



Easter Bake Along

Real time baking with a sprinkling of the Easter Story

On Saturday 27th March at 2pm, Faith in Kids will broadcast a bake-along video as a YouTube premiere and Facebook watch party. Our 25 minute video will feature a baker guiding families through baking chocolate brownies. There will also be a presenter giving an all age talk, in short sections, explaining the reason for the season.

Our hope is that some Christian families will deliver all the ingredients needed to their friends, with an invitation to join us for our bake-along experience.

In addition, we offer this script for those churches who want to run their own Easter Bake-along instead of watching ours. To do so, you will need a baker and a presenter. With a few rehearsals, you could run this as a live Zoom event, baking, speaking and interacting with the families participating. This is the ideal, since interaction engages children.

Important note: The ingredients and directions below are intended for those planning to film their own event. If you plan to encourage families from your church, and their friends, to watch our video, please go to [our website](#) for details.



Deliver the ingredients

Everyone who wants to take part needs the following ingredients...

- 150g light brown sugar
- 225g caster sugar
- 225g butter
- 150g dark chocolate
- 125g plain flour
- 75g cocoa powder
- 80g bag of Cadbury Mini Eggs
(they need to be Cadbury, because of the colours!)
- 3 eggs
- Some white chocolate to decorate

Give these to friends, with an invitation to take part and details of your Easter Bake along event. These ingredients can be delivered with some already combined into two bags and the other ingredients separate.

Bag 1 Put the light brown sugar and the caster sugar into a food bag. Seal and label it with the contents.

Bag 2 Put the plain flour and the cocoa powder in a second bag. Seal and label it with the contents.

You could also give each family some baking paper.



The event

Needed...

- For talk stage 1: a crusty white bread roll
- For talk stage 2: a purple robe or cape
- For talk stage 3: Squeezy tomato ketchup and a cross (made from a long and a short wooden spoon tied together?) and a wooden spoon Jesus (which is a wooden spoon with a face drawn on the spoon and some cloth tied around the handle)
- For talk stage 4: Spice rack with spice jars, tea towels, yellow beach ball or foam football, a hen's egg and a chocolate Easter egg

INTRODUCTION

[Introduce yourselves, offering a warm welcome]

We are making Easter Egg Brownies. *[Reveal a tray of finished brownies]*



BAKE STAGE 1: Oven and Baking paper

We've washed our hands. Now let's Preheat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas 6. *[Leave those details visible to the viewers while you carry on]*

We're going to line a 20 x 30cm tin with baking parchment. *[Demonstrate how to do that]*

Have a chat

While you're lining the tin, have a chat about Easter. If you can, ask a few of the families watching.

- What do you look forward to about Easter?
[Daffodils, Easter eggs, lambs, etc]
- What do you look forward to baking, making and eating at Easter?
- After the year we've had, is there anything you're especially looking forward to?





BAKE STAGE 2: Melt sugars and butter

Let's put the sugars and butter into a large saucepan and heat on medium until the butter has melted. Simmer the mixture for five minutes to allow the sugar to begin to melt, stirring all the time.

While that's melting, get your mini-eggs. I want to tell you the Easter Story – using Cadbury mini-eggs.

And this is going to blow your mind.... In every packet, there are ONLY four colours!

White, Purple, Red and Yellow. *[Have a big bowl of each colour to hand]* Who knew?

We're going to use these to hear the amazing true story of the first Easter. If you've never heard it, you're in for a treat! And if you know every detail already, this is the most delicious version you will ever hear.

4 eggs, 4 steps to hope and happiness.... Let's do this!

Is your mixture all melted?

🕊️ TALK 1: The White Egg – THE LAST SUPPER

Find a white one. Don't eat it! How can anyone hold chocolate and NOT eat it?

This one is for the last supper – the last meal Jesus ate with his friends. The white egg gives us a clue about what they ate – BREAD! Because bread is White. All children prefer white bread, don't they? Mum always tried to get me into the brown stuff. I'm sure it was made using cardboard. What about you?

[Hold up a white egg] A white egg for white bread with Jesus' best friends.

[Hold up a large crusty white loaf] When Jesus ate the bread with his friends, he said "I've really looked forward to eating this... before I suffer"

WHAT? Why is he going to suffer? He's the boss! He's God's son. Surely nothing bad can ever happen to him?

[Break the bread] Jesus broke the bread and said "My body is about to be broken.... for you" Confused? So were Jesus' friends. What did Jesus mean? Jesus is the most powerful human ever to walk this earth. *Who* was going to break his body?

Jesus knew all that was about to happen to him. He was still in charge.

That night – Jesus was arrested by men with swords *[holding a really long kitchen knife]*

What? Why? We'll find out very soon. But first ...

BAKE STAGE 3: Chocolate break up

We're going to chop up (or bash up) the chocolate. *[Ideally, you bash the chocolate into pieces using a wooden rolling pin to illustrate the next stage of the Easter story]*

TALK 2: The Purple Egg – TRIAL AND SENTENCE

[While bashing the chocolate]

We're onto egg 2 of the story – the sad part. For this we need the purple egg. *[Hold up a purple egg]*

It's for when Jesus got bashed. The soldiers beat Jesus up. Jesus, who healed the sick, loved those who no one else did and had *never* done anything wrong– was being beaten and bashed. It wasn't fair. This bit of the Easter Story is hard, but there will be an even happier ending the other side of the sad story. We have to keep going, and we need to keep hoping!

The men who arrested Jesus hurt him and made fun of him. They put a purple robe on him *[Hold up purple robe]*. In those days only the most important emperor was allowed to wear a purple robe – they put one on Jesus as a joke, because he said he was God's king. It's like they're saying, "You can't be God's chosen king if you're being beaten up by us"

They brought Jesus before the most powerful judge in the land in his purple robe and crown of thorns. He'd done nothing wrong but the crowd shouted, the religious leaders demanded and he was found GUILTY . Jesus was sent to death as a punishment. That's the Purple egg.

It sounds odd that we're celebrating this with brownies. But stay with the story.

BAKE STAGE 4: Melt the chocolate, beat the egg and into the oven!

Add the chopped dark chocolate to the warm sugar and butter mixture and stir it in until it is completely melted. Put into a fridge (or freezer) for 10 minutes

Have a chat

While it's cooling, have a chat about Christian Easter traditions. If you can, ask a few of the families watching.

- Did you have Easter routines or traditions growing up?
- What did you make of Easter as a child?
- Do you remember how you thought about the death of Jesus?



When the mixture is cool enough to touch comfortably, beat in the eggs.

Add the flour and cocoa powder before stirring briefly to combine.

You don't want to overbeat the mixture or your brownies will become too 'cakey'.

Cake is good, but brownies are better! We want brownies.

Scrape the mixture into the prepared tin and sprinkle over the mini eggs.

[Recap] **White** for the white bread at the last supper. Big party. It's all about to go wrong. **Purple** for the purple robe when Jesus was beaten and sent to be punished, when he'd done nothing wrong.

Now let's put them in the oven.

Bake for 20–25 minutes or until the top is shiny and slightly cracked.

🕊️ TALK 3: The Pink Egg – The CROSS

[Hold up the pink egg] Time for the pink egg!

I know the purple egg was sad, but now it gets worse. Please keep listening, long enough for the good news!

The pink is the blood *[lean forward]* And for that, we're going to use ketchup.

[Squirt some ketchup on a tea towel] That's what you use for blood when you're messing around. But in this part of the story, no-one is messing around.

It happened just like Jesus said at the Last Supper. His body would be broken, his blood would be spilt. Jesus was put on a cross to die. *[Hold up wooden cross]*

It explains why the symbol of Christianity is a cross.

It is sad, but Christians call it Good Friday because Jesus was secretly winning. Jesus is so powerful, he could do anything. He'd already done loads of things that seemed impossible, like raising people from the dead. He could have easily have escaped from the cross. But he chose to stay, because by dying he was rescuing us to live with him forever.

He let out his final breath. He had died.

He was taken down and laid in a tomb. *[If you have another oven, place the spoon Jesus in the oven, close the door]* They rolled a huge stone across the door

So much sadness, but here's two bits of good news.

1. That's not the end of the story.
2. We're making brownies!

BAKE STAGE 5: White chocolate preparation

We need to prepare the white chocolate we're going to drizzle.

Break up the white chocolate and place it in a bowl over boiling water. Keep giving it a stir.

TALK 4: The Yellow Egg – EMPTY TOMB

The yellow egg reminds us what happened next. Jesus' body was put in a tomb on the Friday evening. On Sunday morning, some of the women who were his friends went to the tomb to put spices on the body.

Let's get some spices. *[from the spice rack that's been in shot the whole time]*

Put a tea towel on your heads to look more like one of the women.

This is what happened on Easter Day, the first Easter Sunday. When the sun came up –

[Hold up the yellow egg] That's the yellow egg

[Hold up the yellow beach ball] the women went to the tomb

[Open the oven where you put the spoon Jesus, and very obviously remove it] and they found the tomb empty!

Jesus' body had gone.

[Hold up spoon Jesus] Jesus was alive

That morning, everything changed. Jesus had beaten death. Jesus had made death just a doorway to new life with him.

[Hold up an egg and a chocolate egg] That's why we give each other eggs. New life.

New life comes in an egg.

New life for you and I now and for ever comes from Jesus.

Trusting him, means we can get new life, like his, after death.

Where have the brownies have gone?

Have a chat

Have a chat about the difference Jesus' resurrection makes. If you can, ask a few of the families watching.



- How does this story make you feel hopeful
- Has this story helped you think about sad things?
- What difference does it make to you that Jesus has risen from the dead?



BAKE STAGE 6: White chocolate decoration

Finally we're going to drizzle the melted white chocolate over the brownies and cut them into squares.

[Either have a pre-baked and cooled tray or wait until yours come out of the oven, filling the the time with games and activities]

Can you remember what we have learnt today?

We've learnt how to make Brownies, but that's not all...

We've seen that....

[Hold up the white egg] Jesus celebrated with his friends, but he knew his body was about to be broken like the bread

[Hold up the purple egg] Jesus was beaten, dressed in a purple robe and sent to be punished with death, even though he had never done anything wrong

[Hold up the pink egg] Jesus was put on a cross to die, as a punishment. He could have left, but he chose to stay, to save us. His blood was spilt

[Hold up the yellow egg] Jesus rose from the dead as the sun came up on the first Easter. His new life means we can have new life.

Can you tell each other the Easter story with the four eggs?

We'd love to see photos of your brownies.

And.... Let's celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection this Easter.

Happy Easter!