

Resurrection Eggs



Gather the following items into plastic eggs, then tell the story of Easter by reading the “Say” lines, opening each egg one-by-one to find story-related items inside, and reading the noted Scripture passages.

(Don’t have eggs? Put them in any small containers or envelopes. Don’t have any of the items? Draw them on a piece of paper!)

You will need...

- 1 egg carton
- 12 plastic eggs labeled 1 to 12 (Write the numbers where you can see them when the eggs are in the carton.)
- The following items placed in the numbered eggs as follows:
 - Egg 1: Cracker (for example, a Wheat Thin or piece of a cracker)
 - Egg 2: Small (fake) flowers or leaves (to represent a garden)
 - Egg 3: 3 Dimes (or other silver coins)
 - Egg 4: Leather strip (to represent a whip/scourge)
 - Egg 5: Strip of purple cloth (to represent Jesus’ robe)
 - Egg 6: Crown of thorns (printed or drawn)
 - Egg 7: Cross (made out of toothpicks or sticks)
 - Egg 8: 3 Nails
 - Egg 9: Strip of paper (sign) that says “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews”
 - Egg 10: Piece of a sponge
 - Egg 11: Rock
 - Egg 12: This one remains empty.

Tell the story

Say: Jesus shared a last supper with his friends...

Open Egg 1 (bread)

Read Matthew 26:26-28: While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, he broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And when he had taken a cup and given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Open Egg 2 (flowers)

Say: Later that night, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray...

Read Matthew 26:39: [Jesus] fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Say: Before that night, though, this happened...

Read Matthew 26:14-15a: [One] of the twelve disciples, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and asked, "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?"

Open Egg 3 (silver coins)

Read: Matthew 26:15b-16: [The chief priests] counted out thirty silver coins and gave them to [Judas]. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand [Jesus] over.

Say: And he did, in the garden where Jesus was praying...

Read Matthew 26: 47-50: While [Jesus] was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve [disciples], arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer [Judas] had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

Say: Jesus was taken before the governor, Pilate, and Pilate asked the crowd that had gathered...

Read Matthew 27:22-23: "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" ...They all answered, "Crucify him!" "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Open Egg 4 (leather strap/scourge)

Read Matthew 27:26: [And Pilate] had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.

Read Matthew 15:16: The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace...and called together the whole company of soldiers.

Open Egg 5 (purple cloth)

Read Mark 15:17a: They put a purple robe on him.

Open Egg 6 (crown of thorns)

Read Mark 15:17b-20: [And they] twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" Again and again they struck him...and spit on him. [Then]...they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him [and] led him out to crucify him.

Open Egg 7 (cross)

Read John 19:17: Carrying his own cross, [Jesus] went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

Open Egg 8 (nails)

Read John 19:18a: Here they crucified him.

Read Luke 23:34: Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Open Egg 9 (sign)

Read John 19:19: Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

Read John 19:28-30: Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

Open Egg 10 (sponge)

Read John 19:29-30: 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. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up His spirit.

Read Matthew 27: 57-60a: As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock.

Open Egg 11 (rock)

Read Matthew 27: 60b: He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

Read Luke 24:1-3a: On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, [Mary Magdalene and the other Mary] took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. But when they entered...

Open Egg 12 (empty)

Read Luke 24:3b-6: ...they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"

Read John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.