**Helping Our Children Experience the Love of Easter:**

**Simple Easter Basket Blessing Eggs**

The great love of God was proven to us on Easter. The Son of God was killed and yet, God’s love never left us! The truth is that your child is beloved by God … all of the time … and nothing will ever stop God from loving her/him! This is the promise and truth of Easter!

Your child’s Easter Basket is a great way to tell them, year after year, how beloved they are! Here are suggestions for parents, as a congregations and grandparents.

**Parents:** First of all, do not take all of the fun out of the Easter Basket… leave the candy and toys! Instead of taking the candy out, put an Easter Blessing or two into the basket.

Egg #1: Tell the child how special they are to God. Tell them how much God loves them and what a blessing they are!

Egg #2: Write a note to your child and tell them how much you love them.

**Congregations:** Give each child an Easter Egg with a blessing inside during the children’s time or at Sunday School. Trust me, they will understand the God’s love is sweeter than candy. You don’t need to tell them… just give them a blessing egg!

**Grandparents:** You and I both know that your grandkids (and your children) do not need any more candy or toys. Instead of sending a package of goodies, send a beautiful little box with an egg wrapped in tissue paper. They never get USPS mail and getting a package, addressed to them, will be such a special gift! Inside the egg, write a blessing and tell them how beloved they are by you and God. Start a tradition and imagine how much they will anticipate this little egg year after year. Even a college kid would love a little Easter blessing each year!

I know that this sounds simple ... it is. Love is simple. And sometimes the most simple gifts are the deepest and most meaningful! May you know how deeply loved you are by God… and may these simple little Easter Eggs filled with a blessing remind all of the children in our lives how deeply loved they are … and always will be!