

Conversation with the children and youth from Rev. Rick

Good morning! Well you will have to be much louder than that for me to hear you at my house in Beamsville.

**GOOD MORNING!** That's better.

I hope you are all well. I miss you. Kind of tough not having school and not being able to play with friends. It's kind of tough for we old folks too. We don't get to see our friends either. Thank goodness for computers and iPads!

Happy Easter to you. I was so glad to hear that the Easter Bunny is an essential Service and that he is immune from this virus that is so much changing our lives.

I was wondering if any of you are decorating eggs for Easter this year. I suppose some will feel it's not necessary. I used to love decorating those eggs when I was a kid. We would make different colours of dye in tea cups and there was a wire contraption that you used to hold the egg,

You could have two different colours and some smart people did even more. The Easter Bunny would hide them at night and then we would hunt for them in the morning. Lots of fun. We ate a lot of hard-boiled eggs that week.

Did you ever wonder why we have Easter eggs?

Eggs have always been a symbol of new life. I bet you all have seen chicks hatch out of eggs. So eggs are kind of a symbol of renewal and rebirth. It's like Spring. New plants come up from the ground, new animals are born in the Spring too.

The church saw the egg as a symbol of Jesus new life after the resurrection. The shell was the tomb and the emerging chick the new life in Jesus.

Apparently, during Lent, early Christians were not allowed to eat meat or meat products, that included eggs, cheese and milk. So to celebrate the return to a regular diet people decorated the eggs for Easter Day.

I hope you all remember to wash your hands and keep two metres away from others. I think we need to remember too, that being isolated with just our family all the time, well it can maybe make us a little cranky, so maybe we should try really hard to be nice to each other. Ok?

Let's pray

Dear God we know that there are a lot of people who are sick in the world today and we pray that good medical people will be able to make them feel better.

We know that so many kids can't go to school and be with their friends and we don't like it. We are sad because we miss them. But I know that they are feeling miserable and lonely like me. So I want to pray for them and ask you God to be close to them and the people looking after them. Let them know that I miss them and that you love them. Thank you for being close to all of us.

Amen