Activity Title: Easter Egg Hunt

Objectives:

- Supporting problem-solving and critical thinking
- Sharing of cultural/historical traditions
- Cooperation and teamwork

Materials:

- Plastic eggs (at least three per person)
- Bag or basket to collect eggs in (one for each pair)
- Healthy treats (goldfish crackers, raisins, teddy grahams, etc.)

Methods:

Facilitator Preparation

1. Place treats in plastic eggs.
2. Hide eggs outside; make sure to hide eggs in both high and low places to encourage teamwork between adults and children.
3. Match children with adults to make pairs of two.

Intergenerational Participants

1. Pairs should work together to find at least six eggs hidden.
2. Collect eggs in bag/basket until all eggs have been found.
3. Have everybody sit together in a group; pairs should be sitting next to each other.
4. Break open the eggs and enjoy the treats inside!

Special Considerations

- Encourage pairs to look high and low for treats so both adults and children feel involved and are working together.
- Make sure to encourage sharing and trading if participants want a different snack after collecting the eggs.
- Be aware of any food allergies or restricted diets.
- Watch for pairs that are having a hard time finding eggs and offer guidance.
Key Conversation/ Facilitation Questions

- Ask elders about their past experiences Easter egg hunting.
- Discuss other social traditions like the Easter bunny and why you think they started.
- What does Easter celebrate?
- What are your favorite things to do for Easter?
- What other spring holidays are there?

Extensions and Themed Activities

- Upward extension
  - Have participants fill the plastic eggs themselves before the hunt; have treats separated into bowls so they are easily accessible to adults and children.
- Downward extension
  - The activity can be made easier by hiding the eggs in more obvious places.
- Related Activities
  - Decorate bags for an Easter egg hunt with markers, paint and stamps.
  - Create cotton ball spring animals (e.g. Lamb, bird, rabbit). Glue cotton balls onto animal paper cutout and decorate!
  - Color and design your own paper Easter eggs! Just cut out colored paper in the shape of eggs and decorate with various craft materials.
  - Egg roll painting: Have participants roll a hard-boiled egg around in a deep pan with paint to decorate the egg!

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