

Hiding the Alleluias

Print the “Alleluias” on the next page and everyone can decorate one. Alleluia means “Praise God.” On Easter morning we will be celebrating with the resurrection shout, “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” We live in the hope of the Alleluia of Easter.

Lent gives us time to think about the meaning of that resurrection cry. During Lent we set aside all of our Alleluias and we do not say the word again until Easter. Our hope is that because of this time of Lent, our “Alleluias” will have fresh meaning and joy on Easter day!

So, now everyone can roll (or fold) up their decorated Alleluia and hide it, knowing that we will discover it again on Easter morning. So make sure everyone thinks carefully so they can remember where they hid it after 40 days!

A Responsive Reading Where’s the Alleluia?

Voice 1	We’ve looked in here. We’ve looked in there.	Voice 2	We’re sorry when we stray from you.
Response	Hey, where’s the (Alleluia)?	Response	We can’t say (Alleluia)
Voice 1	They’ve buried it, we don’t know where.	Voice 2	Take my life, God, make it new.
Response	Where’s the (Alleluia)?	Response	Then we’ll say (Alleluia)
Voice 2	It’s time to prepare our hearts and minds.	Voice 3	We’re getting ready! Won’t be long.
Response	So don’t say (Alleluia)	Response	We’ll hear the (Alleluia)!
Voice 2	It seems so strange to be without.	Voice 3	We’ll join the heaven’s joy-filled song.
Response	Just where’s the (Alleluia)	Response	We’ll sing out (Alleluia)!
Voice 3	It makes me want to up and shout	Voice 3	We’ll shout it loud and sing it strong.
Response	No! Don’t say (Alleluia)	Response	We’ll shout out Alleluia!
Voice 3	I guess this is what Lent’s about.		
Response	We don’t say (Alleluia)		
Voice 1	We know Christ died upon a cross		
Response	Now where’s the (Alleluia)		
Voice 1	We know Christ came to find the lost.		
Response	So hold that (Alleluia)		

Read this with energy and rapid beat— you can practice it a few times for fun. Everyone whispers or mouths the (Alleluias). For the last Alleluia, everyone shout out the first part of Alle.....then quickly put their hands over their mouths for the end.

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