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Easter at Home: Jelly Bean Poem

It's simple to share the truth of Easter with your kids using jelly beans. Read the poem below and then select one jelly bean of each color to use during your discussion. The kids can eat the jelly beans after the activity.

*Red is for the blood He gave. Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright. Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we made. White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for the hours of sorrow. Pink is for a new tomorrow.*

You'll Need:

Bible

Bag of multicolored jelly beans that includes red, green, yellow, orange, black, white, purple, and pink

What To Do

Red: Read 1 John 1:7. Explain to your kids, "When Jesus was on the cross, the nails made Him bleed." Then sing "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" with them and thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins.

Green: Read Psalm 23:2. Say, "God wants us to enjoy His beautiful creation." Discuss some of your favorite parts of creation with the kids (include each child by name as some of God's special creations). You can also discuss different locations in the Easter story (e.g., the tomb, the garden of Gethsemane, and Calvary).

Yellow: Read Mark 16:2. Discuss with your kids the importance of the sun—it helps grow food, it gives light, and it changes the seasons. Say, "Jesus' friends went to the tomb before sunrise on Sunday morning and found the stone rolled away."

Orange: Read Psalm 104:19. Ask, "What colors do you see in a sunset? What colors are your favorites?" Then say, "From sunrise to sunset and from sunset to sunrise, we can celebrate Jesus' resurrection."

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Black: Read Romans 3:23. Create a list of “bad sins” and a list of “not-so-bad sins” and compare the two with the kids. Explain, “We may view sins differently, and the consequences may be different too. But any single sin separates us from God, even the not-so-bad ones. We all need God’s help!”

White: Read Isaiah 1:18. Say, “Even though our hearts are dirty from sin, Jesus can wash us white as snow with forgiveness.” Refer to how people wash their hands with soap before each meal to get clean. Then say, “When Jesus forgives us, we are perfectly clean. Grace is when God gives us what we do not deserve—forgiveness.”

Purple: Read Mark 15:17. Explain, “Purple is the color of royalty. Jesus is truly the King of kings, but the soldiers mocked Him. They put a purple robe on Jesus and laughed at Him. They also twisted a crown of thorns and placed it on His head to make fun of Him.” Then ask, “How do you think He felt?”

Pink: Read Lamentations 3:22–23 and Galatians 2:20. Tell your kids, “Every new day brings God’s great and faithful love toward us. When you give your life to Jesus, your new life in Him is a new day. Christians are new creations in Christ.”

After you have walked through this activity with your family, you can share it with a friend! Just put a copy of the poem and one jelly bean of each color in a goodie bag. Then you can hand it out to friends and neighbors and invite them to Easter at Bellevue!



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