

Creative ways your family can **CELEBRATE** the joy of Easter this year!

There's no use denying it: Easter celebrations are going to look a little different for all of us this year. But instead of worrying about what won't happen or what you can't do, maybe this is the year to start a new tradition or do something you normally wouldn't be able to. And who knows? Perhaps you'll try something this year that will become a favorite family tradition for years to come.

NOT SURE WHERE TO BEGIN? HERE ARE SOME FUN IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED:

LATE-NIGHT CHALKING MISSION

Still got some sidewalk chalk lying around? Why not dress all in black, pile into the car the night before Easter, and sneakily leave some fun "Happy Easter" messages outside the homes of a few family members or friends?

BACKYARD CAMPOUT

Do you usually love going to a sunrise service on Easter? Go all out this year. Camp out in the backyard the night before and wake up to the sunrise.

SILLY STRING WAR

Next time you make a run to the store, stock up on enough Silly String for your whole family to have a Silly String War on Easter this year in your yard or your driveway. Just be sure everyone helps clean it up afterward!

PHONE A FRIEND

Make an elaborate and ridiculous "Happy Easter" video to send to someone who might be feeling a little sad or lonely at home this Easter. Make costumes, make up a little dance routine or chant, get a little silly, and bring a smile to someone's face. If you're feeling brave, you could even do a "live performance" for them over FaceTime!

IT'S PIÑATA TIME!

Who says piñatas are only for birthday parties? Did you know you can find Easter-themed piñatas in some stores? And even if it's not Easter-themed, is anyone in your family gonna complain if you fill it with candy or toys (or even some loose change or \$1 bills)?



CELEBRATE YOUR HERITAGE

Did you know in Poland some people celebrate Easter by having a giant water fight? In Bermuda, they fly kites. In Greece, people throw clay pots off their balconies. Any of those things sound like fun, and nobody is gonna be mad if you steal their tradition this year. Of course, you could always research interesting Easter traditions from your own heritage and do that, too.

GLOW-IN-THE DARK EGG HUNT

All it takes is a cheap, bendable glowstick inside a plastic Easter egg to make it glow in the dark! Do an egg hunt in the dark this year! Don't have any glowsticks? It's just as fun to search for them in the dark with flashlights! (And while you're at it, most kids love playing hide and go seek in the dark with flashlights, too!)

TRY A NEW FOOD

Maybe it's important to you to try to eat the same traditional foods on Easter that you normally do. But if it's not, have you thought about trying something totally new and out of the box? This is the one year you can eat whatever your own family feels like eating, without Grandma or Uncle Dave making you feel guilty for not having the traditional family meal. Survey your family to see what they might like to try!

FUN WITH EGGS

Have you ever played Egg Roulette? Head to YouTube and search "egg roulette Jimmy Fallon" to learn how. Need a tamer version? How about an old-fashioned egg toss? Or a quick Google search for "confetti eggs" is another tamer version.

EASTER ROCKS

Not sure you can justify using eggs for anything but breakfast right now? How about painting Easter rocks instead? Have some fun painting colorful rocks. You could even write fun or encouraging things on them and hide them around your neighborhood if you want.

FAMILY PHOTO

Of course what's Easter without a cute family photo? Don't forget to document your day and new traditions. And don't forgo the family photo this year. You'll be glad to have those photos in the years to come when you remember how your family spent this very odd day together during a very strange time in history.

