

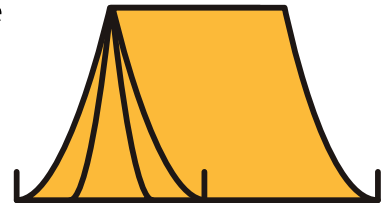
IDEAS FOR CELEBRATING EASTER AT HOME



We can't travel so what can we do to celebrate Easter while we stay safe at home?
These ideas could also be adapted for April school holidays too!

Celebrating Easter Weekend Memories

- Look at photos of past Easter holidays and celebrations, share these via email or social media with those you usually catch up with at this time.
- Go camping in your backyard or your lounge room! Set up the tent or just get out mattresses and sleeping bags. Get out the BBQ and perhaps enjoy some of your usual holiday camp foods (please note it is still Fire Danger Season in many places around South Australia, including Adelaide, until April 30).



- What are some of the activities you usually do when away for Easter? Things like: playing board games and card games. Doing puzzles. Going for a bushwalk (perhaps turn this into a neighbourhood walk). Nature bingo or wildlife spotting – keep a list of how many birds and what type of birds you see from your yard/balcony.
- Instead of going fishing perhaps use this time to clean up your fishing gear, fix anything that's broken, and if possible, purchase any needed items so you're all set for when we can get out and about again.
- Look online for the church you visit at Easter (particularly if you usually travel) and see how they're worshipping this year. You might still be able to join in worshipping with them online!
- Share stories of your favourite Easter memories, perhaps of a place or people or food.
- Organise an Easter egg hunt around your house (either inside or outside). You could use chocolate eggs or hand draw them on paper or card with messages for different members of your household.
- Create your own "Stations of the cross" trail around your house or use a resource about exploring the Easter story at home (for ideas visit our website: sa.uca.org.au)





Nature Based Activities

- Take photos of the sunrise and sunsets, or of wildlife. Use different angles and take photos of trees and plants in your yard. Have a photo challenge, either in your household, or perhaps online with those you usually holiday with. Who can take the most creative photo or the funniest photo or a photo of something about Easter?
- Hold a Photo-a-day competition over a week: Each day take a photo of something in nature or in your yard that is a colour of the rainbow.
- Plant Spring bulbs in your garden or a pot so they'll be ready to flower in Spring when hopefully we'll be able to see each other! You could also plant bulbs in a nice pot that you could give to someone either now or when it flowers.

Plan a Holiday

- Plan your next holiday for Oct or Christmas, maybe somewhere within your state/territory.
- OR plan a dream holiday – where could you go if you could go anywhere!

Start a new neighbourhood Easter tradition

- Hot cross buns on the front porch, a Sunday lunch with neighbours on picnic chairs in your own front yards, decorating your house with coloured lights.
- Write Easter cards and send to friends and family or post in your neighbours' letterboxes. Make your cards Easter egg shaped.
- Write hope-filled Easter messages on large egg-shaped paper and stick in windows or along a fence.
- Use chalk to write hope filled Easter messages on your front footpath or driveway.
- Create a hopscotch game on the footpath with a sign "Hop at home this Easter."



With all of these ideas, we can pray:

- Thanks for the gift of holidays, for the gift of our yards and nature, for colour, for family and friends. For wonderful Easter memories and the people and places we usually celebrate with.
- Ask for safety and provision for communities and businesses who usually rely on holiday tourism. Pray for all families and homes. Pray God's blessing on each home that you walk past. Pray for peace. Pray for joy and safety. Pray that needs will be met.
- Ask God to show you how you might be able to bring peace or joy or meet someone's needs and to bring hope to someone this Easter.



What are some other ways we can celebrate Easter at home?