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Aims to resolve the dilemma many parents have as they attempt to reconcile their religious faith with the secular celebration of Easter. This title is suitable for children of ages 18 months to 3 years.

What Is Easter? Details

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Erin says

Not a super deep book, but safe add for an Easter basket. I appreciate that this book gently questions what Easter is about without bashing all the "Easter activities" that surround the holiday. All in all the message is: egg hunts and dressing up are fun (and ok to do) but it's really all about God's son.

Kathie says

A great book my granddaughter and I read together. Fun pictures.

Kimberly says

An Easter board book with fun illustrations and holds the kids attention. They loved it, and so did I.

Rhonda Davis, Ph.D., CCC-SLP says

I bought this book years ago when my eldest was just a baby. I read this board book until I had it memorized! Both of my daughters thoroughly enjoy the book. The poem has great rhythm and rhyme. I appreciate that it is not repetitive. Asking a series of questions in first person was clever. It drew my daughters into the book. Sometimes in board books, illustrations do not match the story. This story and illustrations match perfectly. The soft watercolors are highlighted with pencil lines with soft edges. Attention was given to having a variety of clear facial expressions. This is important in young, preschool literature. They need to feel connected.

One other aspect I like about the illustrations is the care given to have a variety of ethnic skin tones and features in the book. There are no "token" children. Rather, all of God's children are represented throughout the book. The drawings are tastefully done to not draw attention to itself but remind preschoolers God loves all children.

As a Speech Language Pathologist, and as a homeschool mom, I am always looking for quality books with not only good stories, but stories which lend themselves for spin off topics. This way, I can engage my child in tangential learning. For example, Michelle Medlock Adams mentions eggs and chocolate on the same page. After reading the book several times, I drew attention to the different foods and had a mini-language lesson: categorizing food, healthy vs. unhealthy, etc. The book is also tied to many American Easter traditions such as new clothes, egg hunts, and parades. Each of these lend themselves well for discussing their recalled life experiences. It gives them practice in telling stories. Oral story telling is a critical precursor to writing development.

We recently culled our bookshelves removing books to give away. This makes room for new books. We also have a set of "forever" books. These books are kept for my daughters to enjoy again with their future children. This book made the forever collection.

Lorri says

Great book to introduce kids about the real meaning of Easter.

Sheri says

While the poetry is catchy and the message a good one (eggs and bunnies are great, but Easter is about Jesus' resurrection), some of the rhymes were pretty forced-sounding, and the topic is strange for a board book. I'm not sure the board book set (in my experience limited to toddlers under age 3) is really going to grasp the meaning of "He had to die upon a tree / to save us from our sin." (Especially since the illustration shows an actual tree in the foreground and the crosses far off in the distance.)

Karen says

Ellie read to us..krb 3/16/16

Joy says

I picked this up from Wal-Mart at Easter because I wanted to get the girls a nice Easter board book. I like it. They like it. It rhymes and there aren't a lot of words on a page so they don't get bored waiting for me to turn the page. The illustrations are nice too. And I like the content.

Jaime says

Cute & fun little board book for toddlers. Great easter gift!
