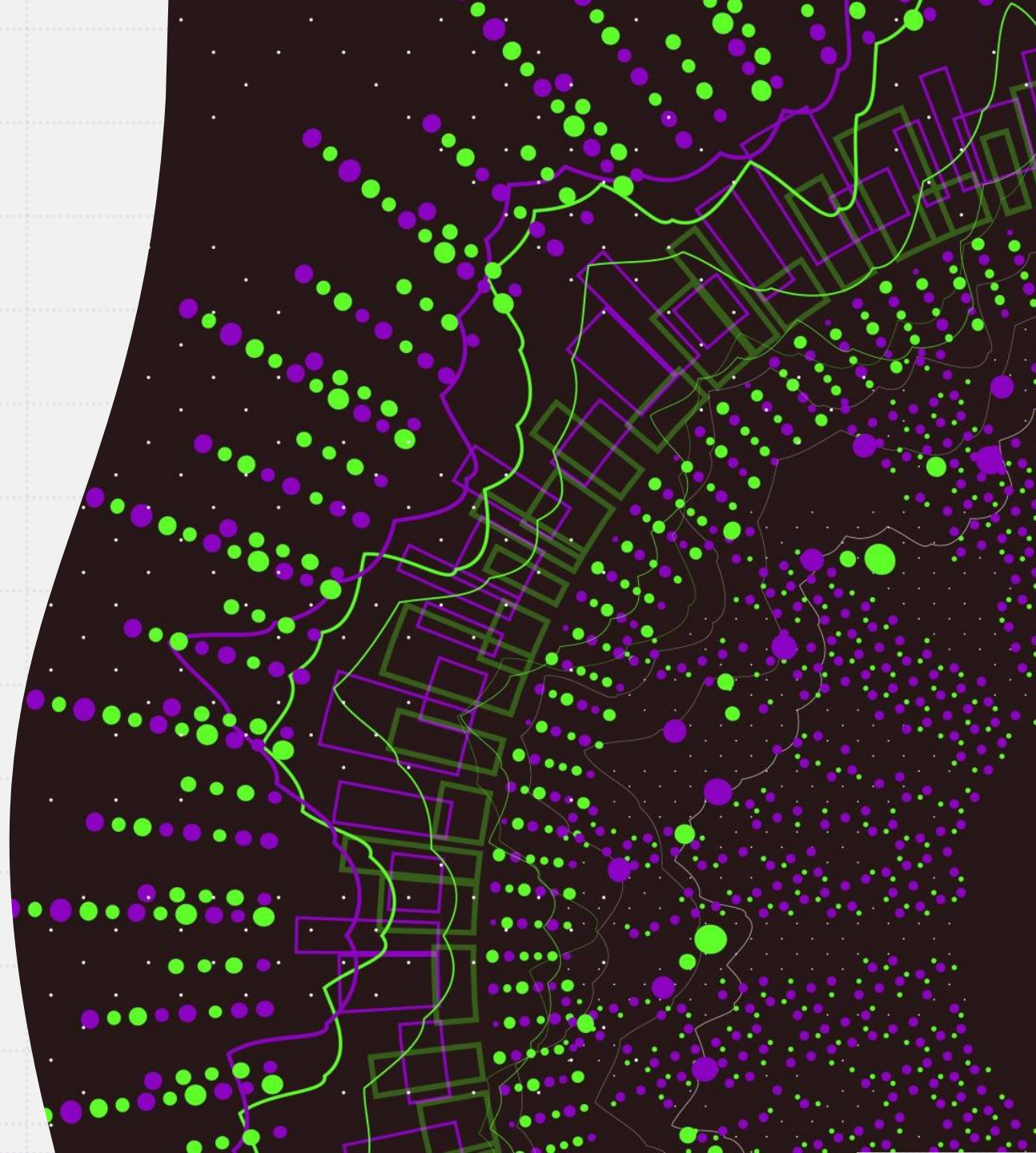


EASTER AROUND THE WORLD

By Lucca Year 2



Why is Easter so important to Christians around the world?

EASTER is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. It celebrates Jesus rising from the dead, 3 days after he was crucified on the cross on Good Friday. In Holy week we think about the last week of his life, including Palm Sunday when the people shouted hosanna, Maundy Thursday, when he had his last meal with his disciples and a really sad day Good Friday because he died on the cross.

"Happy Easter!" from Around the World



Italian

Buona Pasqua!

Dutch

Vrolijk Pasen!

Korean

좋은 부활절 보내세요

Catalan

Feliç Pasqua!

German

Frohe Ostern!

Bahasa Indonesia

Selamat Paskah!

Spanish

¡Felices Pascuas!

Polish

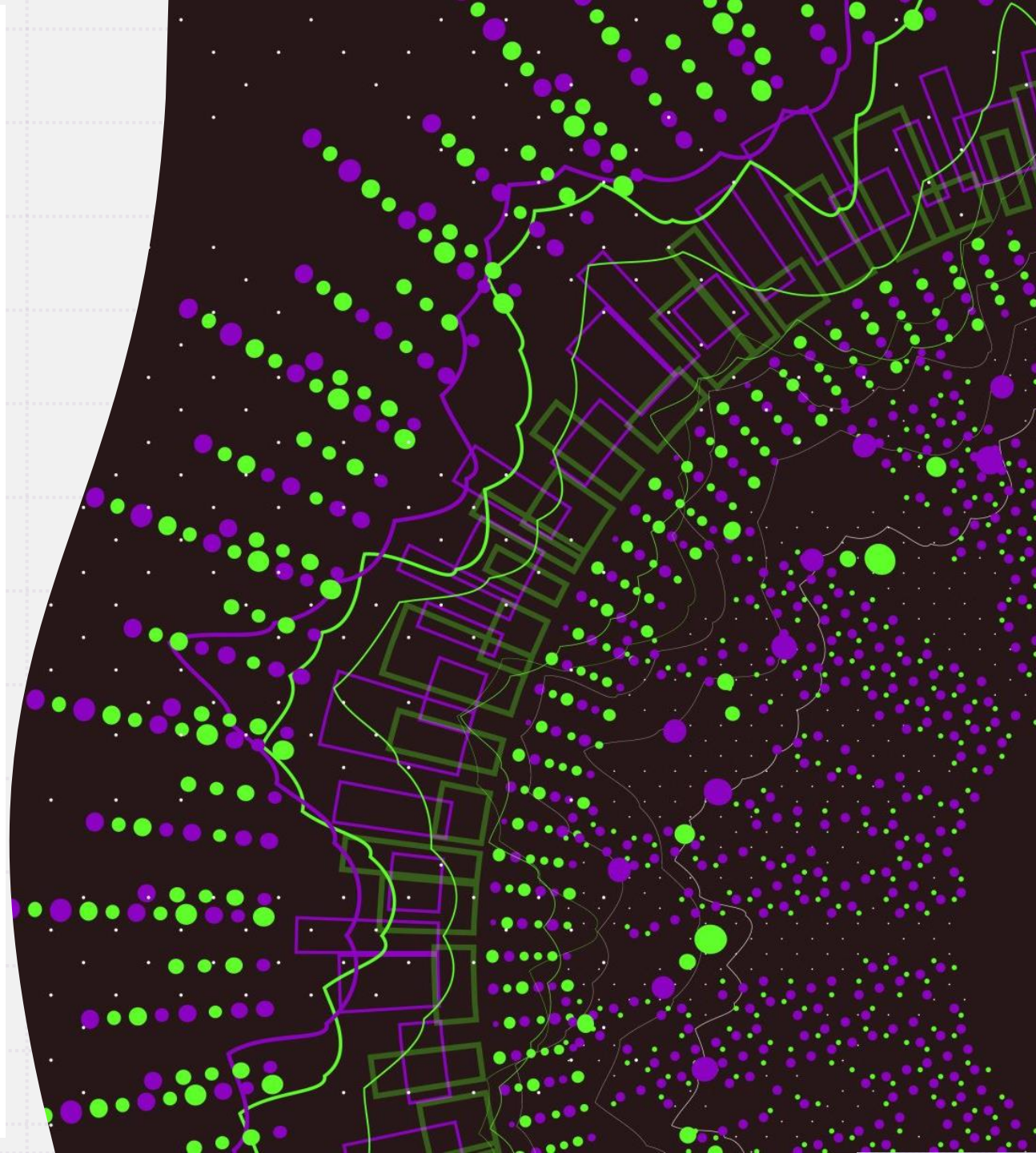
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French

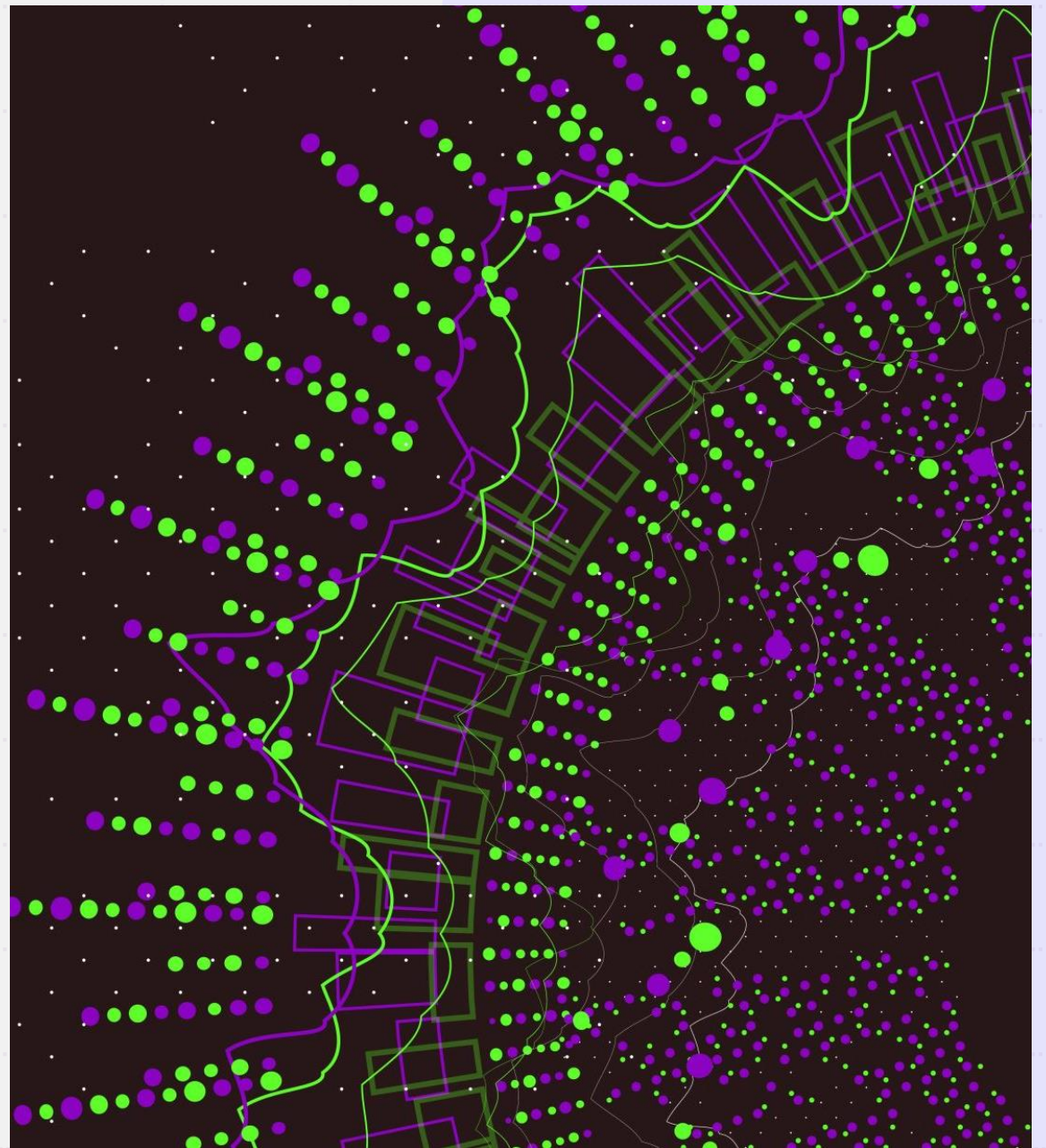
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Taiwanese

復活節快樂



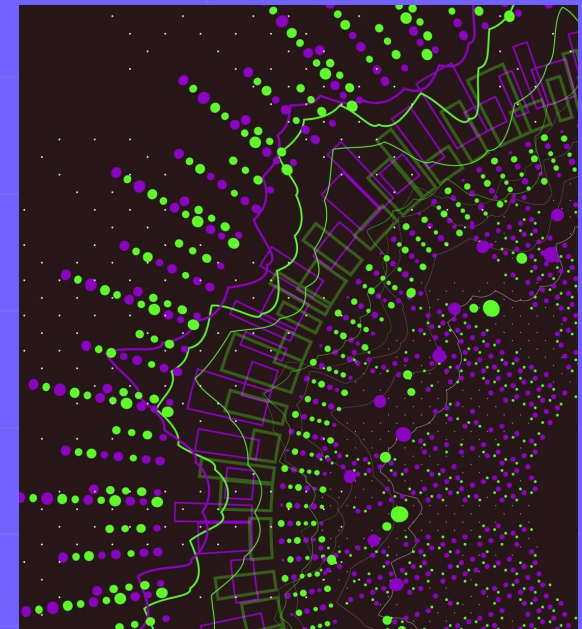
**Here are some
traditional ways
to celebrate
Easter in different
countries!**





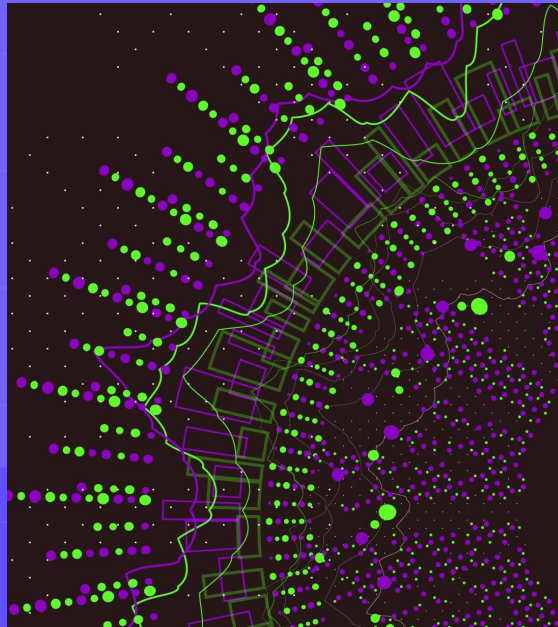
Greece

In the Greek island of Corfu, old pots are thrown out of the windows on to the streets as an Easter Saturday morning tradition. It's thought the tradition was copied from the people of Venice, in Italy, who throw out their possessions.



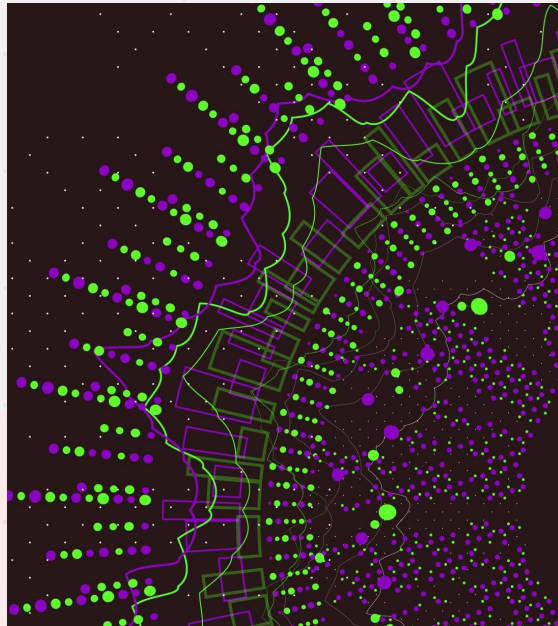
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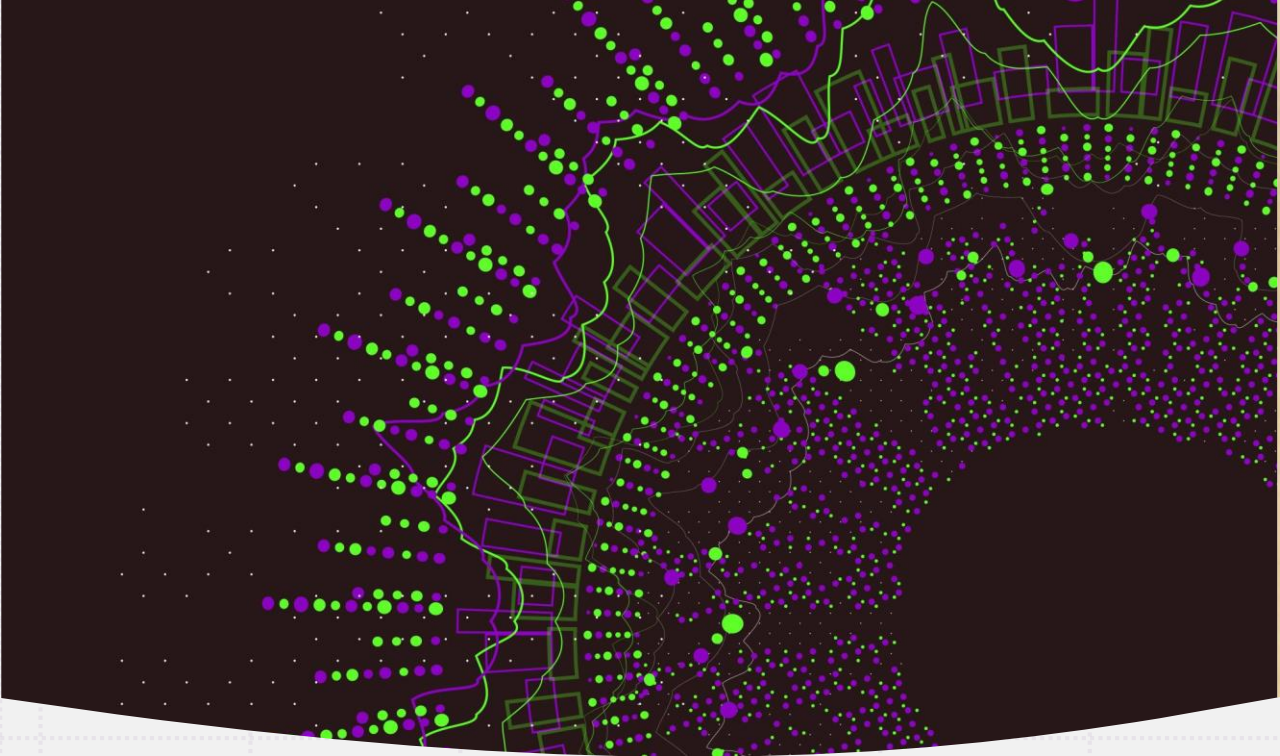
In Ukraine, people throw water over each other on Easter Monday. It's known as Wet Monday and happens in other countries like Poland too. It's a tradition is connected with the baptism of a Polish prince hundreds of years ago.



France

In a small town in the south of France people gather every Easter Monday to share a massive... omelette! Around 15,000 eggs are used and it's big enough to feed thousands of people. Legend has it that the French Emperor Napoléon Bonaparte liked an omelette he'd eaten there and wanted a huge one made for him and his army.





Northern Europe

In parts of Scandinavia children dress up, a bit like Halloween, and ask for chocolates and treats out on the streets. They may wear head scarves, make up and carry twigs with feathers as part of the tradition. We thought this was a bit strange!

Why do we give Easter Eggs?

1. Eggs represent new life, which was often used as a symbol during the spring season. Christians believe the eggs symbolizes new life when Jesus was raised from the tomb on Easter Sunday. Decorated eggs were often given as presents around Easter time.
2. Some early Christians painted decorated eggs red, to symbolise the blood Jesus shed for them.

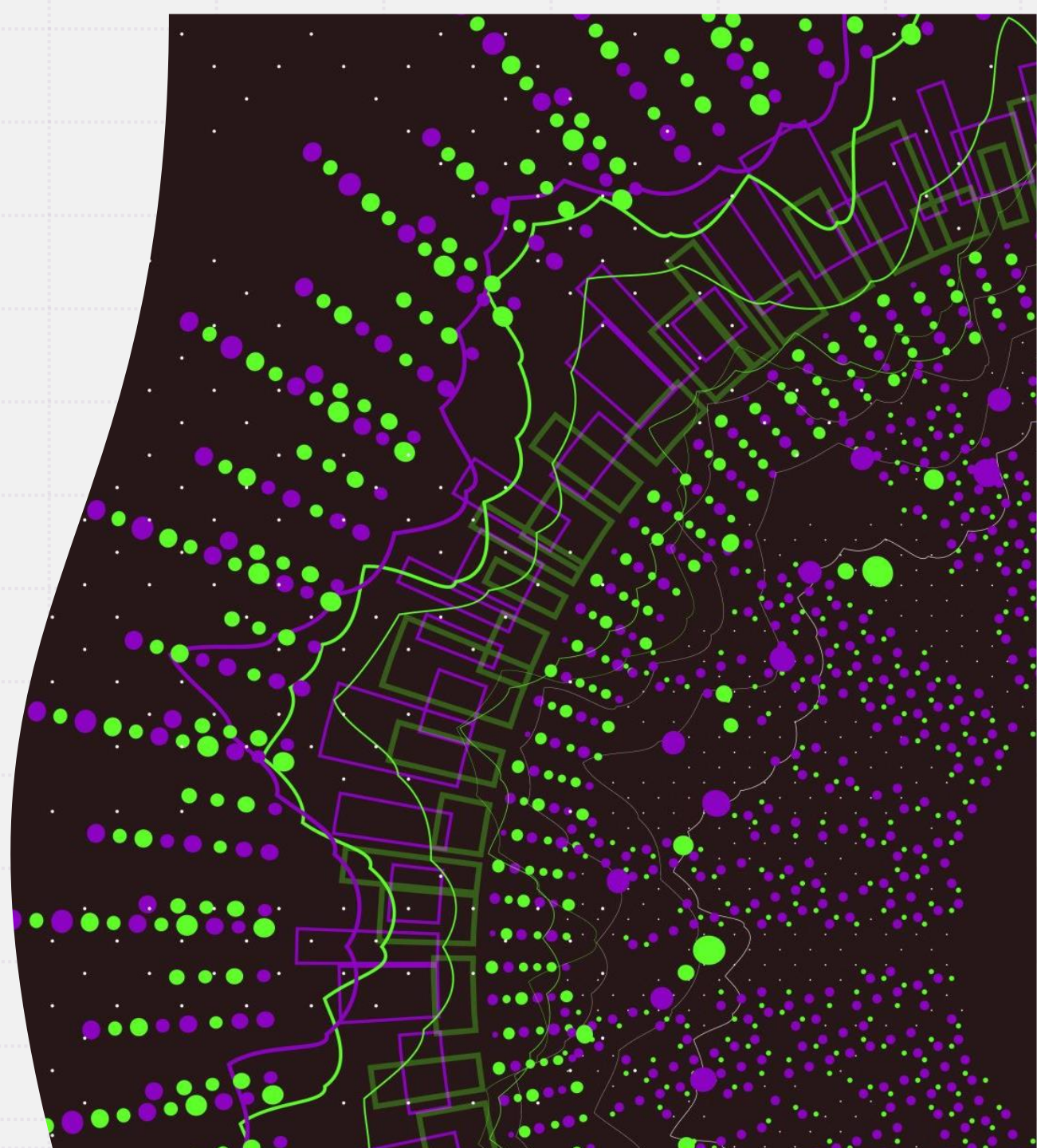


Why Chocolate eggs?

1. In Queen Victoria's time there were Easter egg hunts, that were from Germany using hard boiled painted eggs. The first chocolate eggs appeared in France and Germany in the 19th Century, but they were bitter and hard.
2. As chocolate making got better the eggs we have today were made. I love chocolate eggs do you?!



**At Easter we think
about Jesus during
Holy week and we
often make crafts to
help us to think
about what he did
for us that week.
Maybe you would
like to try some of
them too!**



We made these cross crafts with paints



This one was a fingerprint painting



This one was fun, we put masking tape on the paper in the shape of a cross, then painted stripes across the paper. When it was dry we pulled off the tape!

**You could make a mini
Easter garden? You could
use cress seeds for the
grass and watch it grow!**

**This is the one that the youth
group in Church made.**



BBC bitesize has a really good link to describe Easter!

1. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztkxpv4/articles/z4t6rj6>

We hope you enjoyed our facts about Easter around the world!