Chocolate-Free Easter

Is Easter with less chocolate possible? Here are six alternative activities.

Nowadays, Easter is a candy- and chocolate-filled holiday. However, there are still fun ways to celebrate a holiday without candy. Don't let the bunnies and eggs detract from Easter's true meaning.
By focusing on family time and Christ rather than the candy, you'll be able to make Easter fun and memorable. Good Friday is indeed a sad day, being difficult to explain to little ones why Jesus died on a cross. However, we can focus on the good news brought to use on Easter Sunday, focusing on the resurrection and God's love for all of us.

Let's dive right into our six candy-free activities:

1. Puzzle Easter egg hunt.
Put pieces of a jigsaw puzzle into plastic eggs, then hide each egg in different locations around the house (or garden). Tell the kids to come back with their eggs to put the puzzle together.

2. Painting river stones with messages of hope
Paint Easter Rocks with the kids to leave for people to find in your neighbourhood. Spread inspirational Bible scriptures or messages of hope to share the meaning of Easter with others.

3. Treasure clues Easter egg hunt
Instead of hiding chocolate Easter eggs, you can do a plastic egg scavenger hunt. Hide clues inside plastic eggs that will lead your kids to one big surprise.

4. Coupon bonanza
Fill each egg with coupons that your children can use at any time. It could be as simple as letting
them pick dinner, inviting them to a sleepover in the living room, or staying up past their bedtime.

5. Water egg toss
Step outside with your family and pair them up. Play a game of "egg toss" where each pair throws "eggs" (water balloons) back and forth. Pop an egg, and your team is out.

6. Easter Olympics - egg and spoon, bunny hop
Have your own Easter Olympics with your family! Set up two or three stations for races. Try some of the following ideas:
Bunny hop sack race, egg and spoon race, pin the tail on the bunny and Easter egg boule game.

Most of all, have fun together while creating family memories.

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