

EASTER TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Match the countries to the traditions.

Spain

Finland

Poland

UK

Romania

USA

Russia

Australia

- Kids give and receive Easter eggs.
- They have Easter egg hunts in the garden.
- Children have Egg Rolling competitions. They try to roll their eggs down a hill without breaking them.
- They send Easter cards.

- People bring their **Blessing Basket** to church to be blessed. It has colored eggs, bread, cake, and sausages. Families eat their blessed food for Easter dinner.
- **Dyngus Day** is celebrated on the Monday after Easter. On this day boys sprinkle girls with water or perfume.

- People paint eggs and do Egg Knocking On Easter Sunday.
- For breakfast people eat an egg and a piece of "kulich" that is an Easter cake with raisins (like an italian panettone).

- Children get Easter eggs with candy inside.
- The most famous Easter Egg Hunt is at the White House, the home of the President.
- Christians celebrate Easter by going to church and having a family dinner together.

- Many towns in this country celebrate Easter with a parade of floats. Each float pictures something from Jesus' life. Sometimes as many as 40 or 50 people carry these floats through the streets.

They use bilbies in place of bunnies as a symbol of Easter, because rabbits are considered a pest (they eat crops).

- They paint eggs.
- The traditional Easter food is lamb.
- The night before Easter, people go to church to light the candle and bring the resurrection light into their homes. On their way back from church, people would share the holy candle fire with others.

- In addition to going on Easter egg hunts, kids dress up as witches during Easter. Then they go from house to house, equipped with decorated willow twigs, and exchange good blessings for sweet treats.
- Easter bonfire is another tradition.