



Craft Activity

Theme: Easter

Intro: Many countries celebrate Easter. These days many children enjoy having Easter Bunny visit them over night leaving them chocolate and other sweets in their Easter Baskets. Today, children can make their own Easter basket. Learn more about Easter at Playgroup today.

Craft activity: Easter Headbands & Baskets

Easter Headbands

Fold a piece of cardboard in half (the size to fit a child's hand). Have the child place their hand on the cardboard with their fingers together and the base of their hand at the fold. Assist child (if needed) to trace around their hand. Cut out the hand shape then unfold the cardboard and cut at the fold to make 2 hand shapes. Tape hand shapes to a long strip of cardboard, and glue on some cotton balls to each one. Decorate with Easter stickers. Tape the ends of the cardboard strip together to the size of the child's head.



Easter Baskets

Tape the ends of a strip of cardboard to the inside of a paper cup. Decorate with Easter stickers and put some shredded paper in the base of your cup.

Extension ideas:

Older children can practise their cutting skills by cutting paper into small pieces/ strips to go into their Easter Basket.



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

Fact: 76% of people eat the ears on the chocolate bunny first. Which part do you like to eat first?



Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Easter Play Tray

You will need: Tray, straw/hay, small toy eggs and/or toy chickens and any other Easter themed toys.

Instructions: Put toys into the tray and cover with straw/hay for children to find and play with.

Add: feathers, matchsticks or small twigs.

Children can make emus using the playdough, matchsticks and feathers.



Outside activity: Easter egg hunt.

Hide Easter eggs and/or small gifts around the outside area.

Children can take their Easter Baskets outside and hunt for the items.

Group time ideas:

- Who likes Easter time?
- Who made an Easter Basket today?
- Did you find anything to put in your basket?
- It is nearly Easter and today we are going to read an Easter story and sing some songs about bunnies as well as singing the Easter Bunny song.

Book Suggestion:

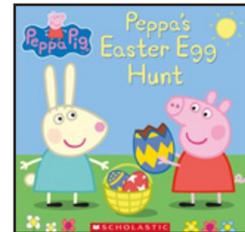
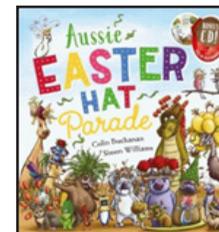
Aussie Easter Hat Parade by Colin Buchanon

The Great Big Aussie Easter Egg Hunt

by Colin Buchanon

Peppa's Easter Egg Hunt by Mark Baker & Neville Astley

Or any other book about Easter





Hippety Hop and Hippety Hay (finger rhyme)

Five little bunnies went out to play
Hippety Hop and Hippety Hay
One little bunny hopped away.
keep repeating .. counting backwards until you get to one
Hippety Hop and Hippety Hay
Zero bunnies went out to play
Hippety Hop and Hippety Hay
They'll all come back another day.

Little Peter Rabbit

Little Peter rabbit had a fly upon his nose,
Little Peter rabbit had a fly upon his nose,
Little Peter rabbit had a fly upon his nose,
So he flipped it and he flopped it and it flew away.

Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his ear
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his ear
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his ear
And he flipped it and he flopped it
till it flew right away!

Sleeping Bunnies

See the little bunnies sleeping til it's nearly noon
Shall we wake them with a merry tune?
They're so still, are they ill?
No! Wake up bunnies!
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop and stop

Easter Bunny

Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Easter Bunny, hop, hop, hop.
Make your ears go flop, flop, flop.
Hide your coloured eggs around
In the grass and on the ground.
Easter Bunny, hop, hop, hop.
Make your ears go flop, flop, flop

Bunny Rabbit, Bunny Rabbit,

Tune: "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Turn around"

Bunny rabbit, bunny rabbit, turn around,
Bunny rabbit, bunny rabbit, touch the ground,
Bunny rabbit, bunny rabbit, jump up high,
Bunny rabbit, bunny rabbit, wave goodbye.