



## Why Bother?

Well done on taking the first step to putting on an Easter Egg Hunt—picking up an information pack! But, why bother going to the effort of hosting an event like this for your friends and family?

Well, hopefully it'll be lots of fun for all of you and especially for all the children involved, but more importantly this is an opportunity for you to **'be the light'**. Matthew 5:16 says *"your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven"*. Of all the *'good things'* you do hosting an Easter Egg Hunt may not seem like the greatest (it's probably not!), but it's a step towards building friendships and community that is needed for others to *'see your light'* and then get to know Jesus for themselves so that they can also *'praise your Father in heaven'*. People rarely come to know Jesus as their forever King in isolation, someone has to introduce them - could that be you?

Plus let's not forget that this is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the greatest moment in the Christian calendar—Jesus dying and being raised to life, smashing death and sin on our behalf - now that really is worth a party!

## What Do I Need To Do?

The first step you've already completed as you've decided to go ahead and host this event. The next step is to **read through this pack** and decide exactly what you'd like to include in your Easter Egg hunt, do you just want to do the minimum - have the Easter Egg Hunt itself, a quick craft, a bit of colouring and then let the kids play? Or, do you want to plan a few extra games and crafts in which case you'll need to do a bit more preparation.

Everything you need minus a few extras like colouring pens for a basic Easter Egg Hunt are already in this pack, but also included is an ideas section for additional games and crafts so you can go as big or as simple as you like.

One thing that's really worth doing is adding the Easter Egg Hunt and your guests to your prayers. **Pray for the people attending, for fun times, good weather (!) and developing relationships, pray that your friends and family might *'see your light'*.**

# One Month To Go

Now down to the nitty gritty use this checklist to plan your event.....

- Get your invites ready either by filling in the blank ones provided in this pack or by asking Hannah to print some with specific times and dates for you
- Start inviting people
- Read through the pack and work out exactly which activities you want to include
- Begin to pray for the event and those attending

# Two Weeks To Go

- Check back with those you've invited to see who is coming and work out how many children are planning to be there
- Gather together your supplies for any extra crafts and games you might want to play
- Consider what you'll do if the weather is bad. If the event is in your home make sure you have enough chairs for everyone, if outside at a park you might want to considering buying or borrowing a gazebo.
- Consider what larger equipment you will need for any crafts. Do you need to borrow a camping table or find any extra chairs?
- Consider if you want to provide any refreshments? This is easier at home, but if you're in a park maybe providing donuts and juice cups could be a great easy, low cost solution.
- Included in the pack is a sign saying 'Easter Egg Hunt this way' (if you'd like extra copies please ask), but you could also make your own decorations or hang up some bunting.

# On The Day

- Time to hide the eggs! If you're doing this in an open space you might want to leave this to the last minute in case a few go missing!
- Set up any larger equipment such as gazebos, chairs and tables.
- Set up any crafts and games.
- Make sure you have bin bags on hand for easy tidy up.
- Set up any food and drinks
- Set up any decorations you might have chosen
- Keep your mobile on in case people can't find you or get delayed

# The Big Event

Change this as much as you like, but the suggested order of events is.....

1. Welcome everyone as they arrive, perhaps with a drink and keep the kids busy with the simple craft included in your pack—**decorating paper bags**. Give each child a paper bag (provided), access to pens and Easter stickers (provided) and get them to decorate a bag ready for the Easter Egg Hunt (15 mins).
2. Gather everyone together and explain the rules of the **Easter Egg Hunt** (5 mins)

## The Rules

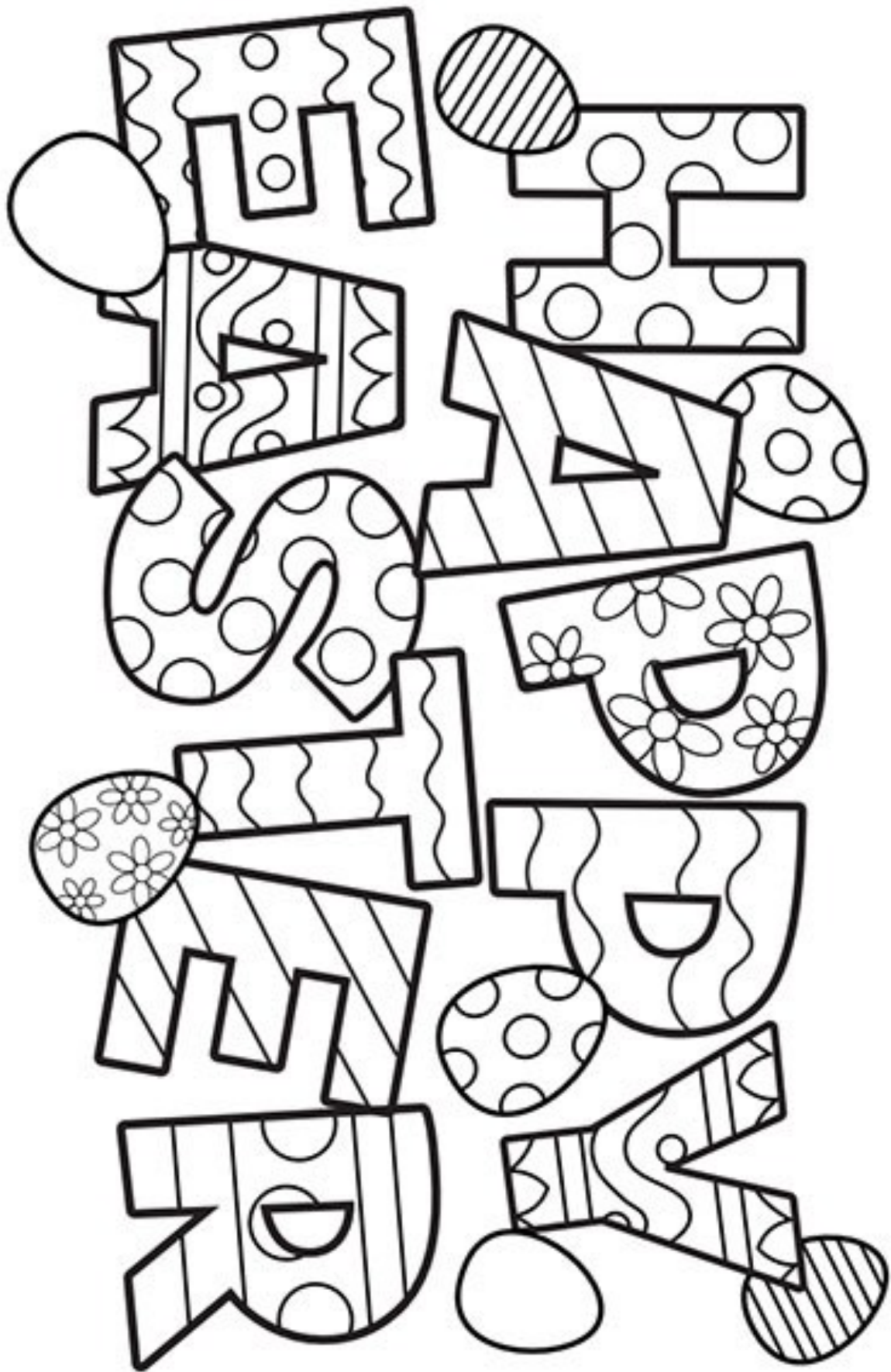
- Each child is only to collect four eggs each, inside each egg are sweets.
- One egg is silver, the finder of this egg also wins a prize.
- When you have found four eggs, go and help someone else
- The person who touches the egg first is the one who can keep it, not the person who sees it first
- Parents are not allowed to touch eggs, only children
- No shoving, kicking or hitting of any kind!
- Boundaries (depending on your location you may want to indicate where kids can and can't go)

3. Let the kids loose, encourage adults to help and oversee any squabbles over eggs! Get the older kids to come back and help the younger ones once they've found their four eggs (10 mins)
4. Award the prize for the **golden egg** (egg and Creme egg prize provided)
5. Engage the children and adults in any **additional games and crafts** you have planned (we've provided **colouring sheets** and **pin the tail on the rabbit**), hand out any **refreshments** you have, or just let the children play.
6. As people leave don't forget to give the kids the **leaflet on the real Easter story** (provided).

## What Next?

Hopefully you've had a fantastic time and are raring to go, have ideas of what you'd like to do next and are super excited to share what you got up to! Go ahead and please tell others of your experience, help them to be bold and 'be the light' to their community. In the Summer we have ideas for BBQs and social action events so watch this space. It'd also be great if you can provide any practical feedback and suggestions to Hannah so we can do even better next year.

# Colouring Sheets



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**He is risen! (Luke 24:6, paraphrased)**

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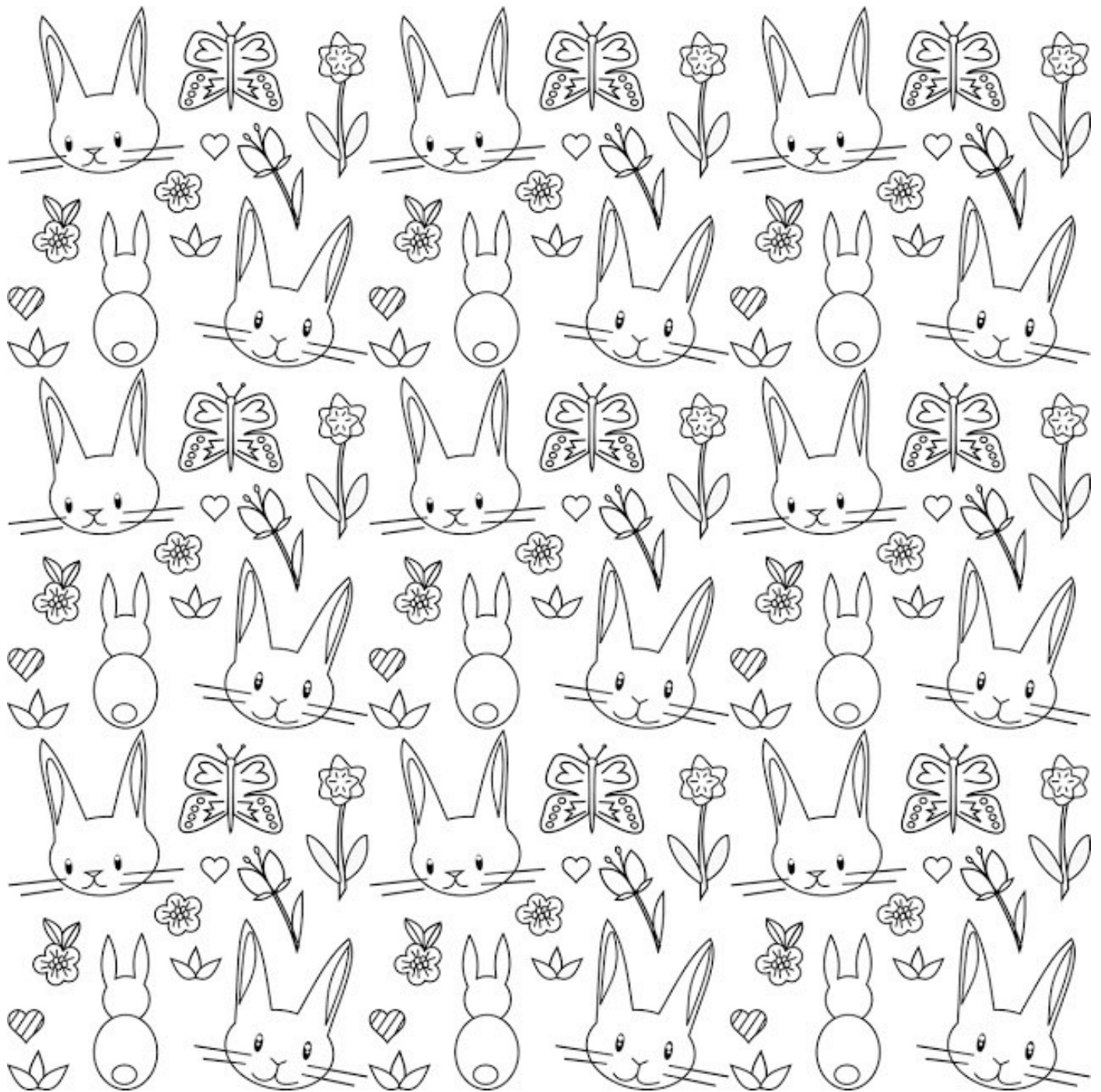
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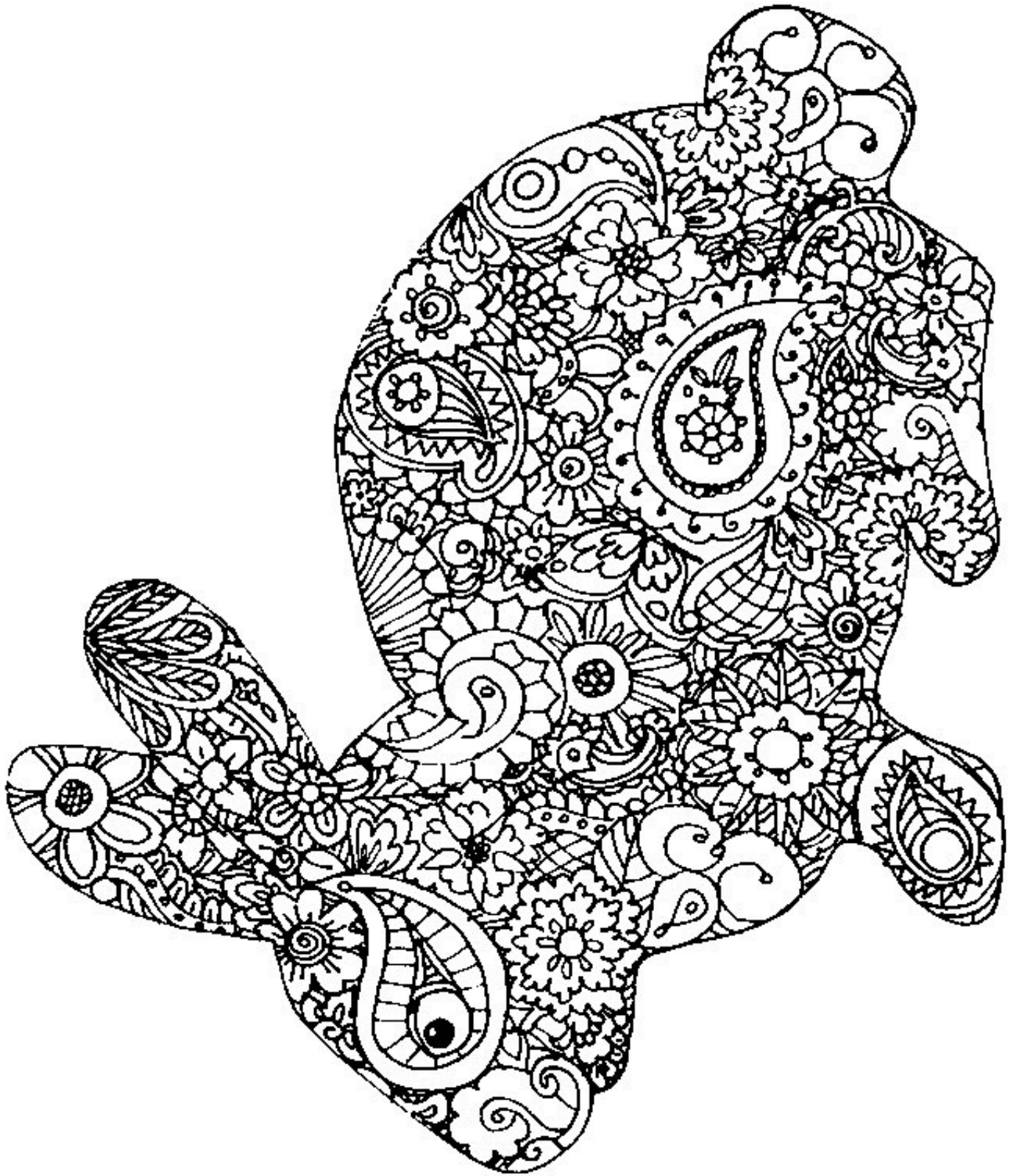
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# Craft Ideas

## Paper Plate Rabbit Hats



These paper plate rabbits ears are very simple and just require paper plates, scissors and a pink pen. Full instructions [here](#).

## Cress Heads



A classic, egg shells, damp cotton wool, cress seeds and some eyes and pens to decorate. More details [here](#)

## Pipe Cleaner Bunnies



These very cute bunnies are probably best for older kids, but the step by step instructions are [here](#), not many materials required, just a few pipecleaners.

## Chocolate Easter Nests



Another classic. Melted chocolate mixed with shredded wheat and a couple of mini eggs on top. Full recipe [here](#).

## Peek-a-boo Chick



A simple paper and split pin craft, but depending on the age of guests you could get them to assemble the full thing, or just decorate the egg. See more [here](#).

## Dirt Pudding Cups



These are a fave, the instructions are [here](#), but I use custard flavoured with cheap hot chocolate powder, crushed bourbon biscuits and orange ready roll icing with green string sweets.

## Decorating Eggs



There are millions of ways to do this, but for lots of kids I'd go simple with boiled or polystyrene eggs and colouring pens. Other ideas [here](#).

## Bunny Handprints



If you're brave enough to get the paints out these bunnies are very cute, but little ones would need a fair bit of guidance. Full instructions [here](#).

## Paper Plate Sewing Chicks



These would take a bit of prep, but would be very simple for kids to make and look really great. Full instructions [here](#).

## Poundland Crafts



If cutting out millions of paper plates is not your idea of fun, there are LOTS of Easter crafts at poundland and equivalents, but if you're hosting lots of kids these do get expensive, but are convenient.

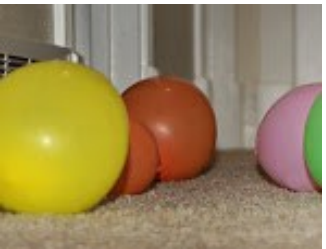
# Games Ideas

## Flour Game



Using a large bowl create a sandcastle of flour and pop a small egg on top. Take it in turns to cut away a slice of flour, the person who breaks the flour castle has to get the egg out with their mouth. See [here](#)

## Balloon Pop



Have treats inside balloons that need popping to get them out, just be wary of kids who don't like loud noises.

## Bobbing for Donuts



Not really Easter themed, but always good fun. Tie ring donuts to string and try to eat them with no hands, harder than it looks. See [here](#).

## Find the Golden Egg



Take a box and fill with straw then place eggs on top one of which has been painted gold on the bottom. Kids take turns to find the egg, the one that finds the golden egg wins a prize.

## Scrambled Eggs



In pairs teams have to take apart muddled up plastic eggs and match the right colour tops and bottoms using only one hand each. See more [here](#).

## Egg and Spoon Race



A classic, you can do it with plastic eggs, boiled eggs, raw eggs (!) or like [here](#) with water balloons

## Bunny Bean Bag Toss



Create a rabbit face with hole for its mouth using a cardboard box then use as a bean bag toss. Full details [here](#)

## The Great Egg Toss



Get everyone lined up in pairs and they have to throw an egg to each egg, each successful throw they partners take a step away from each other, its up to you if you use raw or boiled eggs!

## Balloon Relays



Any balloon games really given they are slightly egg shaped! Relays with balloons between legs, or passed from person to person just using elbows, or knees - whatever works!

## Carrot Patch



Not dissimilar to the egg toss, only this time throw baby carrots and catch them in a bowl. Details [here](#).

*And there's always chubby bunnies!*





*Easter Egg Hunt  
This May*





# Pin The Tail On The Rabbit

pin the tail

