

Welcome to the 40-Day Countdown to Easter!

This is a fun activity that helps your family count down the days to Easter...the day we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection!

How does this Countdown work?

First, on the outside of 40 plastic eggs, number them 1-40. Next, print off the pages below. Cut apart each day and stuff into the corresponding number Easter egg. Place all the Easter eggs in a basket. On each day, open an Easter egg and do the activity listed.

When do I begin this Countdown? This countdown begins 40 days before Easter (which are the 40 days of Lent). Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and goes through Holy Saturday (the Saturday before Easter). It's important to note that the 40 days of Lent do NOT include Sundays. So, you will begin this countdown on Ash Wednesday and do every day except for Sundays.

Dates for 2021

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- 1 Attend an Ash Wednesday Service
- 2 Pay for someone else's groceries
- 3 Make bread for a neighbor
- 4 Play Stack the Peeps (see who can stack the most Peeps in 1-minute)
- Pray for those with COVID-19
- 6 Make a list of different names of Jesus
- 7 Sing Hosanna Rock by Yancy (find her video on YouTube)
- g Give a compliment to someone
- 9 Decorate a friend's driveway with sidewalk chalk

- 11 Give away your allowance
- 12 Make your favorite meal for dinner
- 13 Watch the Veggie Tales Easter Carol
- 14 Play a favorite family board game
- 15 Go fishing and then have a fish fry
- 16 Plant flowers
- 17 Make homemade pretzels
- Do a Glow-in-the-Dark Egg Hunt

- 19 Go on a hike with your family
- 20 Make dinner for another family
- 21 Do a Random Act of Kindness today
 - 22 Do a prayer drive around your city
- 23 Read Easter Love Letters from God by Glenys Nellist
- 24 Download Easter coloring pages, print off, and color
- 25 Donate canned goods to your local food pantry
- 26 list reasons why you love to celebrate Easter
- 27 Make Easter baskets for kids in need

28 Buy an Easter lily for your neighbor

- 29 Go on a bike ride and pray for your neighbors
- 30 Read John 13:1-17. Wash your family members feet.
- 31 Make Easter pancakes (bright-colored)
- 32 "Egg" a friend's house with Easter eggs
- 33 Draw an Easter picture for your parents
- 34 Have a palm parade around your house
 - 35 Go on a Nature Scavenger Hunt (Find items in nature that remind you of Jesus)
 - 36 Forgive someone today for something they did to you

- 37 Bake cupcakes and deliver to your pastors at church
- 38 Take communion at church
- 39 Attend a Good Friday service
- 40 Read 'Twas the Morning of Easter by Glenys Nellist