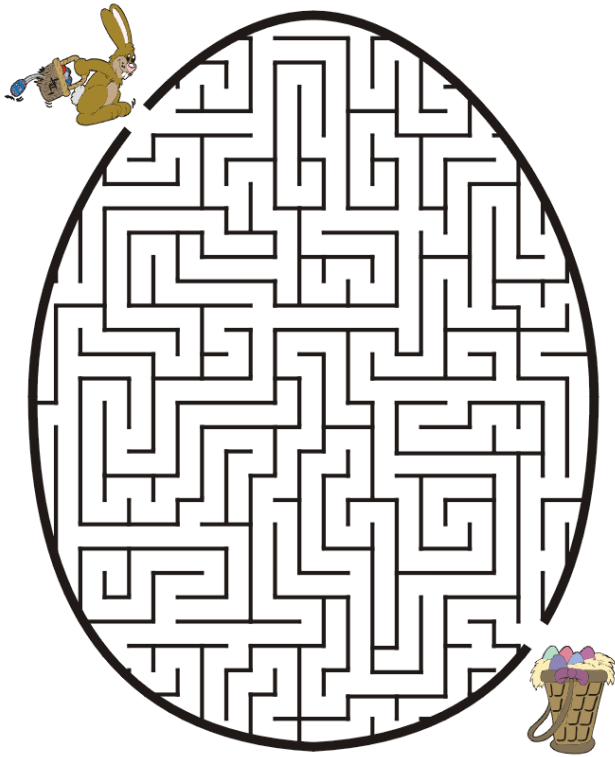


Easter Symbols



The egg has long been a symbol of birth. We decorate eggs at Easter to remind us of Jesus' rebirth. The egg is like the tomb, cold and hard, but containing life within its shell. We color the outside of the shell as a sign that we believe in the life that is inside the shell.

The rabbit fittingly serves as a sign of the abundant new life of spring. In German tradition the rabbit delivered colored eggs at Easter to only the good children, a reminder that the just person will rise with the Lord who has the power of giving life to all.