

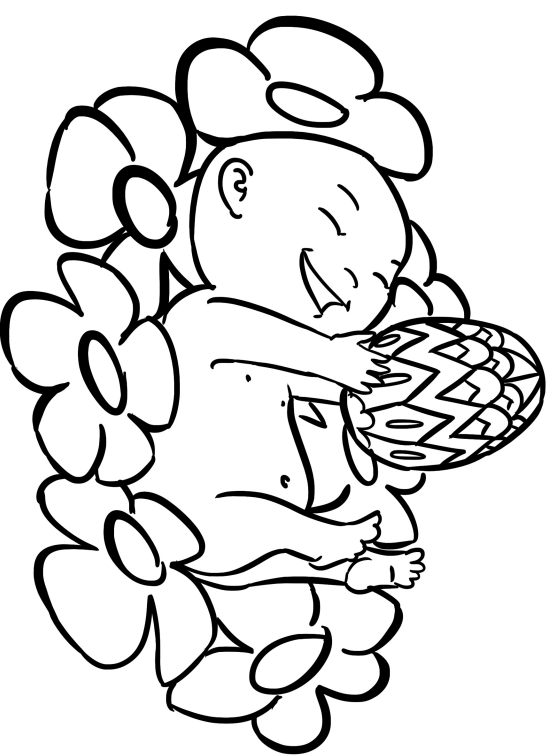
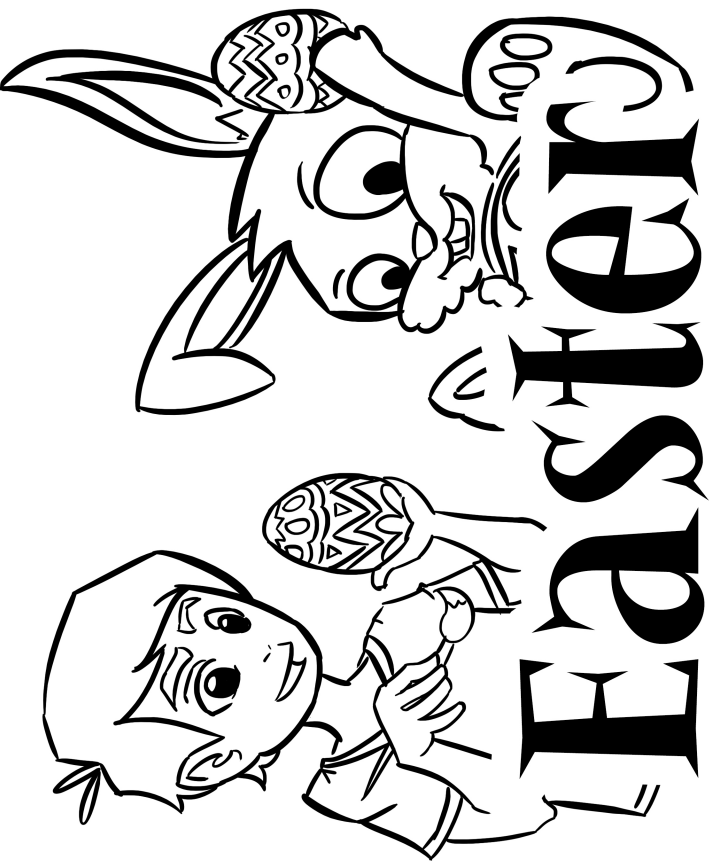
# Easter



## INSTRUCTIONS

Color each page. Fold length-wise, and then fold in the other direction. Apply glue to the blank insides of the pages to seal the open edges. Assemble the book and staple the spine or use yarn to hold it together.





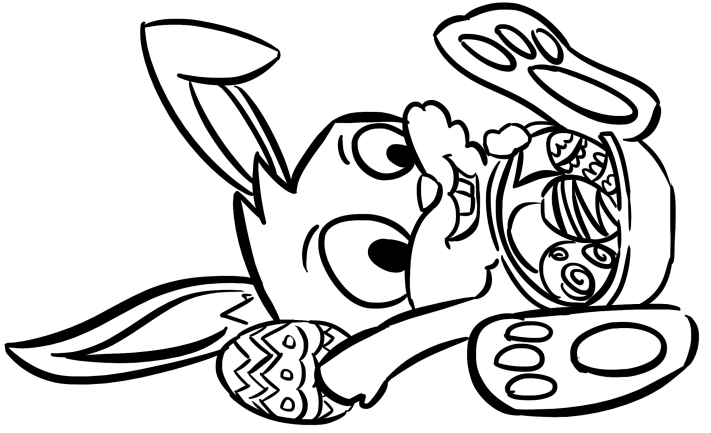
There are so many things to love about Easter: chocolate bunnies, egg dying, jelly beans, Easter baskets, chocolate eggs, parades, marshmallow chicks, egg hunts ... and did I mention candy?

However you look at it, Easter is a time to celebrate new life and new beginnings. Happy Easter!

decorated eggs in.

Soon, children were making nests for the Easter bunny to lay its decorated eggs in.

To thank Eostre, the bunny would paint and decorate its eggs and give them to her as gifts. The tradition spread around the world.



paint eggs for Easter, too?

that people like to dye or

the springtime. Did I mention

birds hatch from their eggs in

new life. All kinds of baby

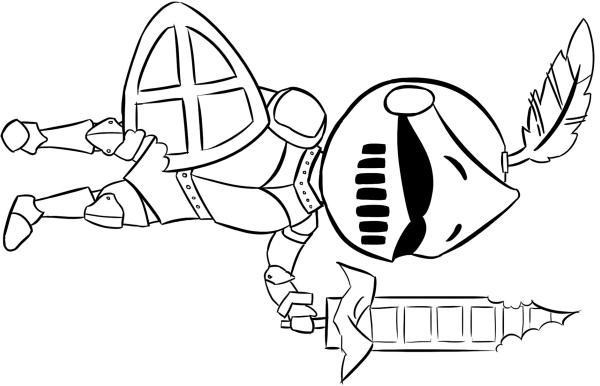
because they are a symbol of

Eggs are so popular at Easter



Eventually, those nests became Easter baskets. Children would leave empty Easter baskets out at night for the Easter bunny to fill with eggs, candy, and other treats.

My favorite treats are chocolate eggs. It seems kind of silly to make chocolate eggs. Why not chocolate swords, or shields, or crowns?



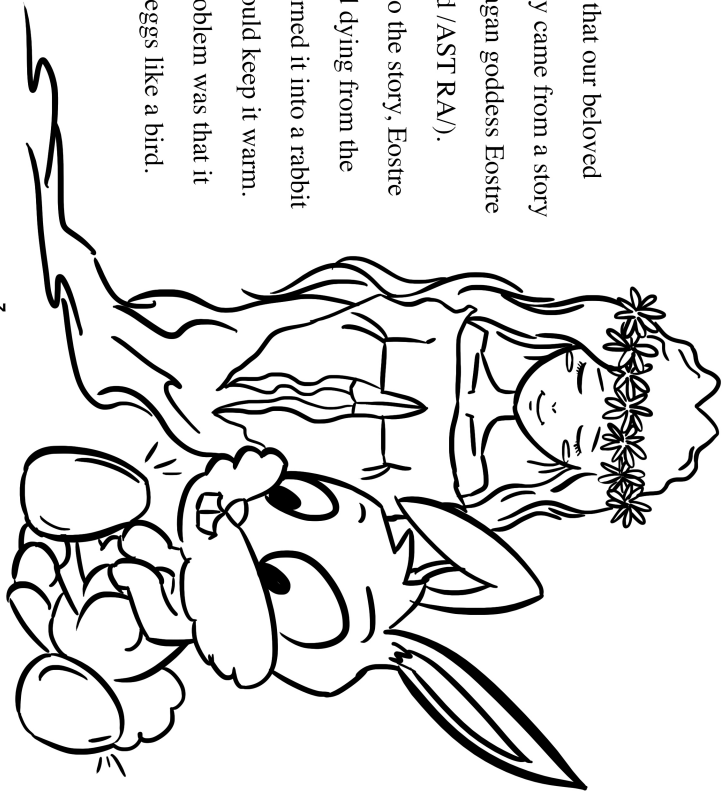
Easter is celebrated in the spring, when flowers are blooming, baby chicks are hatching, and the world is waking up from winter. That's why a lot of Easter traditions have to do with new life.



During Lent, these Christians prepare for Easter by praying and giving up certain things. In the past, many Christians would give up meat, milk, and eggs. That made eating eggs on Easter Sunday a big deal.



Some think that our beloved Easter bunny came from a story about the pagan goddess Eostre (pronounced /AST RA/). According to the story, Eostre found a bird dying from the cold. She turned it into a rabbit so its fur would keep it warm. The only problem was that it kept laying eggs like a bird.



Eggs on Easter may have come from a Christian tradition, as well. During the 40 days leading up to Easter, many Christians celebrate a time called Lent.

