



# Covenant Kids

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## Tracey's Blessings - Funny Bunnies

Following Easter, there are often sightings of bunnies with one ear, a partial ear or no ears at all. The obvious reason for this phenomenon is the prevalence of CHOCOLATE bunnies for Easter. These earless bunnies helped me wonder about hearing and the Bible. We sometimes give our children advice about the fact that we have one mouth but two ears so they will listen more than they talk. What does Jesus say about hearing? Twenty-five times in the new testament Jesus speaks about hearing and then either encourages the listener to share the story or act on it. I hope seeing those post Easter chocolate bunnies will give you pause to think about what words you are sharing or acting on. Is it

the good news?

We are sending off our Youth Coordinator, Amy Brooks with a great deal of sadness and thankfulness. We will tell Amy goodbye on May 12 during coffee hour. Amy will be continuing her work as a Pastor in the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ. We send her with prayers for her service here and a successful future. Thank You to Miss Amy!

I ask for prayers for all students at the end of the school year. Please send me the names of any graduates in your family.

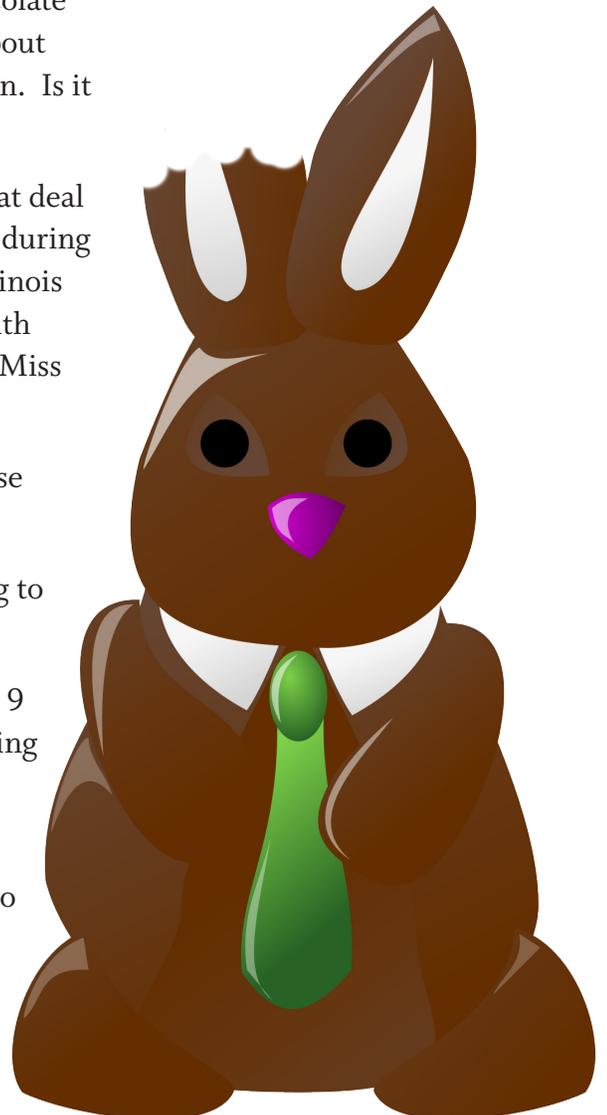
Summer Sunday School will begin in June, and the garden is going to be included in the curriculum.

Please make a note of the dates for Vacation Bible School are June 9 through 13 in the evenings. Watch for further details. We are seeking volunteers to provide meals.

I really appreciate all of the support and prayers I receive from everyone while I am attending Eden Seminary. I am very excited to be approaching my senior year, this coming fall.

Peace,

Tracey Harris, *Director of Christian Education & Student Pastor*



# What to Do with Leftover Peeps

## Make safe, edible play dough!

Oh, Peeps. The sugary seasonal treat that people seem to either love or loathe. Do you end up with stale Peeps after Easter? A batch of edible (or rather non-toxic) play dough Peeps is a perfect way to use them up!

### What you will need

- Peeps of any type and color
- Corn Starch
- Vegetable Oil
- Water

### Directions

1. Begin by melting the Peeps with a teaspoon of water in the microwave for 45 seconds. Who doesn't love microwaving Peeps? It's a childhood rite of passage
2. Some Peeps will lose their eyes in the melting process. It's tragic, really, but for a good cause. You can also find the eyes in the dough later as you play with it.
3. After the marshmallow Peeps were melted we added a teaspoon of oil. This helps the melted marshmallow come out of the microwave safe bowl. Stir to loosen them but leave the melted Peeps in the bowl to cool.

4. While the Peeps are cooling, add 1/3 to 1/2

corn starch to a different bowl. Press the corn starch down to coat the bottom of the bowl as much as possible.

5. Add the melted marshmallow Peep mixture to the bowl of corn starch. Gently use a spatula to fold the corn starch over and into the Peeps.
6. You and your kids will want to get your hands in at this point (which is great fine motor exercise) but make sure the hands are well coated in corn starch first! The dough will remain sticky until it's complete.
7. It is also quite stretchy like chewed bubble gum. Add a bit more corn starch if you need to but keep mixing and folding until the dough no longer sticks to your hands!
8. Coat your work surface with more corn starch and dump out the dough. Continue to knead the mixture until it reaches a play dough consistency.



## Peeps Play Dough Recipe



# The Tale of \_\_\_\_\_ hero's name

\_\_\_\_\_ lived in \_\_\_\_\_  
hero's name a spectacular place to live  
in the town of \_\_\_\_\_  
your town's name

Our hero was so \_\_\_\_\_ that she/he  
an amazing physical or mental quality  
could \_\_\_\_\_  
an amazing ability based on this quality

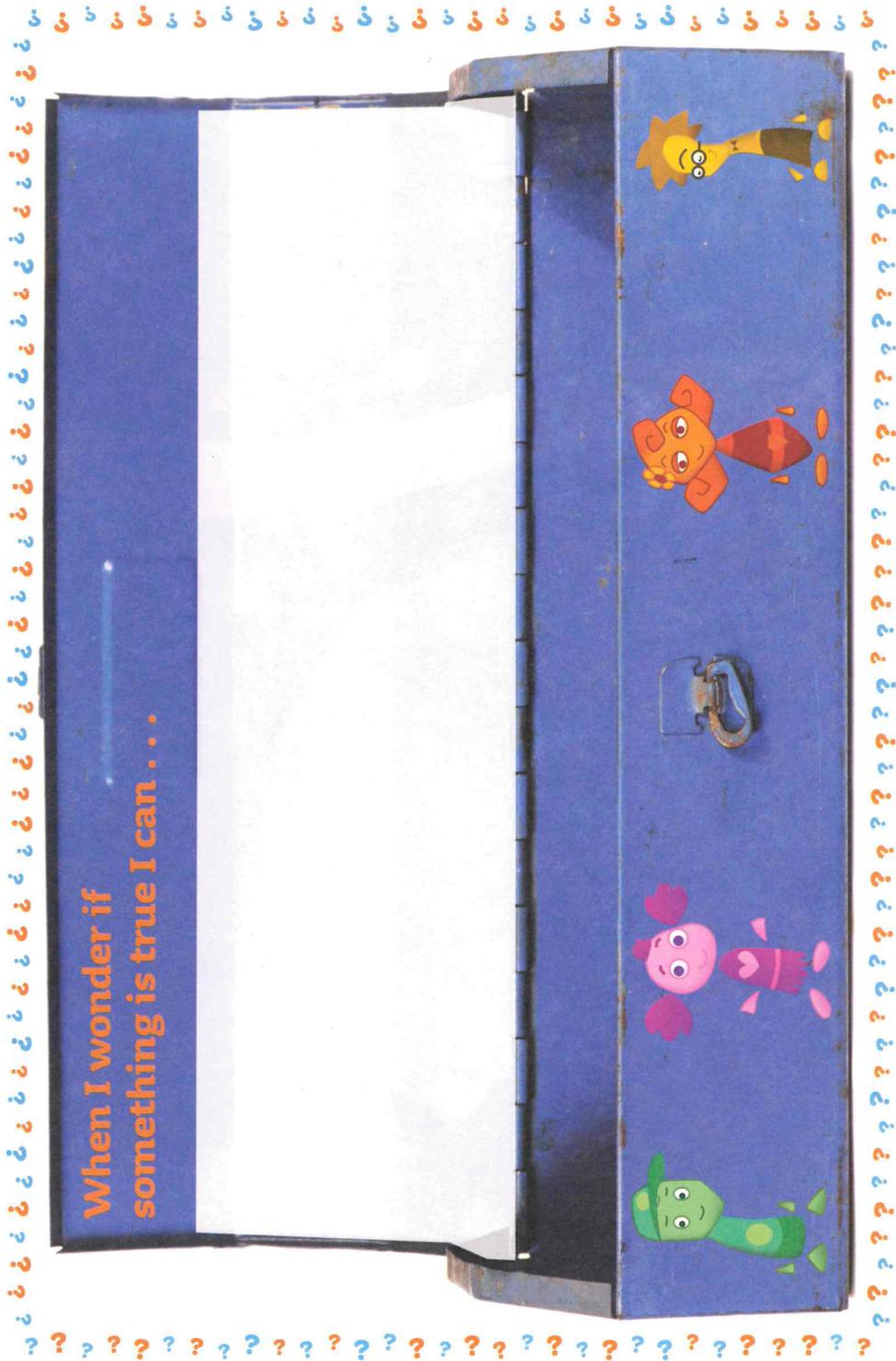
One day, \_\_\_\_\_ faced quite a challenge! You see,  
hero's name  
instead of \_\_\_\_\_, something different  
the normal state of things  
happened instead! The whole town of \_\_\_\_\_  
your town's name  
was going to be ruined because \_\_\_\_\_  
describe the problem

But \_\_\_\_\_ knew just what to do! She/he decided  
hero's name  
to \_\_\_\_\_ until  
describe the hero's action based on his or her amazing abilities  
\_\_\_\_\_  
describe the outcome

And just like that, \_\_\_\_\_!  
describe how the hero resolved the conflict

For many, many years, all the people talked about the time that

\_\_\_\_\_ saved the day in \_\_\_\_\_  
hero's name your town  
by \_\_\_\_\_  
describe the outcome



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