

# Easter

This year, Easter is on April 24. By then, even people who live in places where it snows a lot should have some warmer weather!

When you think about Easter, what do you think of? Do you think about candy, bunny rabbits or Easter eggs? Maybe you think about the big meal your family will have after church. What about Jesus? Do you know why we celebrate Easter? Wait — do you know what celebrate means?

When we celebrate something, we are happy and excited. There's something happening that's really cool.

**When we celebrate Easter, we're excited because Easter is the day we remember that Jesus rose again from the dead,**

like how Christmas is the day we remember Jesus' birth. On Good Friday, Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. But then He had to

come alive again. He came alive again on Easter!

Do you have a Bible? Have your parent or Sparks leader help you look up these verses: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. If you haven't already, you'll learn 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 in your handbook. The Bible tells us that Jesus died and rose again! We know it's true because God told us in His Word — the Bible.

When Easter Sunday comes this year, it's OK to be excited about candy and Easter eggs — there's nothing wrong with those things. But make sure you don't forget the real reason we celebrate Easter. Tell your parent or your leader why we celebrate Easter. Tell them what celebrate means too!

## Craft Time!



### LADY BUG ROCKS

Get the family together and do this fun craft.

#### YOU'LL NEED:

- Smooth, round or oval rocks, washed and dried
- Black acrylic paint
- Acrylic paint in whatever colors you like
- Acrylic sealer spray
- White craft glue

#### HOW TO MAKE THEM:

Completely wash and dry all rocks.

- Paint them however you want. Allow them to dry. Apply another coat if needed.
- Paint the bug's head and eyes using black and white acrylic paint.
- Dip the end of a large paintbrush, or the eraser of a pencil, in black craft paint and paint the spots on the lady bug.
- Once the paint is dry, spray the rocks with acrylic sealer spray. Allow the rocks to dry.

There you have it — your very own lady bug rock!

**CAN BEES FLY IN THE RAIN?**

Only if they have their yellow jackets with them!



**CAN FEBRUARY MARCH?**

No, but April May!



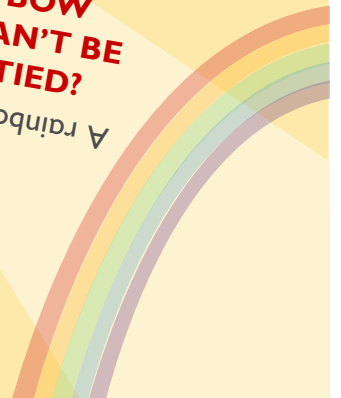
**WHY DO BIRDS FLY SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?**

It's too far to walk!



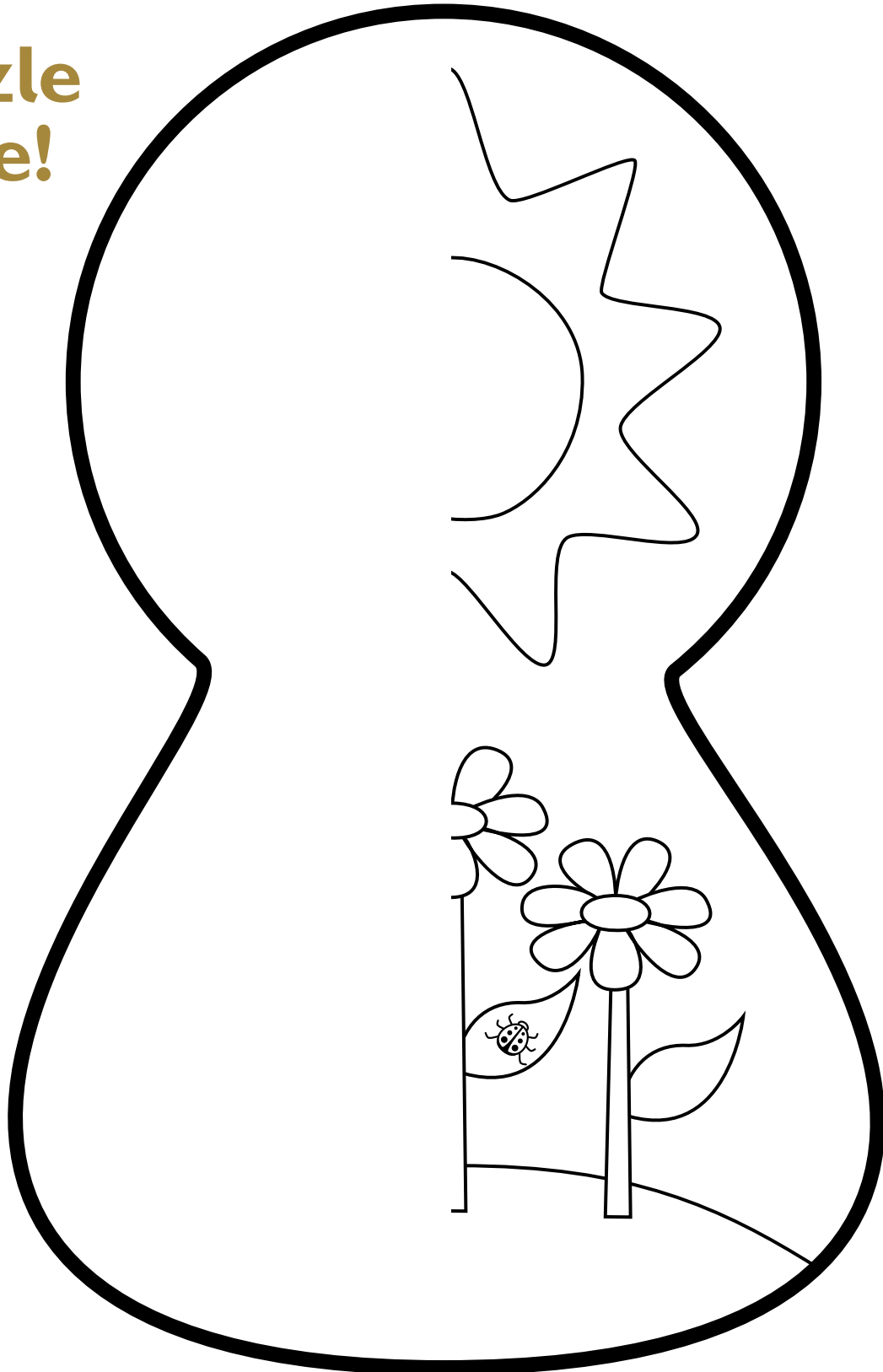
**HA!  
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HA!**

**WHAT BOW CAN'T BE TIED?**  
A rainbow!



## Puzzle Time!

Draw the left side of the picture to exactly match the right side. Then color the picture.





## Club Announcements & Fun Stuff

### CALENDAR

April 5:

- Our Awana Theme: Twice Dice
- Sparks: tonight we will be playing games with giant dice

April 12:

- Our Awana Theme: Two Shoe
- Sparks: tonight we will have fun wearing shoes that don't match

April 19:

- Our Awana Theme: Double Bubble
- Sparks: there will be bubbles everywhere so get ready for a bubbly night

April 26:

- Our Awana Theme: Seconds
- Sparks: tonight we'll do "seconds" of our favorite Awana games

### SECTIONS FOR HOPE

We have completed our spring contest. Each Awana night during the month of March, the clubbers earned money to buy food for Backpacks For Hope! Backpacks for Hope is a partnership of Woodlands Church and area businesses working with the Stevens Point school district to help children learn and develop. Backpacks for Hope provides meals for children who normally don't have much to eat on the weekend and they also supply the children with basic hygiene supplies. The food is donated and specific backpacks are packed each Friday and sent home with the children. On Monday, the kids bring the empty backpack back to school for it to be refilled the following Friday. Participating schools are Ben Franklin, PJ Jacobs and the alternative learning school. Recipients are identified by teachers, guidance counselors and school social workers.

Clubbers 'earned' money for the food by completing sections in their handbooks. For every section the clubbers completed, 10 cents was donated to Backpacks for Hope. We will announce the final totals of how much was raised at club on April 5.

### CARNIVAL

Carnival is a special reward for our clubbers to honor a year's worth of hard work. After working hard to finish sections, books, and reviews, this is our way of saying "well done."

If you have never seen Carnival in action, picture the gym packed from end to end and side to side with Carnival games. Some games are the same each year -- Plinko, the Wheel of Color, and the Treasure Chest -- while other games change from time to time. The work done by clubbers earn them Awana Shares and the Shares pay for the games. Clubbers earn tickets for playing the games and can redeem the tickets for a variety of prizes.

In short, it is a whole bunch of fun! There are two things that clubbers can do in April to help be ready for Carnival. One, they can keep working hard to finish their Handbook because the more they finish, the more Shares they will earn. Two, we ask clubbers to bring in Double Dues in April to help pay for the Carnival. If you can help with that just drop your dues in the Sparky Dues Guy in the church lobby.

### WE NEED HELP

For the Carnival to be a success, we need the help of many parents. We will have sign-up lists available if you are able to help us by running a game or working in the kitchen or assisting with set up or take down. Any and all help is appreciated.