

## **Song/Finger Play/Active Movement March 2008**

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LCMS Children's Ministry has a variety of *Connections Newsletters* available for free use. These newsletters contain ideas for sharing the meaning of Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday with young children. Check out these materials at <http://www.lcms.org/ca/dcs/EConnections/type.asp?iType=21>.

### **Active Movement Games:**

**Egg Relay** – Divide the children into teams and let them have an egg relay. Have the children roll the eggs across the floor using straws or their noses.

**Egg Roll** – Fill plastic eggs with different materials, such as toothpicks, pebbles, salt, or beans. Tape the eggs closed. Invite the children to guess which eggs would roll the farthest when pushed. Experiment and find out!

**Egg Toss** – Set out a large Easter basket. Let the children take turns tossing plastic eggs into it. If too noisy, place a small pillow or cotton balls in the bottom of the basket.

**Need Some New Easter or Spring Songs?** Check out the following website by children's musician, Cheryl Melody, <http://www.cherylmelody.com/childrensmusic.html>.

**The history of the Easter Egg and several Easter/Spring fingerplays** are available for free at [http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/EA816EE5D35EB8258025714700320280/\\$file/History+of+the+Easter+Egg.pdf](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/EA816EE5D35EB8258025714700320280/$file/History+of+the+Easter+Egg.pdf)

**Want to share the story of Jesus' death and resurrection with your children and families?** Check out your local "dollar store." They typically have books, CD's, and sometimes even Christian craft projects at great prices!

**Check out [www.shirleys-preschool-activities.com](http://www.shirleys-preschool-activities.com) for free resources.** Art projects, stories, finger plays, and other helpful links are available at your fingertips!