

The Story of the Easter Bunny

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On a snow-cold day in a snug little house, a round old couple, were making Easter eggs. The round old man blew the insides out. The round old woman painted designs on some of the eggs. The rest they dyed in glass cups, while their little rabbit watched. There were eggs the color of daffodils and of soft new leaves and of robins' eggs and of violets.

On a day when the winter blew outside, the round old couple made baskets out of straw. They wove and twisted and braided the straw together, while their little rabbit watched.

On an early spring day when the snow was melting and water trickled down the eaves, the round old couple made chocolate eggs. The round old woman melted the chocolate and the sugar and the butter on the stove. The round old man poured the chocolate into tiny molds. And their little rabbit watched.

One day when the sky was blue and the church bells rang and the world seemed new, everyone in the village said, "Happy Easter!" The round old couple brought every child a straw basket filled with Easter eggs, as they did every year. And their little rabbit watched.

A year went by, and Easter came again. The straw baskets were on the table... the Easter eggs were in a big bowl... the chocolate eggs were carefully wrapped in foil... and the round old couple were fast asleep. But there was still work to be done.

The little rabbit twitched his nose. Then he hopped up onto the table and put the eggs into the baskets. **It was magic.** The little rabbit scooped up the baskets and hopped down the lane. He left one for every child in the village. He didn't think anyone saw him.

The next year the little rabbit colored the eggs, and cooked the chocolate, and wove the baskets, and delivered them on Easter morning.

The little rabbit made more baskets every year. The round old couple helped him. The little rabbit hopped all over the countryside. And the children knew, *The Easter Bunny came!*

One year the round old couple could not help the little rabbit anymore. They were so very, very old. And the rabbit knew he could not stay in their snug little house anymore. Too many children were discovering his secrets. So the little rabbit found the perfect place to make his baskets in a shadow-filled wood nearby. Only a rabbit could find the entrance.

The rabbit set up one room for making chocolate eggs, one room for coloring eggs, and one room for weaving baskets. The little rabbit's friends came to help him.

Now every year on Easter morning, when the sky is blue and church bells ring and the world seems new, the Easter Bunny delivers his baskets.

Perhaps he has left one for you?

Happy Easter!



1. TRUE OR FALSE?

1. The old round couple live in a snug little house.

true false

2. The little rabbit melted the chocolate on the stove.

true false

3. One day when the sky was blue the little rabbit delivered the eggs.

true false

4. The next year the little rabbit colored the eggs.

true false

5. One year the round old couple could not help the little rabbit.

true false

6. Every year on Easter evening the Easter Bunny delivers his baskets.

true false

3. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES. DRAG AND DROP THE WORDS.

On a snow-cold day in a snug little house, a round old couple, were making Easter _____.

On a day when the winter blew outside, the round old couple made _____ out of straw.

On an early _____ day when the snow was melting and water trickled down the eaves, the round old couple made _____ eggs.

One day when the sky was blue and the church bells rang and the world seemed new, everyone in the village said, "Happy _____!"

The next _____ the little rabbit colored the eggs, and cooked the chocolate, and wove the baskets, and delivered them on Easter _____.

One year the round old couple could not help the little _____ anymore.

Now every year on Easter morning, when the _____ is blue and church bells ring and the world seems new, the Easter Bunny _____ his baskets.

sky

eggs

spring

morning

baskets

year

delivers

rabbit

Easter

chocolate

2. ORDER THE PICTURES. WRITE THE NUMBERS.

