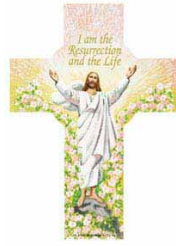


# FAMILY AND EASTER



## Easter Day

Christ the Lord is risen today!  
Angels rolled the stone away  
From the tomb wherein He lay!

Little Children, come and sing,  
“Glory, glory to the King,  
Christ the Lord of everything!”

## Jesus Jelly Bean Bags



Place jelly beans in a snack size ziplock bag and attach the following prayer:

**Red** is for the blood He gave.

**Green** is for the grass He made.

**Yellow** is for the sun so bright.

**Orange** is for the edge of night.

**Black** is for the sins that were made.

**White** is for the grace He gave.

**Purple** is for the hour of sorrow.

**Pink** is for the new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans,

Colorful and sweet,

Is a Prayer...is a Promise... Is an Easter treat!

## EASTER – APRIL 4, 2010

Easter is the most important feast of the Christian year—so important that the Church sets aside a seven-week season to rejoice in Christ’s victory over sin and death.

How can a family sustain “Easter spirit” of celebration all the way to Pentecost? Here are some ways to celebrate. Pick a few ideas that seem right for you. You’ll be rejoicing long after the last jelly bean is gone!

1. Use a special candle at family meals to recall the light of Christ.
2. Every day, read together from the Easter story: Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21.
3. Plan fun family activities—one for every week of Easter.
4. Put up a sign or banner that proclaims, “He is risen!”
5. Add an “alleluia” song—or three alleluias—to your grace before meals.
6. Make a poster of a life-giving cross. Add paper flowers and leaves to it throughout Easter.
7. Celebrate new life by doing something as a family to support unborn children and their parents.
8. Keep fresh flowers around.
9. Use the old Easter greeting and response: “Christ is risen! – He is risen indeed!”
10. Visit a lonely neighbor or do some other family act of kindness to express thanks for the resurrection.