

FESTIVALS ASSEMBLY 1

EGGS GALORE!

SONG CHOICES:

- Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring!
 - Caterpillar Munch
 - The Tadpole Song
- We're Making Pancakes
 - Ring Out The Bells!
 - He Is Risen (Easter Blessing)

OBJECTIVE OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP:

To reflect on the symbolism of eggs in springtime festivals

RESOURCES NEEDED:

- An uncooked hen's egg ready to crack open
- A glass/transparent bowl
- Images of an ostrich egg and a butterfly/moth egg on a leaf

ENGAGE

Hold up the hen's egg.

ASK What do you think might be inside here?

GATHER FEEDBACK:

Chick, yolk, white, raw egg or other answers relating to baby dinosaurs, snakes etc.

ASK How can we find out? *Crack open the egg and pour the raw egg into the glass/bowl.*

COMMENT: I'm quite relieved/disappointed we didn't find a baby dinosaur!

WONDER

DISPLAY image of the ostrich egg.

AND ASK What might be inside this egg?

DISPLAY image of the butterfly or moth egg.

AND ASK What might hatch out of this egg?

NOTE: Caterpillars or larvae hatch, NOT butterflies or moths. Pupils might respond with 'ant' or other small insect, which are reasonable answers, given that nearly all insect life emerges from eggs.

TALK ABOUT

WITH TALK PARTNER How many different animals can you think of that hatch from eggs? (*Birds, insects, reptiles.*)

EXPLAIN Eggs are important in springtime as they symbolize the potential for new life: the new animal has not yet hatched, but eggs remind us that life is possible within an egg.

ASK But what about this egg that I have cracked into the bowl? What can it become? A cake or pancake? (*Option to add milk and flour and whisk to make a batter if near Pancake Day.*)

BIBLE BIT

These words of Jesus in the Bible remind us that eggs are good. They bring life and can be used to make delicious food for us to eat.

READ

Luke 11 v 12. What would your parents do if you asked for fish for dinner? Would they give you a snake? Or, if you asked for a fried egg, would they give you a crispy scorpion? Even your parents know how to give you good food to eat, so how much more will God give you good gifts?!

RESPOND

1) FOR PANCAKE DAY On Pancake Day we use eggs to make pancakes. Christians believe that when Lent starts it is a time to stop treating themselves and try to treat others well, to show love for God.

REFLECT How could you treat someone else well this Lent time?

OR 2) FOR EASTER At Easter, eggs are eaten. Christians remember that Jesus died and rose from the dead, bringing the gift of new life with Him. It is as if He has hatched from the tomb into new life with God.*

REFLECT If you were hatching from an egg, what would you do with your new life?

** Option to crack open a chocolate egg and show the empty 'tomb'.*

PRAYER

Children respond with: 'Help us to do all things well.'

Father God, we thank you for all good gifts; **Help us to do all things well.**

Thank you for the possibility of new life and fresh opportunities; **Help us to do all things well.**

Show us how we can 'hatch' into being the best people we can be; **Help us to do all things well. Amen.**

GO DEEPER

EXPLAIN Jewish people place an egg (hard-boiled) on the special Seder plate for the Passover meal when they are recalling the story of the Jews being set free from slavery, when they had to leave Egypt quickly and had little time to prepare their meals.

ASK What other foods do Jewish people eat to remind them of their freedom? (Unleavened bread, roast lamb, bitter herbs, salt water.)