

Have fun learning and telling our Holy Week Faith story with DIY Resurrection Eggs

Items for Resurrection Eggs

**You can use these examples or be creative and come up with objects of your own to represent a part of the story of Holy Week. (See the story cards)*

Resurrection Egg #1

Any leaf to represent the palm branches that the people of Jerusalem spread on the road as they welcomed Jesus. You may like to cut the leaf to resemble a palm branch.

Resurrection Egg #2

Three coins to represent the 30 pieces of silver that Judas Iscariot received to betray Jesus.

Resurrection Egg #3

A small piece of terry cloth to represent the towel that Jesus used to dry his disciples' feet after he had washed them.

Resurrection Egg #4

A small cup or thimble or a small piece of bread to represent the last supper.

Resurrection Egg #5

A flower to represent the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went with his disciples to pray before he was arrested.

Resurrection Egg #6

A piece of string to represent the rope that was used to tie Jesus up when he was arrested.

Resurrection Egg #7

A small stem of any plant with thorns to represent the crown of thorns that the soldiers put on Jesus' head as they mocked him.

Resurrection Egg #8

A small cross to represent the crucifixion of Jesus.

Alternatively, use 3 small nails.

Resurrection Egg #9

A toothpick with one tip dipped in red paint or nail polish to represent the spear used by the soldier to pierce Jesus' side.

Resurrection Egg #10

A small strip of white cloth to represent the strips of linen used to wrap the body of Jesus before he was placed in a tomb.

Resurrection Egg #11

A small stone to represent the large stone placed in front of the entrance to Jesus' tomb.

Resurrection Egg #12

Leave the 12th egg empty to represent the empty tomb.

Games you can play with your Resurrection Eggs

Resurrection Eggs Memory Game

Play a memory game with 2 sets of Resurrection Eggs.

Supplies and Set-up:

Prepare 2 sets of unnumbered Resurrection Eggs but do not write numbers on the outside of the eggs.

How to Play:

- *Mix up all 24 opaque, unnumbered eggs and place them on a table.
- *Players take turns to open any two eggs.
- *If the eggs contain identical objects, you may keep these two eggs and open another two eggs.
- *Otherwise put the objects back inside the eggs and the turn passes to the next player.
- *Continue playing until there are no more eggs on the table.
- *The player who has the most Resurrection Eggs wins.

Resurrection Eggs Mix-up

*Players must rearrange Resurrection Eggs and place them in their correct order.
But each player can only look inside 2 eggs at a time.*

Supplies and Set-up:

- *Divide into teams of 2-6 players per team.
(Teams can be larger, but smaller teams allow everyone to be involved.)
- *Prepare 1 set of unnumbered Resurrection Eggs for each team.
- *Mix up each set of Resurrection Eggs and place them randomly in a row at one end of the room.
- *Each row should have a complete set of Resurrection Eggs but in the wrong order.
(Use egg cartons or sticky tack to keep the eggs in place.)

How to Play:

- *Have the players stand at the opposite end of the room.
- *On "go", each team sends 1 player to look inside any 2 Resurrection Eggs.
- *The player then rearranges the eggs to try to get them in their correct order.
- *When done, the player returns to other end of the room and the next player goes.
- *When a team is confident all their eggs are in the correct order, they must all raise their hands and shout "Happy Easter!"
- *The game master then checks their Resurrection Eggs.
- *If the order is incorrect, the team must continue playing.
- *The game ends when all the teams' eggs are in the correct order.

Additional Notes:

- *For younger children, gather the players around the eggs to play.
- *A copy of the Resurrection Eggs Order sheet can be given to each team.

Resurrection Eggs Hunt

In Resurrection Eggs Hunt, players must look for 1 complete set of 12 Resurrection Eggs, numbered 1 to 12.

Supplies and Set-up:

Prepare 1 set of Resurrection Eggs per player.

How to Play:

- *Hide all the eggs.
- *The eggs are numbered 1 to 12.
- *Players can only pick up one egg of each number.
- *Optional – Award prize for the first person to find one complete set of eggs.

Variation for Cooperative Play:

*Play in the same way as above except there is only 1 set of Resurrection Eggs hidden, and everyone must work as a team to find all 12 hidden eggs within a given time.

Resurrection Eggs Spoon Relay

Players take turns to run to the opposite end of the playing area to sequentially pick up one Resurrection Egg at a time using a spoon. They must then walk back and place the egg in a row before passing the spoon to the next player. The first team to transfer all 12 Resurrection Eggs wins.

Supplies and Set-up:

- *Divide players into 2 or more teams. Each team should have not more than 12 players.
- *Prepare 1 set of Resurrection Eggs per team.
- *Each team stands in a line. Give the first player of each team a spoon.
- *At the opposite end, facing each team, place a basket containing a set of 12 Resurrection Eggs numbered 1 to 12. (1 basket for each team.)

How to Play:

- *The first player from each team runs to the opposite end to pick up Resurrection Egg #1 using a spoon, then quickly walks back and places the first Resurrection Egg on the floor before passing the spoon to the next player.
- *The second player picks up Resurrection Egg #2, and so forth.
- *Players cannot touch the eggs with their hands.
- *They can only use their spoons to hold the eggs.
- *If an egg drops, pick it up. Continue playing from where you dropped the egg.
- *The first team to sequentially transfer all 12 Resurrection Eggs and arrange them in the correct order wins.

For Younger Players:

Use bowls, cups or hands instead of spoons.

Bible Lesson for Kids/Youths – Easter: Resurrection of Jesus

Discuss

1. Did you enjoy the story?
2. Do you celebrate Easter? Who do you usually celebrate Easter with? How do you celebrate?
3. Do you know why we celebrate Easter?
4. Do you know what Easter is all about?

Say

Although Easter eggs are not mentioned in the Bible, they are used by Christians around the world to symbolize the empty tomb of Jesus. Every year on Easter Sunday, we remember and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Read - Matthew 28:1-10

Discuss

5. Why did the women go to the tomb?
6. What did they expect to see in the tomb?
7. What did they see instead?
8. What happened to Jesus after he died on the cross?

Say

Yes, Jesus was crucified and died on the cross.

But Jesus did not remain dead for long. Jesus became alive again after 3 days!

Read - 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Discuss

9. Were the women (in Matthew 28:1-10) the only ones who saw Jesus after his resurrection?

Conclude

The women went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus with the spices they had prepared. But the body of Jesus was not in the tomb. The angel explained to them that Jesus had risen from the dead. Jesus is alive!

Jesus is the Son of God. He came to earth to die on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. And on the third day, Jesus became alive again.

Because Jesus died on the cross, our sins can be forgiven. We can be with God and have a relationship with him. We can become his children and will one day be with him in heaven.

Related Bible Passages about the Resurrection of Jesus

Mark 16:1-11; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18