



RESURRECTION EGGS

This devotional activity tells the story of Holy Week—the events from Palm Sunday to Easter. There are twelve eggs in the set, and each tells one piece of the story. You can decide as a family how you would like to use the eggs in your family devotions. Here are a few options:

- Open one egg each Sunday until Palm Sunday—then open an egg each day until Easter morning.
- Starting on Palm Sunday, open two eggs a day until Easter.
- Open the first egg on Palm Sunday. Open eggs 2-3 on Maundy Thursday, eggs 4-9 on Good Friday, eggs 10-11 on Holy Saturday, and egg 12 on Easter.

Help your child understand how each egg connects by reminding them of the context of the story—what happened in the eggs we opened previously? Where are we in the story now?

Materials

To complete this project, you will need:

1. 12 plastic Easter eggs
2. An egg carton
3. 12 resurrection egg cards (see attached print out)
4. Optional: the following small items
 - Leaf
 - Small cracker or piece of bread
 - Two dimes
 - Piece of purple cloth and/or small crown of thorns
 - Piece of string or rope
 - Cross
 - 3 small nails
 - Piece of a sponge
 - Small sign reading “Jesus: King of the Jews”
 - Cloves
 - Small rock or pebble

Instructions

1. Number the eggs 1-12 with a permanent marker.
2. Place the corresponding card and small object in each egg.
3. Optional: paint or decorate the outside of the egg carton with your child.

One: Palm Branch

Matthew 21:8-9

Many people spread clothes in the road, while others put down branches which they had cut from trees. Some people walked ahead of Jesus and others followed behind. They were all shouting, "Hooray for the Son of David! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hooray for God in heaven above!"

Two: Bread

Matthew 26:26

During the meal, Jesus took some bread in his hands. He blessed the bread and broke it. Then he gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body."

Three: Silver Coins

Matthew 26:14-16

Then one of the disciples, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment Judas sought an opportunity to betray Jesus.

Four: Rope (Whip)

Mark 15:15

Pilate wanted to please the crowd. So he set Barabbas free. Then he ordered his soldiers to beat Jesus with a whip and nail him to a cross.

Five: Purple Cloth and Thorns

Matthew 27:28-29

The soldiers stripped off Jesus' clothes and put a scarlet robe on him. They made a crown out of thorn branches and placed it on his head, and they put a stick in his right hand. The soldiers knelt down and pretended to worship him. They made fun of him and shouted, "Hey, you king of the Jews!"

Six: Cross

John 19:17

And Jesus carried his cross to a place known as "The Skull." This place is called "Golgotha."

Seven: Nails

Mark 15:24

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross and gambled to see who would get his clothes.

Eight: Sign

Mark 15:26

On the cross above Jesus was a sign that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Nine: Sponge

John 19:28-29

Later, Jesus knew that everything had been done. To make the Scriptures come true he said, "I am thirsty." There was a jar full of sour wine there, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it. They put the sponge on a branch of a hyssop plant and lifted it to Jesus' mouth. When he tasted the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and died.

Ten: Spices

John 19:40, Luke 23: 5-6

The two men wrapped the body in a linen cloth, together with the spices, which was how the Jewish people buried their dead...The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

Eleven: Stone

Matthew 27: 51, 54, 59-60

When Jesus died, the curtain in the Temple was torn into two pieces. The tear started at the top and tore all the way to the bottom. Also, the earth shook and rocks were broken... The army officer and the soldiers guarding Jesus saw this earthquake and everything that happened. They were very afraid and said, "He really was the Son of God!"

Later that evening, Joseph of Arimathea 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. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

Twelve: Empty!

John 20:1, Luke 24: 6-7

On Sunday morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.

An angel told her, "Jesus isn't here! He has been raised from death. Remember that while he was still in Galilee, he told you, 'The Son of Man will be handed over to sinners who will nail him to a cross. But three days later he will rise to life.' "