

DYI Resurrection Eggs

Resurrection Eggs are plastic Easter Eggs with different religious Easter symbols inside to help teach the Easter story to children.

This activity is great for young preschoolers and school aged children. Fill twelve plastic eggs with the item listed below. This activity can be a family enrichment activity. Have your child help you find items for the eggs. When looking for the items, turn it into a fun game. For example, ask your child “can you find something in the house that looks like a Palm Branch?” Label each egg with permanent marker 1-12. Again, let your child help you number the eggs. Fill each egg with the item you found with the corresponding number. For younger kids, take out one symbol at a time. Let them hold the pieces while you tell them each part of the story. For older kids, include a piece of paper in each one with an explanation, and a bible verse they can look up for that part of the story! More importantly have fun together finding a creative way to teach the Easter story.

Preparing the Eggs:

Items you can put in each egg:

1. Palm Branch (Palm Sunday). You can use a leaf from a fake flower arrangement. Or go on a nature walk with your family and look for oriental grass that represents a palm branch.
2. Dimes. (For the 30 pieces of silver that Judas betrayed Jesus for.)
3. Small piece of cloth and soap (Jesus washed the feet of this disciples)
4. Cracker (For the last supper.)
5. Flower (For when Jesus asked his apostles to stay awake with him in the garden.)
6. Ropes (For bounding and arresting Jesus.)
7. Crown of Thorns (Placed on Jesus’s head during the events that lead to the Crucifixion). You can use twigs found in the yard.
8. Crucifix (For when Christ was nailed and died on the cross). You can make a Cross out of toothpicks. You and your child can also make a Cross out of pretzels.
9. Nails (To represent the spear that a soldier used or to represent the nails that were used to nail Christ to the cross)
10. Spices and Fabric (For preparing the body for burial.) You can put spices from your kitchen into a bag and small cloth. Have your child smell the spices and see if they can figure out what the spice is.
11. Stone (Placed in front of the tomb Jesus was buried in). Find a small rock in the yard.
12. An Empty Egg (Jesus rose from the dead)

Sharing the Gospel of the Easter Story

Now that the eggs have been filled use each numbered picture to tell part of the Easter story that corresponds to the object or image inside the Resurrection Egg. Enjoy sharing the Gospel story and creating an Easter memory with your family.

Resurrection Egg #1 – Palm Branch



Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. He rode into Jerusalem on a young donkey. A large crowd spread their coats and palm branches on the road. The people shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!”
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

[Matthew 21:7-9](#); [Mark 11:7-10](#); [Luke 19:35-38](#); [John 12:12-13](#)

Resurrection Egg #2 – 30 Pieces of Silver



Judas Iscariot, one of the 12 disciples of Jesus, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. They gave him 30 pieces of silver.

[Matthew 26:14-15](#); [Mark 14:10-11](#); [Luke 22:3-5](#)

Resurrection Egg #3 – Towel



During the Passover meal, Jesus got up, took off his outer clothes, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a large bowl and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

[John 13:4-5](#)

Resurrection Egg #4 – Bread and Wine



Jesus was eating the Passover meal with his 12 disciples. He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus took the cup and said, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." They all ate the bread and drank from the cup.

[Matthew 26:26-28](#); [Mark 14:22-24](#); [Luke 22:19-20](#)

Resurrection Egg #5 – Garden



After the Passover meal, Jesus went with his disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.

[Matthew 26:36-46](#); [Mark 14:32-42](#); [Luke 22:39-46](#)

Resurrection Egg #6 – Rope



When Jesus had finished praying in the garden, Judas came to the garden with some soldiers and officials. The chief priests and the Pharisees had sent them. They carried torches, lanterns and weapons. They arrested Jesus and tied him up.

[Matthew 26:47,50](#); [Mark 14:43,46](#); [Luke 22:47-48](#); [John 18:3,12](#)

Resurrection Egg #7 – Crown of Thorns



The soldiers took off Jesus' clothes and put a purple robe on him. They twisted thorns together to make a crown and placed it on his head. Then they spit on him, hit him repeatedly on his head, and pretended to worship him as the king of the Jews.

[Matthew 27:27-31](#); [Mark 15:16-20](#); [John 19:1-3](#)

Resurrection Egg #8 – Cross



After they had finished mocking Jesus, the soldiers took Jesus to the place called Golgotha and nailed him to a cross.

[Matthew 27:31](#); [Mark 15:22-24](#); [Luke 23:33](#); [John 19:17-18](#)

Resurrection Egg #9 – Spear



After Jesus' crucifixion, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear before his body was taken down from the cross.

[John 19:31-34](#)

Resurrection Egg #10 – Strips of Linen



A man named Joseph approached Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus. Joseph wrapped the body in spices and strips of linen, then placed it in a new tomb cut out of the rock.

[Matthew 27:57-60](#); [Mark 15:42-46](#); [Luke 23:50-53](#); [John 19:38-42](#)

Resurrection Egg #11 – Stone



Joseph placed Jesus in a tomb, rolled a large stone in front of the entrance and went away. Later, the chief priests and the Pharisees put a seal on the stone and posted some guards there.

[Matthew 27:59-66](#)

Resurrection Egg #12 – Empty

On the third day after Jesus' crucifixion, the women brought spices to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. But they saw that the stone in front of Jesus' tomb had been rolled away and the body of Jesus was not there. An angel told them, "Jesus is not here; he has risen from the dead!"

[Matthew 28:1,5-7](#); [Mark 16:1-6](#); [Luke 24:1-6](#); [John 20:1-2](#)