



In Your Easter Bonnet With All the Frills Upon It...

We made an announcement that our church would have an Easter parade and encouraged the congregation to decorate a hat or bonnet promoting the Easter Offering. We explained how World Evangelism Fund (of which the Easter Offering is a part) is used (for example, missionaries' salaries, transportation, and education).

I was overwhelmed with the response to this idea. Eight children and 11 adults participated. Some descriptions follow:

- Fishers of Men—hat decorated with fishing gear
- Planting the Gospel Seeds—hat decorated with seeds and garden tools and a watering can purse
- Cheerleader—hat read "Bring Hope and Cheer; Give in the Easter Offering"
- Camouflage Hat—sign read "Join the Army of the Lord and Give"
- Spatula on bonnet—sign read "Stir Up Enthusiasm; Give in the Easter Offering"
- Medical Hat—decorated with Band-Aids and other medical things; sign read "Give Until It Hurts"

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Easter Offering Display

A month prior to your church's offering, arrange some of the following items in a prominent place:

- Cross
- Christ Candle—has Chi-Rho, a symbol for Christ on it; available at church supply stores
- Palm branches—real or artificial
- Lilies—real or artificial
- Basin and Towel
- Large Nail/Spike—arrange in a place that cannot be reached by observers

If your church has Holy Week services (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae, and Easter services), allow opportunity for people to give to the Easter Offering in those services. Receive the offering in something symbolic of that service.

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