

Baking Activity

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**EASTER
ROCKY ROAD**



**#BBATHOME**

**GET CREATIVE**

**30 MINUTES**

**PREPARATION
NEEDED**



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Create some Easter themed rocky road cakes. A simple recipe which is quick and easy to make.

- 1) In a large saucepan melt together the butter, chocolate and golden syrup over a gentle heat stirring constantly. Once melted, remove from the heat and leave to cool for at least 10 minutes. Stir occasionally to help cool.
- 2) Break your biscuits into small pieces and add to the cooled mixture. Also add the mini marshmallow and mix it all together.
- 3) Tip the mixture into a lined baking tin and spread it out to the corners. Push the mini eggs into the top of the mixture. Chill in the fridge for a couple of hours.
- 4) Cut the rocky road into small squares and then share with your family.



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 200g Digestive Biscuits
- 200g Milk Chocolate
- 2-3 tbsp Golden Syrup
- 100g Mini Marshmallows
- 135g Butter
- 1 Bag of Mini Eggs

Please give necessary guidance and safety tips for working in a kitchen.

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Beaded Cross



Materials Required:

Cord – 30 cm

Six beads (one of each white, yellow, red, blue, green, black)

Instructions:

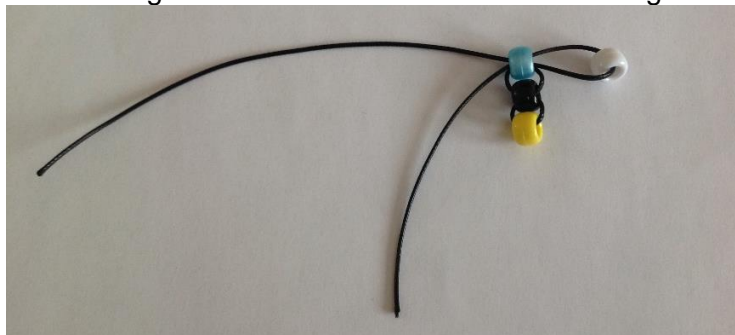
1. Thread the yellow bead onto the centre of the cord.



2. Take the black bead and thread the end of the cord on the left side of the yellow bead through the left-hand side of the black bead and thread the end of the cord on the right-hand side of the yellow bead through the right-hand side of the black bead. Pull tight.



3. Take the blue bead and thread the end of the cord on the left side of the black bead through the left-hand side of the black bead and thread the end of the cord on the right-hand side of the black bead through the right-hand side of the black bead. Pull tight.
4. Take the white bead and thread the end of the cord on the right-hand side of the blue bead through the white bead and feed back through the blue bead from the right.



5. Take the red bead and thread the end of the cord on the left-hand side of the blue bead through the red bead. And feed it back through the blue bead from the left.



6. Pull both cords tight.
7. Take the green bead and thread the end of the cord on the left side of the blue bead through the left-hand side of the green bead and thread the end of the cord on the right hand side of the blue bead through the right hand side of the green bead. Pull tight.
8. Tie the two cords together in a double knot above the green bead.
9. Create a loop by tying another double knot in the two cords about an inch above the first double knot. Trim the remainder of the cord. Slip this loop onto your key chain.



Each of the bead colours are intended to remind us of Biblical truths:

Black = Sin

The black bead reminds us of our sin which separates us from God and dooms us to eternal darkness. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (see also Ephesians 2:11-13)

Red = Christ's blood

The red bead symbolizes Christ's' blood shed for you and me. Romans 5:8-9 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us...we have been justified by his blood..."

White = Prayer of Repentance for Cleansing

The white bead represents the cleansing that occurs when a sinner repents and turns to God. Psalm 51:1-2 "Have mercy on me, Oh God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."

Blue = Water/Spirit Baptism

The blue bead represents baptism. Ephesians 4:5 "...one Lord, one faith, one baptism." We are baptized with water to identify ourselves with Jesus. The Holy Spirit baptizes those who trust in Jesus and takes up residence in the believers heart. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. Romans 8:9

Green = Christian Growth

The green bead represents growth in our faith. Colossians 1:10 "And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..."

Yellow = Eternal life

The yellow bead represents eternal life with Jesus in Heaven. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Matchstick Cross

Materials required:

300 matchsticks

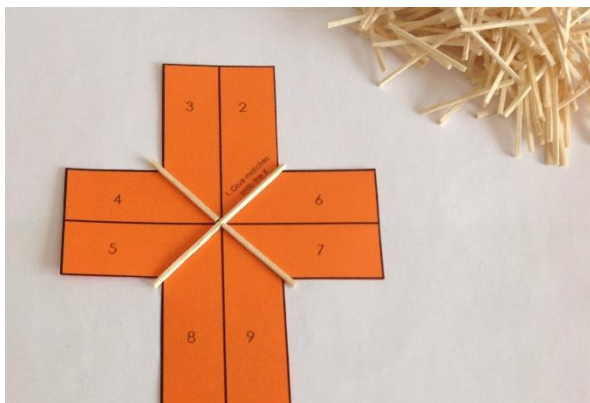
Cross template

PVA Glue

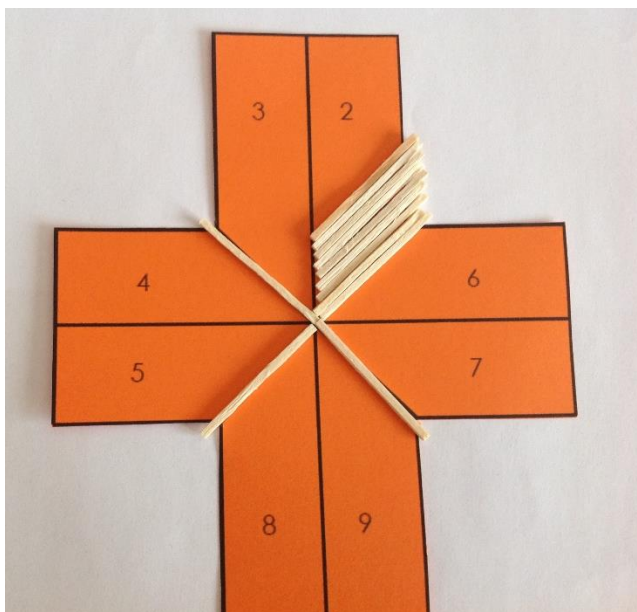


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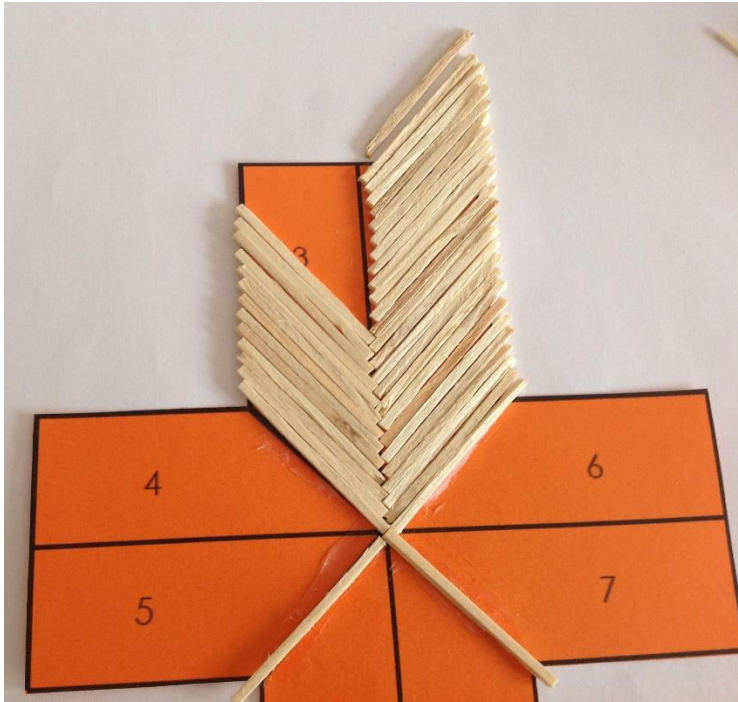
Cut out the cross template.



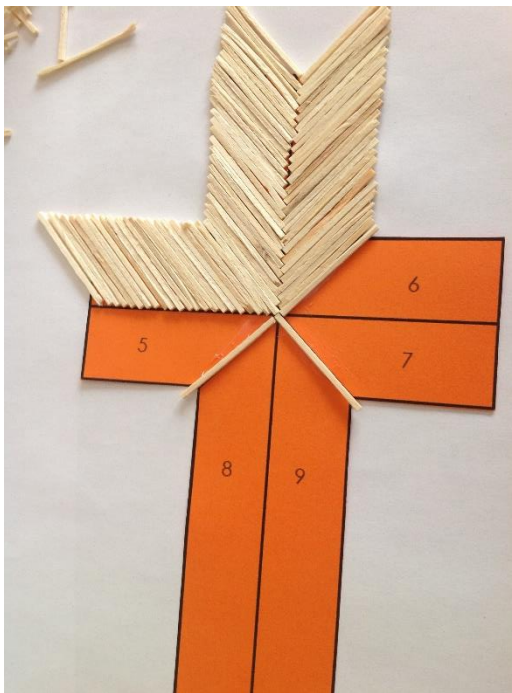
The template has an 'X' in the centre of the cross. Begin by gluing 4 matchsticks onto the X.



Then add a light layer of glue to 1 section of the cross. Begin at the 'X' and work your way towards the outside of that section, using the centre line as a guide.



When your first section is finished, add glue to the empty space across from it, begin at the X, and glue matchsticks outward once again.



Continue the process around the rest of the cross, always starting at the 'X' when you begin a new section.

When the cross is complete, let it dry for few hours.

If you wish to hang your cross up, there are a number of options you can use:

- Glue a ribbon or string to the back of the cross.
- Glue the tab from a drinks can to the top back of the cross.
- Add a removeable glue spot to the top back of the cross.

Origami Yoda

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Materials

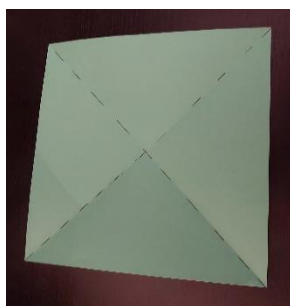
Square piece of green paper.

NB Dotted lines on pictures are only shown for illustrative purposes, these lines are not on the green paper provided.

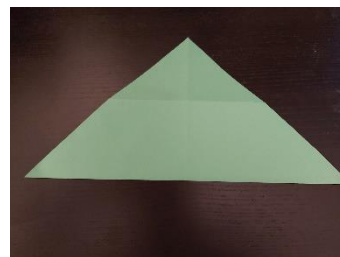
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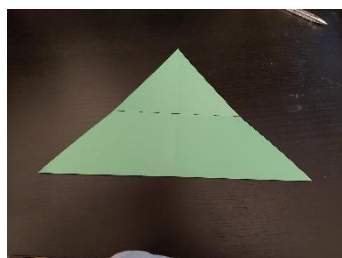
1 Take your square piece of paper and fold it on the diagonal (along dotted line shown in picture, open up).



2 Fold on other diagonal (along second dotted line show in picture).



3 Do not reopen this fold so you should have a triangle.



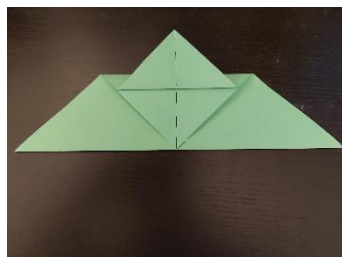
4 Fold in half from top down on dotted line shown.



5 It should look like this now!



6 Take the top flap and fold back up about 2/3 of way up (see dotted line on picture).



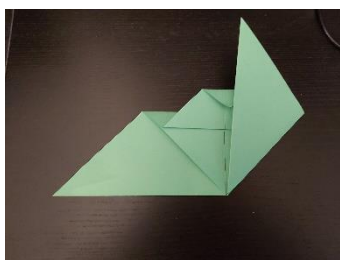
7 It should look like this now!



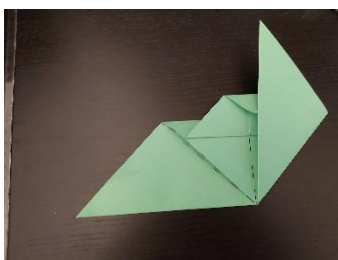
8 Fold down the very tip of the top flap.



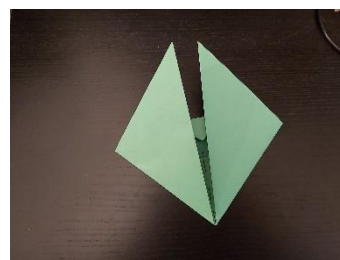
9 Take corner marked A and fold up to centre (along dotted line shown on the picture).



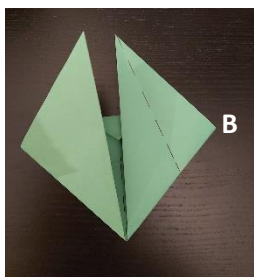
10 It should now look like this!



11 Repeat fold on opposite side.



12 It should now look like this!



13 Now take corner marked B and fold into centre. (see dotted line on picture).



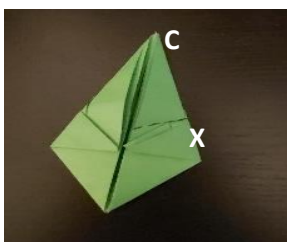
14 It should now look like this!



15 Repeat on other side.



16 It should now look like this!.



17 Now take flap marked C and fold down (see dotted line in picture).



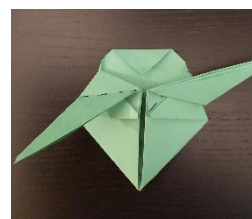
18 Keep outer edge of flap C in line with outer edge underneath (marked X in previous picture).



19 Repeat on opposite side.



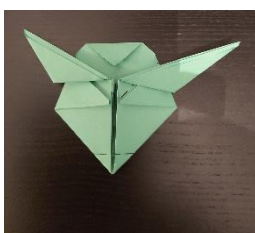
20 Now take flap marked D and fold up.



21 Keep inner edge of flap D in line with edge of previous fold underneath (marked Y in previous picture).



22 Repeat on opposite side.



23 LAST FOLD, fold up the bottom to form chin.



23 Turn over and draw on the face!

Thank you Cards

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Aim:

We should let people know that they are remembered at Easter and making a difference to our lives and thank them for it.

Please use the two blank cards and envelopes in your pack to start thanking people.

Ideas as to who we might thank.

People Close to you	People you would normally see	Locally
Parents/Guardians	Assistant Teacher	Lollipop Traffic Wardens
Brothers and or Sisters	School Bus Driver	Milk Delivery Person
Aunts and Uncles	Sports coaches / trainers	Cleaners
Cousins	Sunday School / Sunday Club Leaders	Newspaper Delivery Person
Grandparent(s)	Youth Workers	An Post Delivery Person
Godparent(s)	Helpers	Local Shop people
Good Friends	Gardai or Garda Station	Ambulance Crew
Teachers	Harvest Contractor	Local Hospital
Doctors	Farm Hand	Petrol Station
Nurses	Parish Caretaker	Fire brigade
Vet	Creamery Driver	Refuse Collectors
Clergy	Car Mechanics	Caterers in hospitals / nursing homes
BB Leaders	Fuel Delivery Persons	Local Nursing Home

The ideas above are far from complete. Add in anyone you feel deserves a 'virtual Easter hug' or a thank you for what they do for us all.

St. Patrick's Day Activities



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On St. Patrick's Day, everyone wants to be Irish! How well do you know your family history?

Use the research form below and fill in the gaps by asking relatives your family history.

This will be a great opportunity to get in contact with family you may not have seen in a while or those that may live abroad.

Take your time, you may not find all the information at once.

**Top Tip: Start with your eldest relatives first so that they can take you back further into your family history.*

Family Tree Research

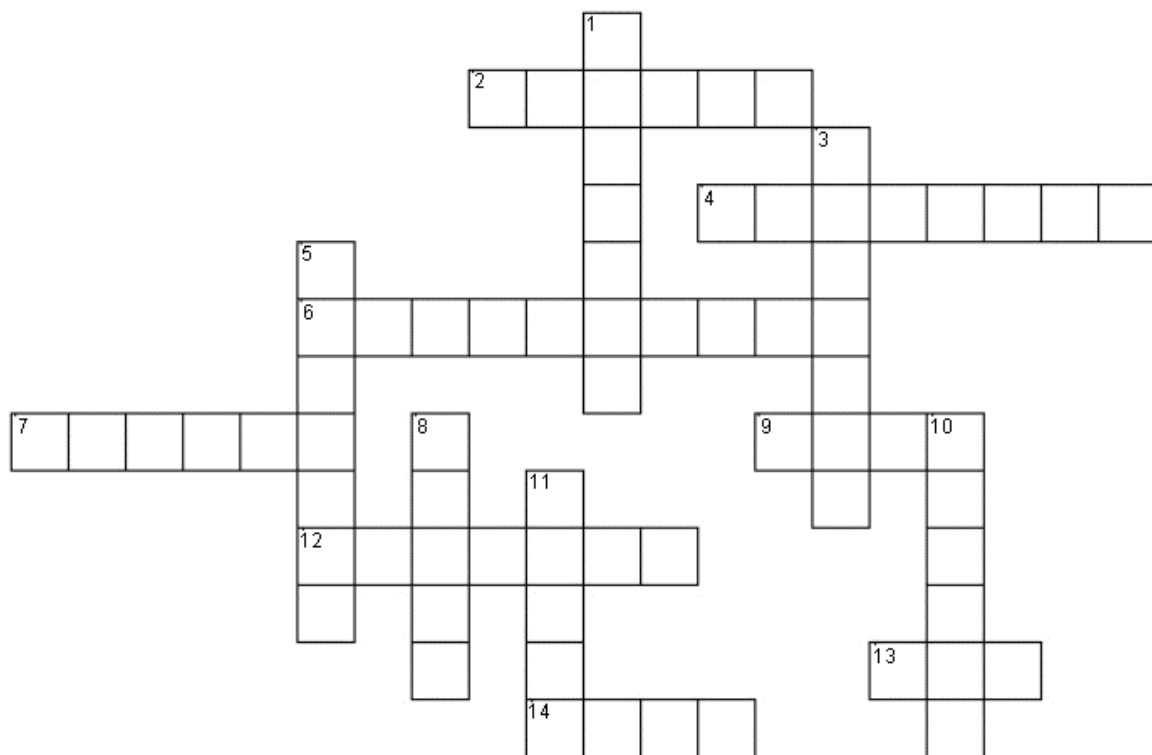
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St. Patrick's Day Crossword

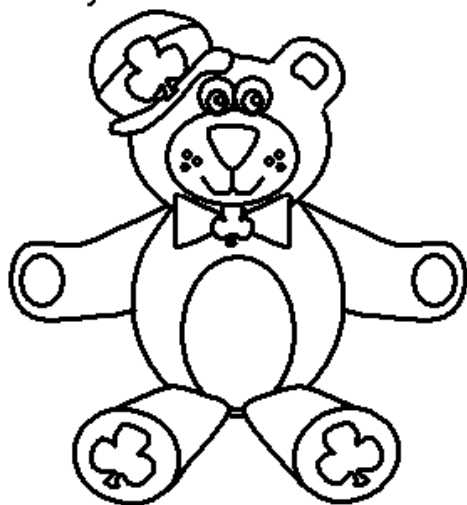


Across

2. Fable claims Saint Patrick drove these out of Ireland.
4. Three leafed clover and symbol of Ireland.
6. The Gaelic translation for this word is shoemaker.
7. Four leafed versions of these are considered lucky.
9. Contents of a leprechaun's pot.
12. A colour of green and also a gemstone.
13. Irish dance
14. Traditional Irish musical instrument.

Down

1. Patron saint of Ireland.
3. Colorful arch in the sky.
5. People kiss this stone for luck.
8. Saint Patrick's Day colour.
10. Capital city of Ireland.
11. Saint Patrick's Day month.



(Answers available on BB website www.boysbrigade.ie on 19th March 2021)

MOTHER'S DAY CRYPTOGRAM

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

9 4 17 13 3 1 6 24 25 18 17 13 9 21 1 6 25 17 18

13 17 16 1 9 18 17 18 19 2 13 9 21 1 6 25 17 18 13 17

4 9 15 1 16 1 9 18 24 18 14 2 18 18 1 10 1 25 25 9 6 5

Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Directions:

This puzzle is called a Cryptogram. At the top there is a KEY that lists all the letters from A thru Z with a box below. Each of the letters has a corresponding number.

The bottom part contains a secret phrase. Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the phrase.

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Mother's Day

WORD SEARCH

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W	H	A	P	P	Y	W	G	N	I	R	A	C	O	H
S	N	S	R	E	H	T	O	M	D	N	A	R	G	L
P	V	T	H	O	U	G	H	T	F	U	L	D	N	K
G	A	E	N	H	N	E	N	E	N	H	H	Y	V	L
N	C	R	C	G	G	O	C	R	C	G	R	A	N	A
E	N	G	E	F	F	U	H	U	N	E	F	D	C	I
R	S	I	S	N	K	I	D	S	S	P	A	I	N	C
D	P	V	P	L	T	U	P	P	P	L	M	L	S	E
L	L	I	L	A	A	J	E	J	L	A	I	O	F	P
I	O	N	O	Y	S	C	O	H	A	P	O	H	A	S
H	I	G	A	W	T	L	O	V	I	N	G	K	M	W
C	K	M	K	Q	Q	M	K	M	K	Q	Q	O	I	Q
B	U	D	U	S	P	R	I	N	G	A	M	B	L	A
J	A	E	T	A	R	E	D	I	S	N	O	C	Y	Z
Y	H	H	S	R	E	H	T	O	M	V	V	M	J	P

MOTHERS
DAY
MOMS
KIDS
PARENT
HOLIDAY
LOVING

CARING
CHILDREN
GRANDMOTHER
RESPECT
THOUGHTFUL
FAMILY
CONSIDERATE

HONOR
GIVING
SPECIAL
HAPPY
MAY
SPRING

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EASTER CRYPTOGRAM

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

20 14 17 5 12 4 8 20 14 22 14 : 2 4 22 20 14 17 5

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5 14 14 8 20 14 1 11 26 9 14 19 20 14 22 14 8 20 14

11 4 22 25 11 26 18 .

Matthew 28:6

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Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Easter Anagram

Hidden Word (circled letters):



a**d**e i l n

a e l o **p** s s t

a i **o** r s v

a **m** n o r s

c c f i i i **n** o r u x

c e **e** i n o r r r s t u

e j s s u

h n o r s **t**

i c h t s r

s c o **r** s

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Easter Quiz- Round 1

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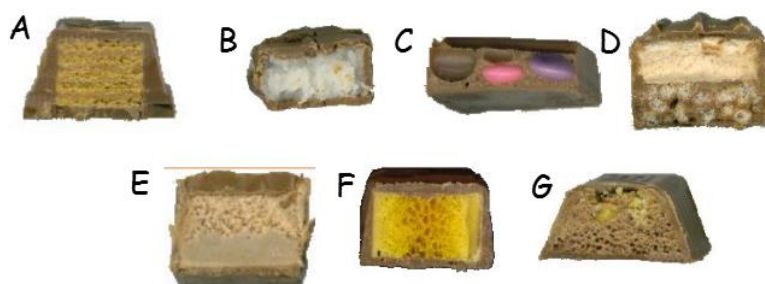
Who is this famous person?

Easter Quiz- Round 2



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- What are traditionally eaten on Shrove Tuesday?
a) Pancakes b) crepes c) drop scones
- Why are eggs associated with Easter?
a) Eggs symbolise Spring
b) symbol of rebirth
c) because chicks are the symbol of Easter
- The Date of Easter Sunday is determined by what?
a) Cadbury's chose the date
b) It is the Sunday after the first full moon, after the Spring Equinox
c) The Sunday one month after Shrove Tuesday
- Where is Easter Island?
a) Greece b) Morocco c) Chile
- Why is it called Easter Island?
a) It is where Jesus was resurrected
b) It is where Easter was invented
c) It was discovered on Easter Sunday
- What are the chocolates below?



- What are the chocolates below?



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Indoor Activity 1:

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WASHING BASKETBALL





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GET ACTIVE



15 MINUTES



IN THE CUPBOARD



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

A competitive challenge for the whole family to get involved with.

Place your washing basket a few metres away from a throwing line. You have 45 seconds to throw as many laundry items into the washing basket as you can. However, all the clothes you throw you must be wearing at the start of the challenge, so you'll need to be wearing multiple layers of clothing. You must keep one layer of clothes on at all times. You score a point for every item in the basket after 45 seconds.

Check out James Corden completing the challenge and explaining the rules here - <https://youtu.be/6GrvFbB5Rw>

Give it a try and then challenge family members to beat you. Get an adult to take a video of your washing basketball challenge and send to your Leaders or Rol BB HQ- info@boysbrigade.ie



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Clothes, Hats, Shoes etc
- Washing Basket
- Timer

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Indoor Activity 2:

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**GIANT
BATTLESHIPS**



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**GET ACTIVE**
**20 MINUTES**
**PREPARATION
NEEDED**



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Take the game of Battleships and turn it into a life size version to play in your home.

Hang a large blanket in the middle of a room or garden. This should be tall enough that you can't see the ground the other side. You and your opponent will both need 5+ household objects (of different sizes) to randomly place on the floor on your side of the blanket. These are your battleships.

Take it in turns to throw a sock ball over the blanket to hopefully land on one of the battleships. If you hit the ship, then that item should be removed from the game. If you miss, then your opponent should tell you how far away you were from the closest ship. This will help you aim when it is your turn again. Take it in turns to throw the sock balls, until one player has hit all 5 objects and won the game.



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Blanket
- Household Objects
- Sock Balls

Please ensure that the space and equipment used for this activity is appropriate.

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Indoor Activity 3:

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**MINUTE TO WIN
IT CHALLENGES**



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**GET ACTIVE**

**15 MINUTES**

**READY
TO GO**



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Take on these challenges. What is the best score you can do in 60 seconds? Record your attempts and send your best one to your BB group.

Spoon Frog - Line up the mug and two spoons as shown in the picture. To play you'll need to hit the first spoon so that it then launches the second spoon into the air. Score a point for each time you can get the spoon to land in the mug. How many can you do in a minute?

Bottle Flip - Put a small amount of water into a bottle and fasten the lid. To complete a bottle flip you need to throw the bottle into the air so that it flips a full 360°. To score a point the bottle must land upright. How many bottle flips can you do in a minute?



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Mug
- 2 x Teaspoons
- Water Bottle

Consider an appropriate space for the activity to take place, so there is no risk of damage or breakages.

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Outdoor Activity 1:

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10,000 STEPS





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GET ACTIVE



1 HOUR +



READY TO GO



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

An average teenager should aim to do 10,000 steps a day, to keep fit and healthy. Keep a record of your steps and see if you're hitting your target.

Do you think you usually hit your 10,000 steps a day? Or are you guilty of not doing enough exercise? Find the step counter on a smart phone or download an app which does this. Keep the phone on you all day and this will automatically track your steps. At the start of the day, predict how many steps you will do. How does this compare with the actual result at the end of the day?

Try going for a walk to do 10,000 steps, to help visualise how far you need to walk in an average day to hit your daily target. Is it further than you thought it would be? Aim to hit 10,000 steps everyday for the rest of the week.



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Smart Phone

Please follow current social distancing Government Guidelines when out and about.

If you would like to share any photos of you completing your challenge, an adult should initiate any contact with your BB Leaders or RoI BB HQ

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Outdoor Activity 2:

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**1 HOUR PHOTO
CHALLENGE**



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**GET
ADVENTUROUS**

**1 HOUR**

**READY
TO GO**



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Explore your neighbourhood on a timed challenge to photograph as many items on the list as you can. Can you find them all within an hour?

Head out on a walk with a smartphone or camera and the list of items that can be found at the bottom of this pack. On your walk, your challenge is to find as many of the 22 items on the list as you can. Can you find all 22?

Some items are more obscure than others, so you might want to plan your route beforehand to try and capture as many of the photos as you can.

To complete the challenge, you must leave the house and you cannot photograph things which belong to you. Set a timer for one hour and stop the challenge when the time is up.



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 1 Hour Photo Challenge Sheet
- Pen

Guidance may be required on where the walk can go and an adult should supervise the walk.

If you would like to share any photos of your challenge, an adult should initiate any contact with your BB Leaders or RoI BB HQ

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1 Hour Photo Challenge

You have just one hour to find as many items as you can on the below list. All items must be found whilst on a walk outside of your home.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A building over 100 years old | <input type="checkbox"/> Postbox |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Garda car | <input type="checkbox"/> A number plate with two '2's in it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A for sale sign (Estate Agent board) | <input type="checkbox"/> The Instagram logo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black and white cat | <input type="checkbox"/> Cadbury wrapper (as litter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The number 58 | <input type="checkbox"/> A brown car |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A sign with the word 'Together' on it | <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A bird within 1 metre of you | <input type="checkbox"/> A tree that is smaller than you |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A flag | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 of the same animal in one photo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The word 'Coronavirus' | <input type="checkbox"/> A purple flower |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Today's newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> A church or school |

Memory Game



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Also known as “Pairs” or “Double turn-up”

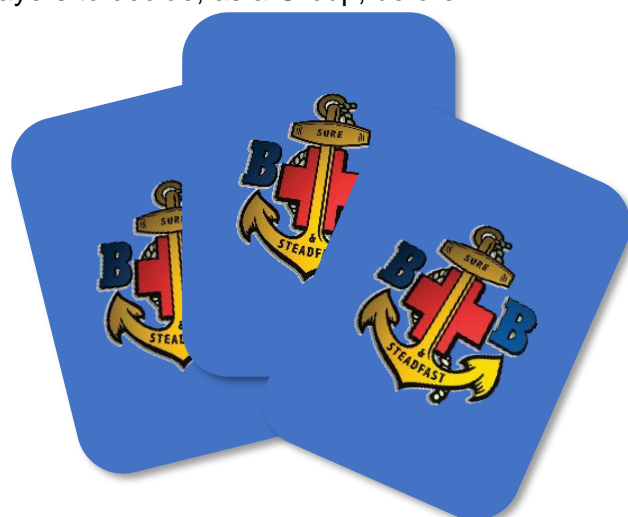
Instructions:

- There are 20 Pairs of cards in this Pack. You can use as many or as few Pairs as you like.
 - You can have up to 4 Players (*especially if you are using all the cards*).
1. You could maybe start with 5 Pairs of cards, and then use more Pairs as your memory skills improve. Just make sure you always have Pairs!
 2. Having selected the number of Pairs you are going to use, “shuffle” them to mix them up.
 3. Players should work out among themselves who should go first (*this may be a disadvantage unless you are lucky to get a matching pair in your first go!*)
 4. Place all the cards **FACE DOWN** on the floor or table, either in rows or randomly placed.
 5. Players take turns to turn over a card and then try and turn over the “Matching” Card. If they match, the player keeps those cards. If they don’t match, the Cards are turned face down again, and the next player has a go (*Everybody of course is trying to remember what card was turned up where before!*)
 6. When all the cards are paired, the Winner is the person with the most Pairs.
 7. Reshuffle cards well to play again.

Optional Rule:

Sometimes the game is played with a Rule that, if you get a matching Pair, you get another go. Whether or not to use that Rule will be up to the Players to decide, as a Group, before the game starts.

NB: You can also use the cards to play “SNAP”



Easter Bible Story



Taken from The Message: the Bible in contemporary language
(Jn 19:1–20:18).

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Why is Easter the most important Christian Festival?

THE THORN CROWN OF THE KING

So Pilate took Jesus and had him whipped. The soldiers, having braided a crown from thorns, set it on his head, threw a purple robe over him, and approached him with, “Hail, King of the Jews!” Then they greeted him with slaps in the face.

Pilate went back out again and said to them, “I present him to you, but I want you to know that I do not find him guilty of any crime.” Just then Jesus came out wearing the thorn crown and purple robe.

Pilate announced, “Here he is: the Man.”

When the high priests and police saw him, they shouted in a frenzy, “Crucify! Crucify!”

Pilate told them, “You take him. You crucify him. I find nothing wrong with him.”

The Jews answered, “We have a law, and by that law he must die because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

When Pilate heard this, he became even more scared. He went back into the palace and said to Jesus, “Where did you come from?”

Jesus gave no answer.

Pilate said, “You won’t talk? Don’t you know that I have the authority to pardon you, and the authority to—crucify you?”

Jesus said, “You haven’t a shred of authority over me except what has been given you from heaven. That’s why the one who betrayed me to you has committed a far greater fault.”

At this, Pilate tried his best to pardon him, but the Jews shouted him down: “If you pardon this man, you’re no friend of Caesar’s. Anyone setting himself up as ‘king’ defies Caesar.”

When Pilate heard those words, he led Jesus outside. He sat down at the judgment seat in the area designated Stone Court (in Hebrew, Gabbatha). It was the preparation day for Passover. The hour was noon. Pilate said to the Jews, “Here is your king.”

They shouted back, “Kill him! Kill him! Crucify him!”

Pilate said, “I am to crucify your king?”

The high priests answered, “We have no king except Caesar.”

Pilate caved in to their demand. He turned him over to be crucified.

THE CRUCIFIXION

They took Jesus away. Carrying his cross, Jesus went out to the place called Skull Hill (the name in Hebrew is Golgotha), where they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side, Jesus in the middle. Pilate wrote a sign and had it placed on the cross. It read:

*JESUS THE NAZARENE
THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

Many of the Jews read the sign because the place where Jesus was crucified was right next to the city. It was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. The Jewish high priests objected.

“Don’t write,” they said to Pilate, “The King of the Jews.’ Make it, ‘This man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’”

Pilate said, “What I’ve written, I’ve written.”

When they crucified him, the Roman soldiers took his clothes and divided them up four ways, to each soldier a fourth. But his robe was seamless, a single piece of weaving, so they said to each other, “Let’s not tear it up. Let’s throw dice to see who gets it.” This confirmed the Scripture that said, “They divided up my clothes among them and threw dice for my coat.” (The soldiers validated the Scriptures!)

While the soldiers were looking after themselves, Jesus' mother, his aunt, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood at the foot of the cross. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her. He said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that moment the disciple accepted her as his own mother.

Jesus, seeing that everything had been completed so that the Scripture record might also be complete, then said, "I'm thirsty."

A jug of sour wine was standing by. Someone put a sponge soaked with the wine on a javelin and lifted it to his mouth. After he took the wine, Jesus said, "It's done ... complete." Bowing his head, he offered up his spirit.

Then the Jews, since it was the day of Sabbath preparation, and so the bodies wouldn't stay on the crosses over the Sabbath (it was a high holy day that year), petitioned Pilate that their legs be broken to speed death, and the bodies taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man crucified with Jesus, and then the other. When they got to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs. One of the soldiers stabbed him in the side with his spear. Blood and water gushed out.

The eyewitness to these things has presented an accurate report. He saw it himself and is telling the truth so that you, also, will believe.

These things that happened confirmed the Scripture, "Not a bone in his body was broken," and the other Scripture that reads, "They will stare at the one they pierced."

After all this, Joseph of Arimathea (he was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, because he was intimidated by the Jews) petitioned Pilate to take the body of Jesus. Pilate gave permission.

So, Joseph came and took the body.

Nicodemus, who had first come to Jesus at night, came now in broad daylight carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. They took Jesus' body and, following the Jewish burial custom, wrapped it in linen with the spices. There was a garden near the place he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been placed. So, because it was Sabbath preparation for the Jews and the tomb was convenient, they placed Jesus in it.

RESURRECTION!

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, breathlessly panting, "They took the Master from the tomb. We don't know where they've put him."

Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus' body had been laid. They said to her, "Woman, why do you weep?"

"They took my Master," she said, "and I don't know where they put him." After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't recognize him.

Jesus spoke to her, "Woman, why do you weep? Who are you looking for?"

She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, "Mister, if you took him, tell me where you put him so I can care for him."

Jesus said, "Mary."

Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" meaning "Teacher!"

Jesus said, "Don't cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: "I saw the Master!" And she told them everything he said to her.

Page | 27 **Some Questions for you to research:**

- Why is Easter so important for each one of us?
- Why was officialdom so fearful of Jesus?
- Why, even after they had crucified Him, was a stone rolled across the entrance to the tomb?
- How do you think the Disciples felt?

Today

- What was the point of all this?
- What was different about this situation?
- Who is Jesus there for?
- Has anyone else sacrificed themselves – given their lives - for us?
- Why is Christianity still in existence?

(Answers available on BB website www.boysbrigade.ie on 6th April 2021)

Mother's Day in Quarantine



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Write special messages on her driveway.

Even though you can't go outside to celebrate, there's nothing holding you back from showering your mum or your grandmother with love (from a distance, of course). Using outdoor chalk, draw rainbows, flowers, and write heartfelt messages to mom, grandmother, or another woman worth celebrating (eg: sister or aunt).

Serve her breakfast in bed.

Start your mum's day on the right note by showing up at her door with a tray full of pancakes, eggs, a full Irish breakfast or any other brunch favourites.

Check places off your bucket list (virtually).

Even if you can't hop on a plane and sightsee, you and your mum can still bask in the world's beauty with virtual tours of museums, zoos and theme parks.

Museums

- **The Louvre:** You don't have to book a ticket to Paris to check out some of the famous pieces in the world's largest art museum. The Louvre has free online tours of three famous exhibits, including Egyptian Antiquities. <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne#tabs>
- **Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History:** Move at your own pace through the 360-degree room-by-room tour of every exhibit in the museum. <https://naturalhistory2.si.edu/vt3/NMNH/>
- **Van Gogh Museum:** You can get up close and personal with the impressionist painter's most famous work. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum?hl=en>
- **Getty Museum:** You can tour the two floors of Los Angeles's premiere gallery. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-j-paul-getty-museum?hl=en>
- **The Vatican Museum:** The Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, and Raphael's Room, are just some of the sites you can see on the Vatican's virtual tour. <http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.html>
- **Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum:** Madrid's must-see art museum has the works of some of the continent's most celebrated artists like Rembrandt and Dali. <https://www.museothyssen.org/en/thyssenmultimedia>
- **National Museum of Anthropology, Mexico City:** Dive into the pre-Hispanic history of Mexico with 23 exhibit rooms full of Mayan artifacts. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/museo-nacional-de-antropologia-mexico>
- **British Museum, London:** The Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies are just a couple of things that you're able to see on a virtual tour of the museum. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-british-museum>
- **NASA:** Both Virginia's Langley Research Centre <https://oh.larc.nasa.gov/oh/> and Ohio's Glenn Research Centre <https://www.nasa.gov/glennvirtualtours> offer online tours for free. Also, you can try some "augmented reality experiences" via The Space Center Houston's app. <https://spacecenter.org/app/>
- **Metropolitan Museum of Art:** You can explore the numerous exhibitions in the museum. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-metropolitan-museum-of-art?hl=en>

- **Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam:** The Golden Age of Dutch art is highlighted in this museum which includes the work of Vermeer and Rembrandt.
<https://artsandculture.google.com/search/streetview?p=rijksmuseum&hl=en>
- **National Museum of the United States Air Force:** You can't take a ride in Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidential airplane, but you can check it out, in addition to other military weapons and aircraft, online in the Air Force's official museum.
<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Visit/Virtual-Tour/>
- **The Irish Emigration Museum:** Discover why 10 Million people left Ireland and travelled across the world by virtually navigating the museum using their coloured pins.
<https://dublin.epicchq.com/virtual-tour-epic-the-irish-emigration-museum>
- **National Archaeological Museum of Ireland:** Take an interactive look at the Treasury and browse through the three galleries consisting of art from the Iron age to the 12th Century, medieval Book of Psalms and early medieval crafts.
<https://www.museum.ie/en-IE/Museums/Archaeology/Visitor-Information/3D-Virtual-Visit>
- **Natural History Museum:** Virtually take a 3-D tour of the four floors. Each floor has a separate showcase that you can move around, which include: Irish fauna, mammals around the world, fish, birds and reptiles and the fourth floor contains insects, shells, crustaceans, corals and blaschka models. <https://www.museum.ie/en-IE/Museums/Natural-History/Visitor-Information/3D-Virtual-Visit>

Zoos and Aquariums

- **The Cincinnati Zoo:** Check in on the animals at the Zoo on <https://www.facebook.com/cincinnati-zoo/>
- **Dublin Zoo:** Catch a glimpse of the giraffes, zebras and rhinos on the African Savanna, get a birds-eye view of the penguins or watch the wonderful herd of Asian elephants bathe and chomp on their lunch with the zoo's live cams.
<https://www.dublinozoo.ie/animals/animal-webcams/>
- **Atlanta Zoo:** The Georgia zoo keeps a "Panda Cam" livestream
<https://zooatlanta.org/panda-cam/>
- **Georgia Aquarium:** Sea-dwellers like African penguins and Beluga Whales are the stars of this aquarium's live cam. <https://www.georgiaaquarium.org/webcam/beluga-whale-webcam/>
- **Houston Zoo:** There are plenty of different animals you can check in on with this zoo's live cam, but we highly recommend watching the playful elephants.
<https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/>
- **San Diego Zoo:** With what may be the most live cam options, this zoo lets you switch between koalas, polar bears, and tigers in one sitting.
<https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/videos>
- **Monterey Bay Aquarium:** It can be Shark Week every week thanks to live online footage of Monterey Bay's Habitat exhibit.
<https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams>
- **National Aquarium Baltimore:** Walk through tropical waters to the icy tundra in this floor-by-floor tour of the famous, Baltimore-based aquarium.
<https://aqua.org/media/virtualtours/baltimore/index.html>

Theme Parks

- **Walt Disney World:** Set aside some time, because there's plenty to see here. Virtual tours you can take include Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot, just to name a few. <https://disneyparks.disney.go.com/blog/2018/03/disney-parks-launches-first-ever-360-degree-panoramas-on-google-street-view/>
- **LEGOLAND Florida Resort:** The Great Lego Race and Mini-land USA are just two of the attractions you can check out in a virtual tour of the park.
<https://www.visitorlando.com/things-to-do/virtual-tours/legoland-florida-resort/>

Assemble a build-your-own-bagel spread.

Some moms prefer waking up to a fully cooked breakfast. Others like the versatility that comes with grab-and-go breakfasts and family-style spreads. Think of her favourite breakfast food — bagels, pancakes, waffles, you name it — and assemble a party spread with all the fixings.

Picnic in your backyard.

Make dining at home more exciting by bringing the party outdoors. Set up a blanket and cover it with plates full of picnic-ready snacks, or even take-out from your mum's favourite local restaurant.