

IFM Easter Lesson preview

Students: We have something special planned for this Friday! There's no "lesson" to post for you in advance, but it might be helpful to know the following vocabulary and understand the lesson summary.

Vocabulary (you can look up any words you do not know):

Anglo-Saxon

bunny

chicken

colonial

cow

covenant

demon-possessed

desperate

dove

downward spiral

Easter

Easter Eggs



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encouraged

faith

fertility

forbidden

Good Friday (the Friday before Easter Sunday)

ham

Hebrew

humanity (& humans)

to hunt

jelly beans

lamb

Lent (the 40-day period of time before Easter)

lily



loyalty

magic

marshmallows

mend

partner

Pentecost (holiday about 40 days after Easter)

pretzel

resurrection (to resurrect is to return to life after being dead)

sacrifice

testing (esp., a time of moral testing)

wisdom

Lesson Summary (look up any terms you don't know)

The story of Easter is about a covenant that people broke, and then Jesus mended. The Bible explains this covenant in many ways. God made humanity in his own image. He made a covenant (promise) to take care of us if we submit to him as Creator and King. He wanted us (all people) to rule his world in partnership with him. But people have always wanted to rule their own lives, without partnership with their Creator. Our disobedience broke the covenant. But Easter celebrates how Jesus mended the covenant. He did this by "passing the ultimate test" and giving up his life for the sins (rebellion) of people. Then God raised Jesus from the dead! This sacrifice restores the covenant for all who follow Jesus by faith. This is important because there is a desire deep inside most people to bless others; the restored covenant helps us "pass" our moral tests, to grow and change, and to bless others.

If you want to see another introduction to Easter, check out: [http://www.kriqline.com/easter ht.htm](http://www.kriqline.com/easter_ht.htm)