The Easter egg is a symbol of joy, celebration, and new life. At Easter, dye tablets and vinegar are used to color more than 180 million eggs each year. Before the tablets were available, egg dyes were made of natural items, such as onion peels, tree bark, flower petals, and juices. How would you like to mix those ingredients?

*Pysanka*, the art of painting eggs, originated in Ukraine. This process uses wax and dyes to color the egg. Check out these [photos](#) of Ukrainian Easter eggs, and see how many colors and symbols of new life you recognize. Then talk about how God *creatively shapes and molds us* to give us new life.