

Celebrating Easter

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 25**.

During the Easter season, we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. We rejoice and sing Alleluia because Jesus is risen from the dead.

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The Easter season begins with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and ends 50 days later on Pentecost.

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After Jesus died and was buried, the disciples remained together behind locked doors. They were frightened that the people who killed Jesus would come looking for them.

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Jesus appeared to the disciples and greeted them by saying, "Peace be with you." Just like the early disciples, we have received Jesus' gift of peace.

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Jesus is called the Lamb, which symbolizes the great sacrifice he made for us by dying on the cross.

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During the Easter season, we hear Scripture readings about Jesus' Resurrection. We also hear about Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, and we hear about the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus' disciples on Pentecost.

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During the Easter season, we see a white altar cloth, and the priest wears white or gold vestments. White symbolizes the joy of the Resurrection. On Pentecost a red altar cloth reminds us of the Holy Spirit.

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The Paschal Candle, which reminds of us of Christ's light among us, remains lit in the sanctuary during each Mass throughout Pentecost.

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Through the Resurrection, God revealed that the power of his love is stronger than the power of sin.

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