



The Easter Story

told through
Resurrection Eggs

Instructions:

- Print out the egg page and cut out the eggs.
- Optional: find items to put inside of the eggs instead of using pictures. They don't have to be the exact same thing as the picture but something similar.
- Put each picture or item inside a plastic egg.
- Option: If you don't have eggs you can just hide the pictures, put the pictures inside of envelopes or small bags (lunch bags) and draw an egg on the envelope/bag.
- Write the numbers 1-12 on each egg (bag, envelope, or picture).
- Hide the eggs (pictures, bags or envelopes).
- Hunt for the eggs.
- Options: you can have kids search for a certain color egg and bring it back before going to look for another egg — this makes the egg hunt last longer! You can also mix eggs with other things inside with the resurrection eggs.
- Once all the eggs have been found tell the Easter story using either the video or you can print out the attached story and pictures that go with it.
- If you're reading the story pause to open the eggs where indicated. If you're watching the video story it will indicate where to pause the video to open the eggs.
- After the story is read or watched take turns opening the eggs and using the pictures or items to re-tell the Easter story.

The Story of Easter

Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of the world. While Jesus was on earth he taught people about God's love and did many miracles.

The Jewish people were celebrating a festival called Passover. This festival was in honor of when Moses helped the Jewish people escape slavery in Egypt a long time ago. Jesus went to Jerusalem to join in the celebration.

People had heard about Jesus and all of the wonderful things he was doing so they were excited that he was coming. People said Jesus was the new King. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The people were so happy to see him that they waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna" and "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Open egg #1. What is inside? What does this have to do with the story?

The religious leaders and teachers in Jerusalem weren't happy to see Jesus. They didn't believe he was God's son. They wanted to get rid of Jesus, so they made a plan. They got one of Jesus' friends, Judas, to betray Jesus and tell them where to find him. They paid Judas 30 silver coins to betray his friend, Jesus.

Open egg #2. What is inside? What does this have to do with the story?

Later that night Jesus was gathered with his disciples for a special dinner. This dinner would celebrate the Passover. During this dinner Jesus gave his friends bread. He said this bread represented his body, and when they ate it they should think of how Jesus sacrificed his body for us. Then Jesus took a cup filled with wine. He told his friends that the wine represented the blood he would shed for them. He passed the bread and wine to his friends.

Open egg #3. What is inside? What does this have to do with the story?

After the dinner was over Jesus wanted to go to a special place to pray. So Jesus and his friends went to a garden called Gethsemane. There Jesus prayed to his father, God, to help him though what was about to happen.

Open egg #4. What's inside? What does this have to do with the story?

While Jesus was in the garden Judas brought soldiers to arrest him. The soldiers took Jesus to the rulers. They accused Jesus of saying He was God's son. Because these leaders and rulers didn't believe Jesus really was God's son they said it was a crime to say he was. The people in the crowd agreed and yelled for Jesus to be punished... killed.

They took Jesus away and whipped him. They took away his clothes and put a crown made of pain-

ful thorns on his head.

Open eggs #5 & #6. What is inside? What do they have to do with the story?

Then they made Jesus carry a heavy wooden cross up a steep hill. There they nailed him to this cross. While he was on the cross the guards played a game with dice to see who could have the clothes Jesus had been wearing.

Open eggs #7 & #8. What is inside? What do they have to do with the story?

Three hours later Jesus died. The guards wanted to be sure Jesus was really dead so they stabbed his body with a spear. They saw that Jesus really had died.

Open egg #9. What is inside? What does it have to do with the story?

A friend named Joseph came and took Jesus' body. He wrapped it in white cloth and put it in a tomb — which is like a big cave.

Open egg #10. What is inside? What does it have to do with the story?

They rolled a HUGE stone in front of the opening of the tomb. This was so that no one could get inside. They put roman soldiers outside the tomb to guard it.

Open egg #11. What is inside? What does this have to do with the story?

Three days later some women who were friends of Jesus came to the tomb. These women had brought spices to put on Jesus' body. When they got there they were amazed. The HUGE stone was rolled away. They looked inside and the tomb was EMPTY!!! Jesus was gone!

Open egg #12. What is inside? What does this have to do with the story?

The women were amazed and a little afraid. Then two angels appeared. One said, "Don't be afraid. You are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has risen, just as he said." And then the women remembered that Jesus had said he would rise, but at the time they didn't understand what he meant. Now they knew! He was ALIVE!

The angel told them to go and tell their friends of this good news.

They went to tell their friends. And then Jesus appeared to his friends. He told them that he was alive but that he had to die and rise again.

For the next 40 days Jesus appeared to his friends and others to show them that He was ALIVE! He taught them that what he did was the only way they could be forgiven for the bad things (sins) they did and be with God forever. For God so loved the world that He sent his only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

1. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.



2. Judas betrayed Jesus and was paid 30 pieces of silver.



3. Jesus gave a cup of wine to his friends saying this is my blood that I shed for you.



4. Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray to God, his Father.



5. They arrested Jesus and beat him with whips. They took away his clothes.



6. They put a crown made of sharp thorns on his head.



7. They nailed Jesus to a cross.

8. The soldiers played a game with dice to see who could have Jesus' clothes.



9. When Jesus died the soldiers put a spear in his side to make sure He was dead.



10. A kind man named Joseph took Jesus' body and wrapped it in white cloth.



11. Jesus' body was put in a tomb and a HUGE rock was rolled in front of the entrance..



12. Three days later Jesus' friends came to visit the body. It was gone.
The tomb was empty!



Jesus had risen from the dead.

He Is Alive!

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