of breakages!</i></li> </ul>	Eggs & spoons
10	<b>STORY: Easter Story</b> Tell a simple version of the Easter Story or invite a Minister along to chat to the Squirrels about this important Christian festival.	Story book
10	<b>CRAFT: Bunny Box</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Print or draw a bunny box template on card and cut out</li> <li>○ Older squirrels may be able to cut their own with a little help</li> <li>○ Punch 4 holes for ribbon in each flap</li> <li>○ The Squirrels can decorate their boxes as they wish</li> <li>○ Using a length of gift ribbon tie the two side flaps together, insert the wrapped egg and tie the back section to the head!</li> </ul>	Card bunny box template for each Squirrel Hole punch Art materials Gift ribbon Scissors Wrapped mini eggs
10	<b>GAME: Easter Memory Game</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>This game can be played as a whole group or in small groups with an adult and a set of equipment for each</i></li> <li>○ <i>Display on a tray a small number of Easter themed items – wrapped mini egg, fluffy chick, Easter card, plastic lamb, cardboard cross, etc. – look at the items in turn</i></li> <li>○ <i>Cover with a cloth and discreetly remove an item, remove the cloth and the Squirrels try to guess what’s missing!</i></li> </ul>	Selection of Easter themed items Tray & cloth
10	<b>GAME: Easter Egg Corners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Attach eggs to walls. Squirrels run to colour when called!</i></li> </ul>	Coloured paper egg shapes & blutack
5	Closing, Home	



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