

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Good Friday. It commemorates the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. The day always falls between March 19 and April 22 and heralds the Easter Triduum; Good Friday, Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

## EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is considered the most important Christian holiday. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter season lasts 50 days, from Easter Sunday which marks the end of lent until Pentecost.

Easter is a movable feast, meaning the date can change. It is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring!  
(the vernal equinox)

## EVERYTHING EASTER

Lent is the forty day period leading up to the holiday of Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the Saturday before Easter.

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and prayer and commemorates the death of Christ.

Hares and rabbits are the most fertile animals known thus they serve as symbols of new life during the spring. The tradition of using a rabbit or "bunny" as an Easter symbol began in Germany.

The egg has long been a symbol of fertility and rebirth, hence the Easter egg. And what's an egg without a chicken? Easter chicks were a logical choice as an additional symbol of the season.

The date of Easter is always different. It is the first Sunday after the full moon of the spring equinox; sometime between March 22 and April 25.

## MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

Brussel Sprouts and Cabbage Month

Couple Appreciation Month

Cranberries and Gooseberries Month

Fresh Florida Tomatoes Month

Frog Month

National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Month

Holy Humor Month

International Guitar Month

Jazz Appreciation Month

Keep America Beautiful Month

National Kite month

National Occupational Therapy Month

National Pecan Month

National Pet Month

National Poetry Month

Straw Hat Month

Amateur Radio month

Grange Month

National Card and Letter Writing Month

National Garden Month

## WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

National Volunteers Week	April 1-7
Golden Rule Week	April 1-7
Mule Week	April 1-7
Bat Appreciation Week	April 7-13
Consider Christianity Week	April 7-13
American Indian Awareness Week	April 7-13
Holy Week	April 14-20
World Irish Dancing Week	April 14-21
National Park Week	April 20-28
Passover	April 20-27
National Cain Week	April 21-27
National Princess Week	April 21-27
Sky Awareness Week	April 21-27
World Hula Week	April 21-27
Fiddler's Frolic	April 25-28
Fancy Mouse & Rat Week	April 26-28
Weekend of Prayer	April 27-28

## DAILY CELEBRATIONS

Sweet tater Day	April 1
National Fun Day	April 1
National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day	April 2
Find a Rainbow Day	April 3
National Walking Day	April 3
National Burrito Day	April 4
World Rat Day	April 4
National Deep Dish Pizza Day	April 5
Charlie the Tuna Day	April 6
Hostess Twinkie Day	April 6
International Beaver Day	April 7
National Beer Day	April 7
National be Kind to Lawyers Day	April 9
Safety Pin Day	April 10
Barbershop Quartet Day	April 11
National Pie Days	April 11-13
Drop Everything and Read Day	April 12

National Day of Silence	April 12
National Dolphin Day	April 12
Palm Sunday	April 14
McDonald's Day	April 15
World Art Day	April 16
Save the Elephant Day	April 16
Good Friday	April 19
National Garlic Day	April 19
World Marbles Day	April 19
Bulldogs are Beautiful Day	April 21
EASTER	April 21
Queen's Birthday (actual day)	April 21
National Jelly Bean Day	April 22
English Muffin Day	April 23
World Penguin Day	April 25
National Pretzel Day	April 26
Babe Ruth Day	April 27
Bugs Bunny Day	April 30
National Raisin Day	April 30

## CELEBRATING BATS

National Bat Week is April 7<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Why do we celebrate bats? We celebrate because bats contribute to our survival and our good health !

Bats pollinate over 800 species of plants around the world including 300 species of fruit, 450 commercial crops, and 80 medicinal plants.

95% of rain forest regrowth comes from seeds spread by fruit bats.

Scientists estimate that bats save farmers over 20 billion dollar a year in pest control alone. One bat can eat 6,000 mosquitoes in one night and that's a lot of mosquito bites !

Bats are the only mammals that fly. There are 1300 species of bats one of which has been clocked flying at 100 mph! Bats have one "pup" a year and live 24 to 40 years.

The study of bats and their unique skills has aided in the development of airplanes and self-driving cars.

## ARROWWOOD REFUGE

Arrowwood Refuge is a national bird refuge 20 miles north of Jamestown. It is an area of 16,000 acres with lakes, marshes, wooded coulees, and cultivated fields that is home to birds and wildlife alike. Founded in 1935 it is a breeding ground for migratory birds and is the site of national birding activities each year.

## JAMESTOWN RESERVOIR

Jamestown Reservoir is 2,492 acres of water surface. It has a 45 mile shoreline with two campgrounds, 7 boat launches, 7 picnic shelters, and 3 miles of hard surfaced trails for walking or biking. It also sports a world class disc golf course and, of course, good fishing and boating.



## NORTH DAKOTA WINE

You don't need to travel to CA. Napa Valley to enjoy good wine. You could easily journey to Carrington or Casselton or maybe Lisbon and enjoy good North Dakota wine!

N.D. was the last state in the union to have a winery. The state now boasts 7 vineyards and wineries. They are;

- Bear Creek Winery, Fargo
- Dakota Hills Winery, Knox
- Dakota Sun Gardens, Carrington
- Maple River Winery, Casselton
- Pointe of View Winery, Burlington
- Prairiewood Winery, Lisbon
- Vintner's Cellar, Bismarck

All vineyards and wineries provide tours.

## DID YOU KNOW ??

April 4, 1802, congress adopted the US flag with 13 stripes and one star for each state.

April 6, 1917, the U.S. declared war on Germany.

April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant, ending the Civil War.

April 12, 1961, Soviet astronaut, Yuri Gagarin became the first person to orbit the Earth.

April 15, 1783, the Revolutionary War ended and the Titanic sunk on April 15, 1912.

April 18, 1906 the San Francisco earthquake and fire began.

April 23, 1896 was the first public showing of a motion picture (In New York).

April 30, 1939 television was first publicly broadcast from the Empire State Building.

April 30, 1975, the Viet Nam war ended when South Vietnam surrendered.

## WHAT'S A PEEP ??

Peeps are yellow marshmallow chicks that are made of sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin. They are THE candy of Easter. According to a Peep enthusiast you can "... eat 'em, smash 'em, microwave 'em, freeze 'em, deep fry 'em, and roast 'em on a stick."

Peeps celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

They are made in a plant north of Philadelphia that was started by a Russian immigrant named Sam Born. He called his plant Just Born. The first Peeps were squeezed by hand from a pastry bag. Things have changed. The plant, still called Just Born, now produces 5 million Peeps a day!

## SO WHAT ABOUT JELLY BEANS?

Jelly beans are believed to be a combination of a middle eastern treat called Turkish Delight, that has been around for thousands of years, and a hard candy shell that was developed in the 1600s. The

earliest reference to “jelly beans” is associated with a Boston candy maker, William Schraft, who urged people to send his “jelly beans” to the Union soldiers fighting the Civil War. They became wide spread throughout America by the early 1900s.

People threw jelly beans at the Beatles, because they believed the Beatles liked jelly beans, and President Reagan kept jelly beans on his desk. The blueberry jelly bean was developed just for President Reagan.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is national jelly bean day!! Eat a bean!

“A bird came down the walk. He did not know I saw.  
He bit an angle worm in halves and ate the fellow raw!  
And then he drank a dew, from a convenient grass  
And then hopped sideways to the wall to let a beetle pass.

Emily Dickinson

The first of April, some do say,  
Is set aside for All Fools Day.  
But why the people call it so,  
Not I, nor they themselves, do know!

April again! The willow wands are yellow  
Rose red the brambles that the passing wind  
knows  
Comes a robin's note like the note of a cello  
And across the valley, the calling of crows.

Virna Sheard

If your birthday is between April 1 and April 19, you are  
an Aries. If it is April 20 to April 30, you are a Taurus.

Where did April get its name? Some believe it is taken from the Latin word "aperire" that means "to open". Others believe the month is named after the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite.

The birthstone is a diamond. Diamonds are billions of years old. The early Greeks believed them to be the tears of gods. They are the toughest material on earth.

"April cold and dropping rain  
Willows and lilacs bring again.  
The whistle of returning birds,  
And trumpet lowing of the herds."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## ARBOR DAY



Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday in April. The holiday first began in Nebraska through the efforts of a newspaper publisher, Julius Morton. The first Arbor Day was celebrated April 10, 1872.

Arbor Day is a day set aside for the planting of trees. It is a day celebrated in most US states and most provinces of Canada.

## WHAT IS PASSOVER ?

Passover is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the exodus of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. It is ultimately a celebration of freedom that has nothing to do with the Christian celebration of Easter.

Passover took place before the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The main figure of Passover is Moses. The two celebrations, Easter and Passover have become entwined because the word "PASCH", originally meaning Passover came to mean Easter as well.

Passover is observed for 7 days. The main event of the celebration is the festival meal known as the seder. Because the Jews fled Egypt in a hurry, they could not wait for bread to rise so they ate unleavened bread. To prepare for Passover, every corner of the house is cleaned and all leavened products removed, breads, pastas, etc. Symbolic foods are prepared for the seder including hard boiled eggs, bitter herbs (horseradish), sweet fruit paste, a leafy veggie like lettuce, shank bones, salt water and wine.



## APRIL THROUGH HISTORY

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
3	1860	The Pony Express began
3	1995	Sandra Day O'Connor becomes supreme court judge
4	1887	First woman mayor elected (Kansas)
4	1949	NATO was formed
4	1968	Martin Luther King shot and killed
6	1917	The US entered World War I
8	1913	The 17 <sup>th</sup> amendment passed; election of senators
9	1865	The US Civil War ended
10	1945	Buchenwald concentration camp was liberated
11	1968	Pres. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act
12	1861	The US Civil War began
12	1969	Russian cosmonaut became first man in space
14	1865	Pres. Lincoln is shot and mortally wounded
15	1912	The Titanic sank killing over 1,500 passengers
18	1775	Paul Revere's midnight ride
18	1906	The San Francisco earthquake killed 4,0000
19	1775	The "shot heard around the world" started Civil W
19,	1995	A bomb explosion destroyed the Federal Bidg. In

## Oklahoma City

- 20 1999 The Littleton, Co. school shooting killed 13 children
- 22 1864 "In God We Trust" was added to US coins
- 24 1800 The Library of Congress was established  
This library houses over 145 million items with over  
10,000 new items added each DAY !
- 25 1967 The first law to legalize abortion was signed (CO)
- 30 1967 Muhammad Ali was stripped of his world title for  
Refusing to be inducted into the American military

St. Stupid's Day is April 1<sup>st</sup>. The St. Stupid's day parade was founded in San Francisco with the understanding that one of the unifying bonds of society is stupidity. The parade is held annually since the 1970s and includes free lunch, flags, confetti, and costumes. Sign me up !

## WIT AND WISDOM

You never learn anything by doing it right.

If the grass is greener on the other side, you can bet the water bill is higher.

Start every day off with a smile and get it over with!

Who ever said nothing was impossible never tried slamming a revolving door.

In the end, everything we do is just everything we do.

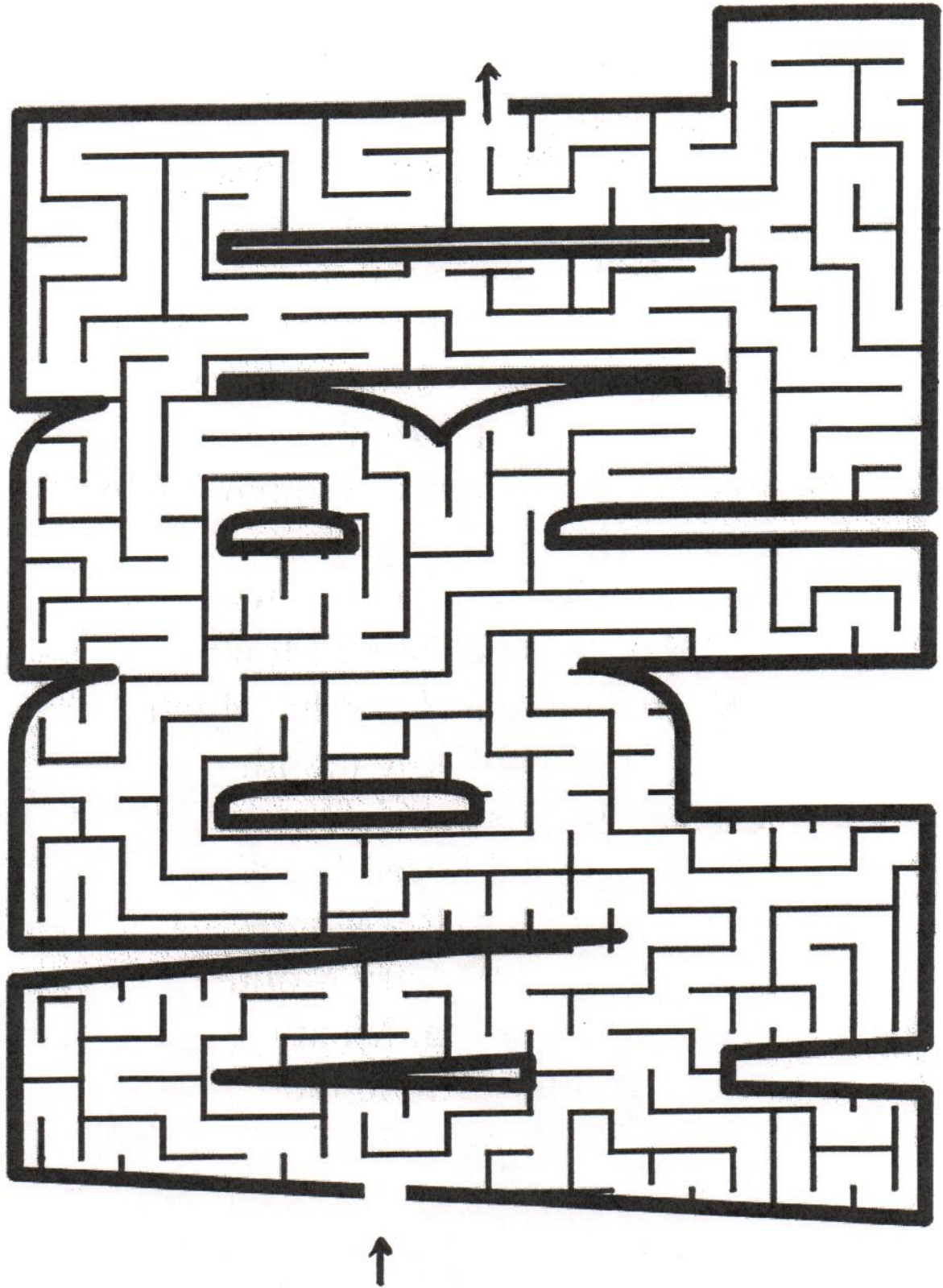
Wisdom rules until force goes crazy.

Saying you are right when you are wrong only gives you the right to be wrong.

As I grow older I pay less attention to what people say.... I just watch what they do.

For every action there is an equal and opposite government program.

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.



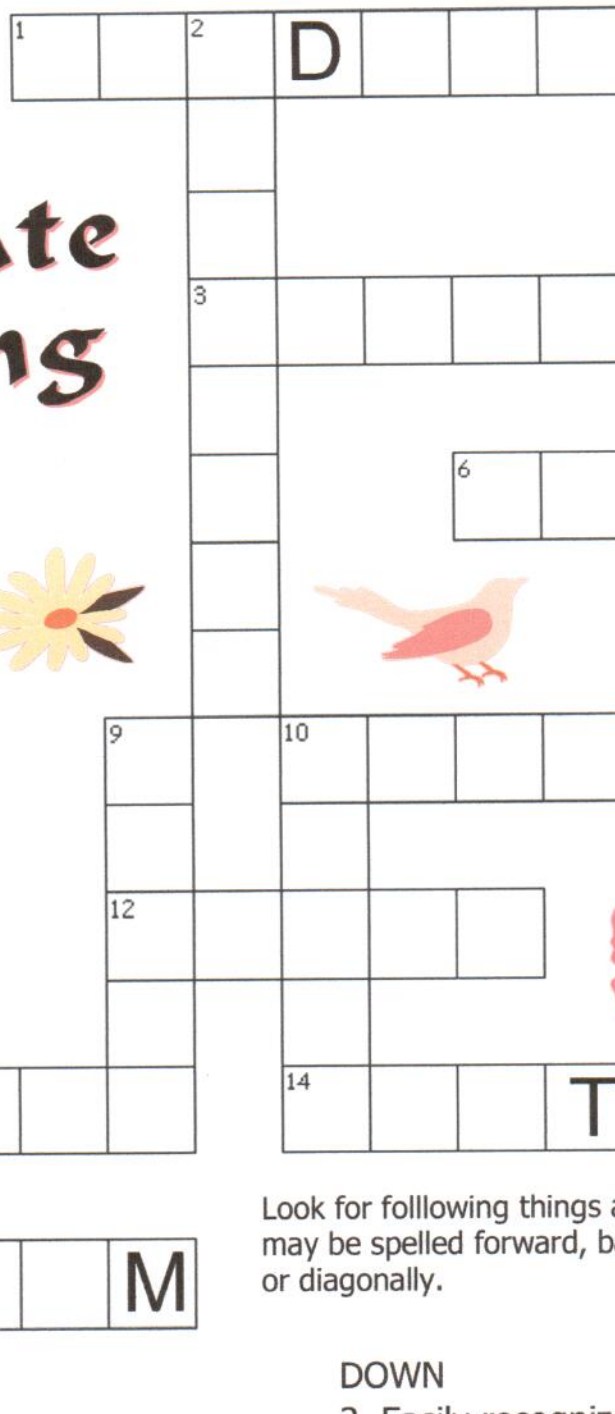
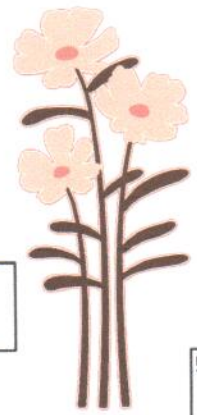
# April Word Search Puzzle

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APRIL FOOL'S DAY  
ARBOR DAY  
ARIES  
BASEBALL BEGINS  
BIRDS MIGRATE  
BLOOM  
DAISY  
DIAMOND  
EASTER

FLOWERS  
FOURTH MONTH  
GOOD FRIDAY  
PALM SUNDAY  
PASSOVER  
PLANTING  
SPRING  
SWEET PEA  
TAURUS  
WARMING UP

# Celebrate Spring



Look for following things associated with Spring. They may be spelled forward, backward, downward, upward, or diagonally.

## ACROSS

1. Pools of water that accumulate after it rains
3. Plants that usually have petals
6. Type of raincoat
10. Another name for a polliwog
11. To turn from ice into liquid
12. Planted underground and bud above ground
13. Portion of land where flowers, fruit, or vegetables are grown
14. Type of color that is light and soft rather than dark and bright
15. When flower buds open, they are in...

## DOWN

2. Easily recognized yellow flower with trumpet-shaped center
4. Arch of color seen in the sky after rain
5. The color of healthy grass
7. Toy that can be flown in the air
8. Insect with large often brightly colored wings
9. Brown bird with red in front
10. A spring-flowering plant that starts out as a bulb

Answers on last page

# Celebrate Spring

## Crossword answers

### Across

1. puddles
3. flowers
6. slicker
10. tadpole
11. melt
12. bulbs
13. garden
14. pastel
15. bloom

### Down

2. daffodil
4. rainbow
5. green
7. kite
8. butterfly
9. robin
10. tulip

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WORD SCRAMBLE

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Answers on last page

## Word Scramble #1

Birds

Bloom

Daisy

Diamond

Easter

Arbor Day

Spring

Flowers

Robin

Planting

Tulips

Daffodils

Green

## Word Scramble #2

Grass

Robins

Tulips

Daffodils

Puddles

Showers

Thunder

Green

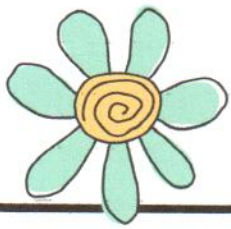
Warmth

Patio

Shade

Bugs

Sunshine



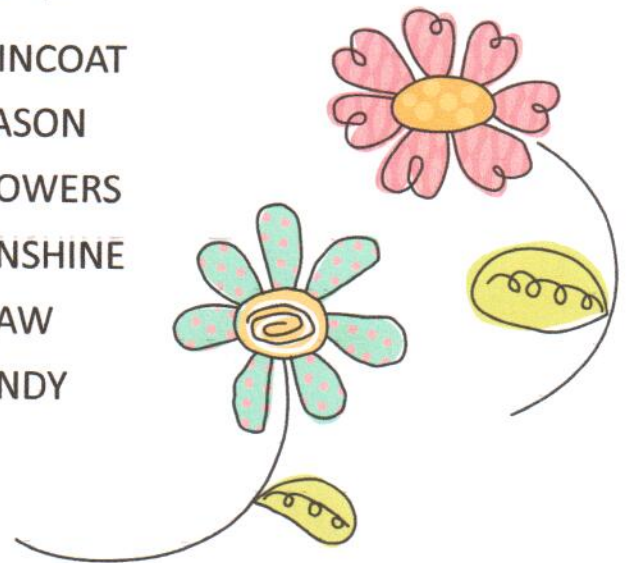
# Spring has Sprung



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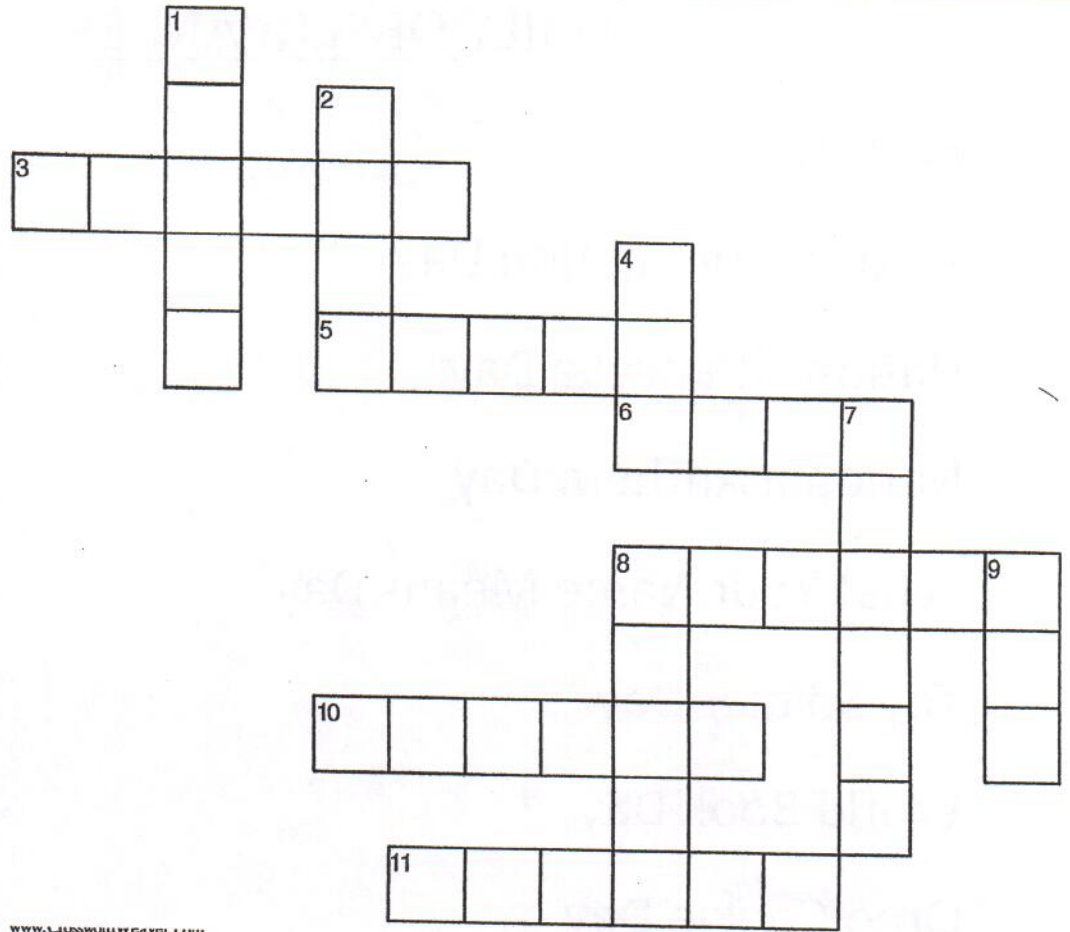
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| ■ BORN     | ■ MARCH     | ■ SUNSHINE |
| ■ BUD      | ■ PLANT     | ■ THAW     |
| ■ CLEANING | ■ POLLIWOG  | ■ WINDY    |
| ■ DUCKLING | ■ RABBIT    |            |
| ■ EGGS     | ■ RAIN      |            |



# Easter Fun

## Word Bank

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bunny  
candy  
chick  
church  
dye  
eggs  
hop  
lamb  
rabbit  
spring  
Sunday



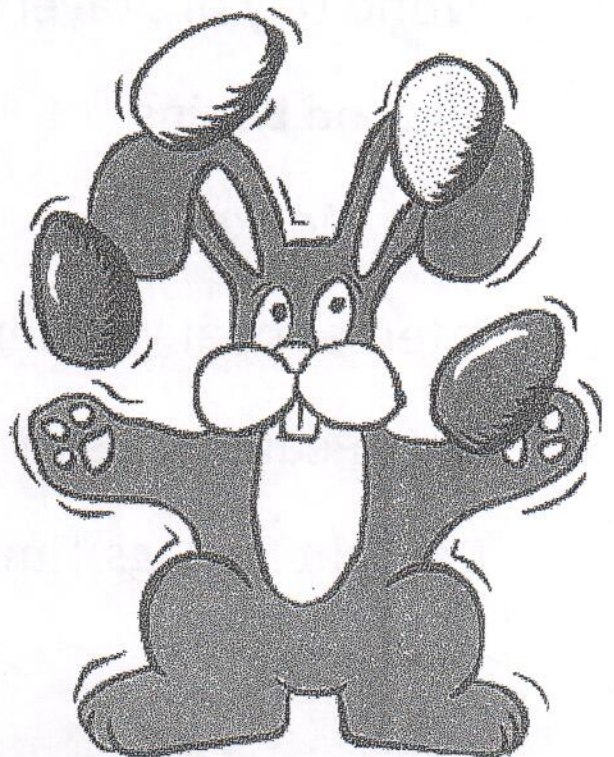
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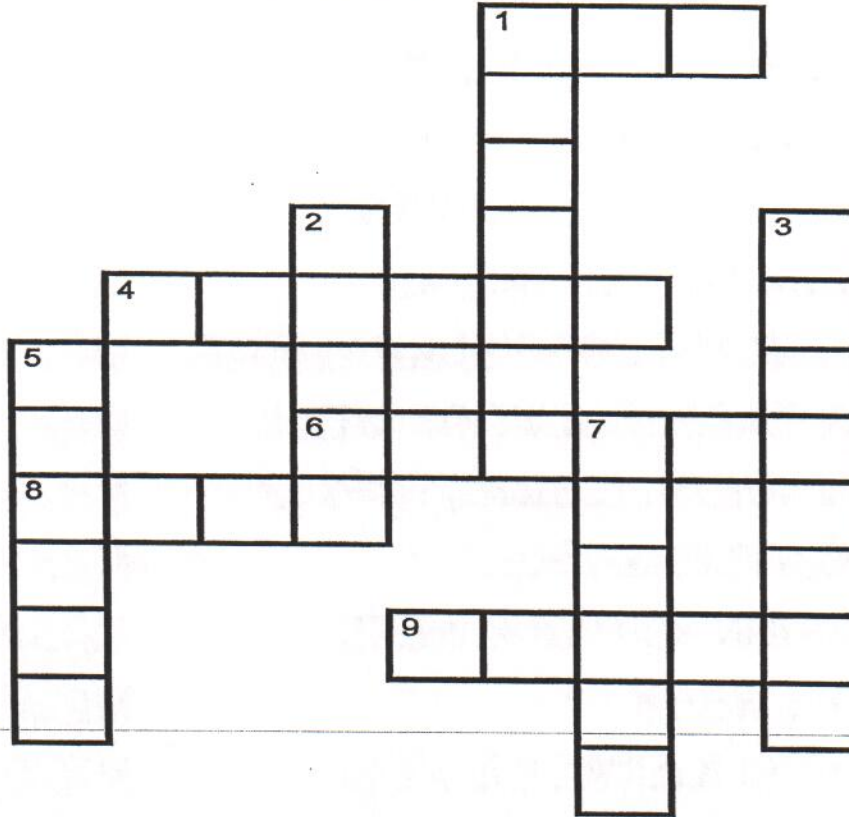
- 3 Easter always falls on this day.
- 5 The Easter \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 We decorate these.
- 8 A place many people go on Easter.
- 10 A bunny is a young \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 This is filled with eggs and candy.

## DOWN

- 1 Sweet treats.
- 2 A baby sheep.
- 4 Used to color eggs.
- 7 The season of Easter.
- 8 A baby chicken.
- 9 Bunnies don't walk; they \_\_\_\_\_.



# APRIL CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

1. April is a \_\_\_\_ month.
4. The weather is \_\_\_\_ in April than in March.
6. Which holiday is usually celebrated in April?
8. April is usually a wet month because of the \_\_\_\_.
9. What is the fourth month of the year?

## Down

1. \_\_\_\_ begin to bloom in April.
2. Trees turn \_\_\_\_ in April.
3. You need an \_\_\_\_ in April.
5. April arrives during the \_\_\_\_ season.
7. How many days are there in April?