

# DSCS FAITH IN THE FAMILY

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## Why Do We Color Eggs at Easter?

### MARY MAGDALENE AND THE RED EGG

A LONG TIME AGO, ON THE VERY FIRST EASTER MORNING, MARY MAGDALENE WENT TO VISIT JESUS' TOMB. SHE WASN'T ALONE—OTHER WOMEN CAME WITH HER TOO. MARY BROUGHT A BASKET OF HARD-BOILED EGGS SO THEY COULD HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT AFTER THEIR JOURNEY.

BUT WHEN THEY GOT THERE, SOMETHING AMAZING HAPPENED!

THERE WAS A BIG EARTHQUAKE, AND AN ANGEL APPEARED WITH WONDERFUL NEWS: JESUS WAS NOT IN THE TOMB—HE HAD RISEN! SOON AFTER, MARY EVEN SAW JESUS ALIVE. SHE WAS SO EXCITED AND AMAZED THAT SHE FORGOT ALL ABOUT HER BREAKFAST AND RAN TO TELL THE OTHERS.

AS SHE PICKED UP HER BASKET, SHE NOTICED SOMETHING STRANGE. THE PLAIN WHITE EGGS SHE HAD BROUGHT WERE NO LONGER WHITE—THEY HAD TURNED INTO BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL COLORS! IT FELT LIKE A SPECIAL SIGN OF JOY AND NEW LIFE.

LATER, THE STORY SAYS THAT MARY TRAVELED FAR AWAY TO THE CITY OF ROME. THERE, SHE SPOKE TO THE EMPEROR, A VERY IMPORTANT RULER NAMED TIBERIUS CAESAR. SHE TOLD HIM ALL ABOUT JESUS—HOW HE HAD DIED AND THEN CAME BACK TO LIFE.

THE EMPEROR DIDN'T BELIEVE HER. HE LAUGHED AND SAID, "THAT'S AS IMPOSSIBLE AS THIS EGG TURNING RED IN YOUR HAND!"

MARY GENTLY HELD UP AN EGG AND SAID A PRAYER. SUDDENLY, THE EGG TURNED A BRIGHT, GLOWING RED RIGHT BEFORE EVERYONE'S EYES!

THE EMPEROR WAS SHOCKED. AND FROM THAT DAY ON, THE RED EGG BECAME A SPECIAL SYMBOL TO REMIND PEOPLE OF JESUS' RESURRECTION AND THE JOY OF EASTER.

EVEN TODAY, MANY PEOPLE COLOR EGGS—ESPECIALLY RED ONES—TO REMEMBER THIS WONDERFUL STORY OF HOPE, NEW LIFE, AND MIRACLES.

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**HE IS RISEN**

*Easter Blessings*



At DSCS all of our classrooms focus on the Catholic Social Teaching Principles. We would like to highlight one this issue.

## Catholic Social Teaching Principle: Life & Dignity of the Human Person

The Catholic Church proclaims that all human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society.



Teach your children how to love others by learning more about REAL love vs. PIZZA love!



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### The "Love Like Jesus" Checklist

How to treat people with human dignity:

- ♥ Be the First to Say Hello: Don't wait for others to come to you. Reach out to the kid who is sitting alone or looks different.
- ♥ Ask for Help: Jesus asked for a drink of water! Asking someone for help shows them that they are important and have something special to give.
- ♥ Learn and Use Names: Everyone loves hearing their own name. It shows you really see them as a friend, not just "that kid."
- ♥ Invite Them to Sit With You: Jesus loved eating with people who felt left out. Ask someone new to sit at your lunch table or play at recess.
- ♥ Look at the Heart, Not the Mistakes: If someone makes a mistake or has a "bad reputation," look past that. See the good person inside instead.
- ♥ Be a Shield: If people are being mean or "throwing stones" with their words, stand up for the person being teased. Help them feel safe.
- ♥ Give a Second Chance: Jesus didn't stay mad at people's pasts. He gave them a "fresh start" and cheered them on to do better.

# Legend of the Dogwood

A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN JESUS LIVED ON EARTH, THERE WAS A BEAUTIFUL DOGWOOD TREE. BACK THEN, THE DOGWOOD WAS VERY TALL AND STRONG, WITH THICK BRANCHES AND STURDY WOOD.

ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, WHEN JESUS WAS GOING TO BE CRUCIFIED, THE PEOPLE USED WOOD FROM A DOGWOOD TREE TO MAKE THE CROSS. THE TREE FELT VERY SAD THAT IT HAD BEEN USED IN SUCH A PAINFUL WAY.

AFTER JESUS DIED, GOD SAW HOW SAD THE DOGWOOD TREE WAS. HE LOVED THE TREE AND WANTED TO COMFORT IT.

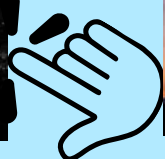
SO GOD MADE A PROMISE TO THE DOGWOOD TREE. HE SAID IT WOULD NEVER GROW TALL AND STRONG ENOUGH TO BE USED FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT AGAIN. FROM THEN ON, THE DOGWOOD TREE GREW SMALLER, WITH GENTLE, BENDING BRANCHES.

BUT GOD ALSO GAVE THE TREE A SPECIAL GIFT.

EVERY SPRING, THE DOGWOOD TREE WOULD BLOOM WITH BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS TO HELP PEOPLE REMEMBER JESUS IN A PEACEFUL AND LOVING WAY. EACH FLOWER HAS FOUR PETALS THAT LOOK LIKE A CROSS. AT THE TIPS OF THE PETALS ARE LITTLE DARK MARKS, REMINDING PEOPLE OF THE NAILS. AND IN THE CENTER, THERE IS A SMALL SHAPE THAT LOOKS LIKE A CROWN, REMINDING PEOPLE OF THE CROWN OF THORNS.

SO EVEN THOUGH THE STORY BEGINS WITH SOMETHING VERY SAD, IT ENDS WITH SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL.

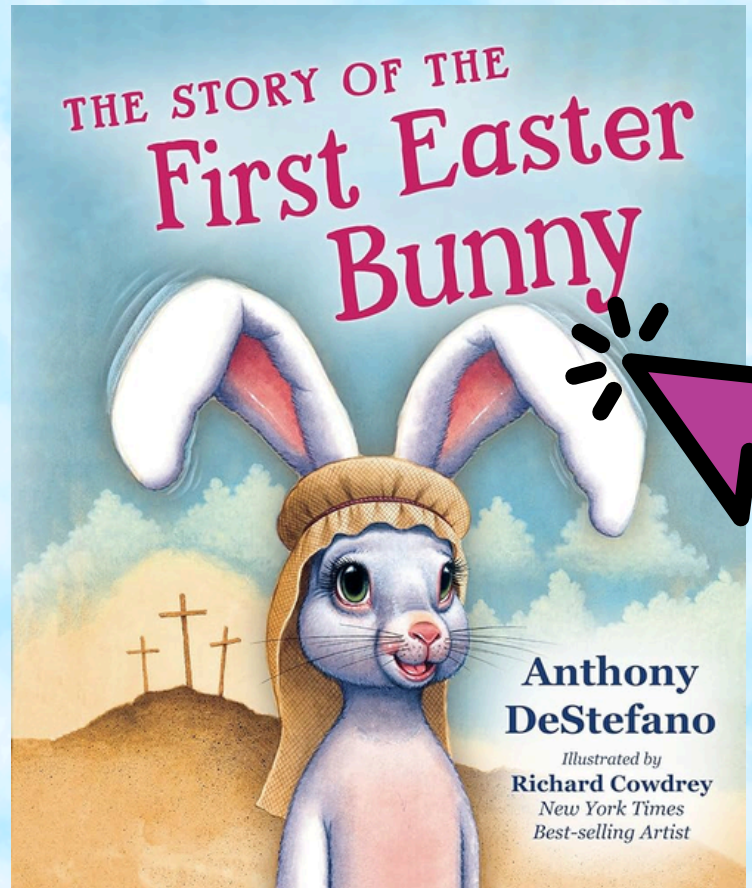
AND NOW, EVERY TIME DOGWOOD FLOWERS BLOOM IN THE SPRING, THEY REMIND US OF LOVE, KINDNESS, AND HOPE.



# THE STORY OF THE FIRST EASTER BUNNY

A little bunny with very big ears goes on a brave journey to find Jesus and ask for help for his sick mother. Along the way, he listens to Jesus' words and learns to trust God, even when he feels scared.

The bunny sees important moments like the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection. In the end, a miracle happens for him and his mother. After that, the bunny shares the message of God's love with others. The story reminds us that God is always with us, and when we trust Him, we can find hope, joy, and peace. Click on the arrow the hear the story!



## Time to Make Some Resurrection Rolls!

**Resurrection rolls are a special Easter treat that uses simple baking to illustrate the story of Jesus' resurrection. A marshmallow is wrapped in dough and baked, and when the roll is opened afterward, the marshmallow has melted away, leaving the inside empty. This represents the empty tomb on Easter morning and serves as a hands-on reminder of the resurrection story.**



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