

Alleluia Chain

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Each day during the Easter season, take time to lift up “Alleluia” moments. Remember these joy-filled moments by creating a paper chain to hang in your home.

For

Young Family

Season

Spring, during Easter Season

Needed

Strips of construction paper or colored copier paper (1-inch x 6-inch), pens or fine-tipped markers, tape or stapler

Activity Plan

1. Beginning on Easter Sunday, gather family members and invite each person to write or draw an “Alleluia” of the day on a strip of construction or copier paper. Explain that *alleluia* means “praise God.” An “Alleluia” is anything that brings joy or is a positive moment: a smile from a friend, a beautiful sunrise, an answered prayer, learning a new skill, reading a good story, a favorite food to eat, and so on.
2. After each family member writes or draws his or her “Alleluia,” use tape or a stapler to link the paper strips together to form a chain. Hang the chain around the dinner table or some other place where everyone will see it each day.
3. Each day after you add to the chain, ask family members to tell about their “Alleluia” for that day, and then say the following prayer:

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia! We give you thanks, O God, for Jesus, who died and rose again to give each of us life with you forever. Thank you for every Alleluia moment you place in our lives. Amen.

4. Continue this activity each day during the Easter season, adding to the chain each day or most days. You will have a grand collection of “Alleluias” when the Day of Pentecost arrives.

