

Resurrection Eggs

INTRO FOR PARENTS:

A great way to teach your kids how to share the Easter story is through Resurrection Eggs. We have made an at home scavenger hunt for you to do as a family. If you can't find the items around your home, you can have your child color the printable sheet or draw their own pictures instead. Once you're done creating your eggs, you will have everything you need to tell the Easter story in a fun and interactive way!

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 12 plastic Easter eggs
- Black sharpie
- Scavenger hunt items: small leaf, cracker, pennies, yarn, piece of fabric, toothpick, nail, cross (2 sticks taped together), cotton ball, cloves or another spice, small stone
- OR printable coloring sheet, paper, crayon, and scissors
- Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones

HELPFUL HINTS:

- You may want to number your plastic eggs ahead of time
- Texts that are **bolded** are meant to be read out loud
- All other texts are either activity directions or answers to the teaching questions
- Feel free to modify the teaching portion for younger children
- Start and end your time talking to God in prayer

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose one of the options below to gather all of the items you'll need to put into your eggs. After you have all of your items, go through them one at a time. Take your first egg, label it with a #1, and read aloud to your kids what the leaf represents in the Easter story. Put the leaf in the egg and close it up. Continue until you have talked through all 12 eggs.

Option 1: Scavenger Hunt

You can do your scavenger hunt in a few different ways. Use whichever works best for your family.

- Go all together to hunt for the items in your house
- Assign different people different items to find
- Divide up into teams and race to find the items

Option 2: Color Your Own Images

Print off the coloring page and let your child color all of the pictures. If you don't have a printer, let them draw something to represent each of the needed items. Once they're done coloring, cut the pictures apart. (Hint: if they drew each picture themselves, you may want to write on their page what each one represents.)

1 - PALM BRANCH (small leaf): **When Jesus first came into Jerusalem, people waved palm branches in honor of Him. *“They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!’” John 12:14***

2 - BREAD (small piece of cracker or bread): **Jesus broke bread while sharing the Last Supper with His disciples. *“And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.’” Luke 22:19***

3 - COINS (3 pennies): **Judas did a very bad thing and betrayed Jesus for just a few coins. *“When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.” Matthew 27:3***

4 - ROPE (yarn or string): **After they brought Him to trial, Jesus was whipped with a big rope. *“Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.” John 19:1***

5 - ROBE (small piece of fabric): **The bad people teased Jesus and put a robe on Him after beating Him up. *“After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.” Matthew 27:31***

6 - CROWN OF THORNS (toothpick or small stick): **Because Jesus said He was a king; they took sharp thorns and made a crown. *“And then they twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. ‘Hail, king of the Jews!’ they said.” Matthew 27:29***

7 - NAIL (thumb tack or small nail): **Soldiers took big nails and put Jesus on the cross by His hands and feet. *“This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.” Acts 2:23***

8 - CROSS (two sticks taped together): **Jesus was killed on a big cross. *“We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.” John 19:7***

9 - SPONGE (cotton ball): **While Jesus was on the cross, He got very thirsty, and they sent up a sponge of vinegar. *“A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.” John 19:29***

10 - SPICES (cloves or other spice): **When Jesus was buried, they put spices on His body to preserve it, sort of like a mummy. *“On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.” Luke 24:1***

11 - ROCK (small stone or pebble): **When Jesus was buried, a large stone was placed over His tomb so that nobody could come and take His body. *“So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the***

body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.” Mark 15:46

**12 - EMPTY!!! Why is the last egg empty? Because the tomb was empty! Jesus is alive! He is risen!!!
“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.’”
Matthew 28:5-6**

OPTIONAL ENDING: You can close your time talking about what happened AFTER Jesus came back to life. Read “Going Home” (page 318) from the [Jesus Storybook Bible](#) or watch the video version on YouTube or Facebook @jesusstorybookbible.