

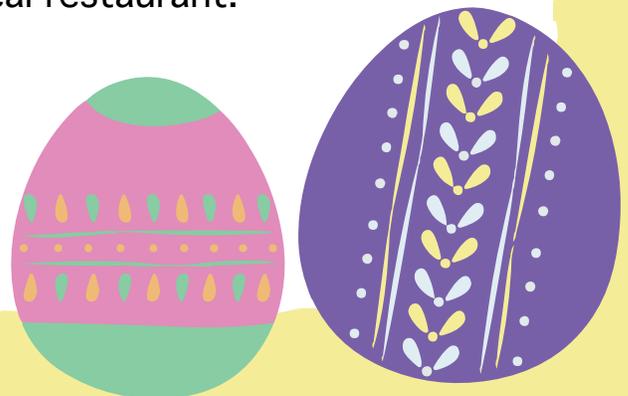
# EASTER PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

## “FINDING EASTER, NOT JUST EASTER EGGS”

During this unique Easter season, Centre Church, State College Alliance Church, and State College Evangelical Free Church invite you to join us in a search for the meaning of Easter as we explore the life of Jesus together. Grab your Bible and your smartphone or camera then read through the “clues” below to explore seven different stages of Jesus’ life and ministry. For each, find a fun, creative way to take a “family selfie”, either spread out throughout the week or all together.

If you want, post your selfies on the Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt Facebook Page ([facebook.com/events/229208968210945/](https://facebook.com/events/229208968210945/)) or post on your own feed with hashtag [#scfindingeaster](https://twitter.com/scfindingeaster). Three lucky families who have posted pictures for all seven tasks by 5pm on Monday, April 13th will receive a prize -- a gift certificate for takeout or delivery from a local restaurant.

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# CLUE 1

## BIRTH - LUKE 2:1-14

This story begins in a different way  
The Baby Jesus was sleeping on Hay  
He was the Messiah, God's Only Son  
But His journey began as a quiet, humble one...

**Take a family selfie with some sort of nativity scene.**

This could be your family nativity from Christmas, a Lego manger with your stuffed animals, or a live nativity with costumes, pets, or anything else. Be creative and have fun! Think about what it meant that Jesus wasn't born rich or mighty, but as a humble baby, just like us. Talk about why that is important to us as we follow Him.

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# CLUE 2

## BAPTISM - MATTHEW 3:13-17

As He grew, he gained respect from God and man  
And His calling to save us, He began to understand  
He declared He came to set the captives free  
And was baptized by John to begin that journey.

**Find a place outside with water in your yard or neighborhood, and take a family selfie.**

Bonus for bringing a doll, stuffed animal, or action figure along to represent Jesus' baptism! Take some time to think about what happened when Jesus was baptized, how God spoke from heaven and what John said about him.

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# CLUE 3

## MINISTRY - MATTHEW 4:18-25

Jesus began to teach all the people  
They'd come to hear him, no building or steeple  
He'd talk in the mountains and down by the sea  
And to those who would listen,  
He'd say "Come, follow me!"

Jesus went to many places where people were to teach them about God's love and take care of their needs. If Jesus were here today, where do you think he would spend his time teaching and caring for people?

**Take a family selfie in the place you thought of or draw a picture together as a family.** Explain in your post why you picked that place.

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# CLUE 4

## MIRACLES

Many people came to Jesus in need  
Some sick and some lame, some broken indeed  
And often Jesus would heal, touch or feed  
News of Him spread around Israel with speed.

Jesus performed dozens of different miracles recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. You can find many of them in Matthew 9, Matthew 14, Mark 1, and Luke 8. Read through some of the stories of the miracles Jesus did and pick your favorite as a family.

**Then think of some creative way you can re-enact the story with costumes, playdough, legos, or drawing. Post your family selfie with the question “Who can guess what miracle of Jesus this is?”**

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# CLUE 5

## LAST SUPPER - MATTHEW 26:17-30

But some of the people did not like God's Son  
And started a plan to get rid of the One  
So Jesus gathered his friends for a Passover meal  
And shared what would happen;  
it seemed so unreal.

During the Last Supper, Jesus explained that he would die and rise again, but the disciples didn't understand his words. It was here that Jesus first described communion – the bread representing his body and the juice representing his blood.

**Take a family selfie enjoying a meal together just like the disciples did with Jesus.** Find a creative way to have 12 friends at your table using pictures, dolls, stuffed animals, etc. and even stage yourself like the famous da Vinci painting if you want!

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# CLUE 6

## CRUCIFIXION - MATTHEW 27:32-56

Betrayed by a friend, Jesus was arrested  
He was tried by a court and his death was requested  
On that saddest of days, our Savior did die  
But within that dark moment, our salvation did lie.

When Jesus died on the cross, his disciples and his friends lost all hope. But God had a bigger plan. A beautiful plan that was way bigger than they could see in that moment. We remember the cross as a place of suffering but also as a place of hope for all eternity.

**Find a cross in your house or make one with sticks in the yard then take your family selfie.**  
Use this opportunity to share the hope we have in Jesus because of the cross.

\*Parents, this can be a difficult and scary passage for kids, especially younger ones. Use whatever resources like a kids picture Bible or just your own words to share of the cross in an age-appropriate way.

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# CLUE 7

## RESURRECTION - LUKE 24:1-12

Some may think that our story is done.  
But they would be wrong! It has only begun!  
For after 3 days, Jesus rose from the dead  
To give us New Life forever...just as He said!

Our greatest hope comes in knowing that we will  
get to spend all of eternity with Jesus and with  
all who follow him! We don't have to be slaves  
to sin. Jesus can help us to live with joy and life  
now. That is what Easter is all about!

**Find something in your house, yard, or  
neighborhood that gives your family GREAT JOY  
and take your family selfie there.** Make sure you  
smile your biggest smiles and share your joy in  
your photo post!

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# HAPPY EASTER

## HE IS RISEN!

Thank you families for participating in the Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt!

I hope this has been a rich time for you and your kids as you explored the life of Jesus through the Easter season. We encourage you to celebrate Easter Sunday as best as you can under the circumstances. All are welcome at online services being hosted by [Centre Church](#), [State College Alliance Church](#), and [State College EFree Church](#). And never lose sight of Jesus' promise in John 16:33:

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

\*Clues adapted from [refocusministry.org](http://refocusministry.org)

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