

Resurrection Eggs

Español



We often speak of emptiness as bad, but sometimes “empty” is good. That is the case of the empty tomb! Many of us re-tell the resurrection story around Easter time. Here is a great method that involves plastic eggs.

Mission Bible Class did not create this idea, but it’s used by many.

Preparations:

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1. Collect 12 plastic eggs and a used egg carton to store them in.
Note that you don't have to use plastic eggs if they are not available. You can use 12 sacks or boxes or just cover the items with 12 cloths or 12 papers.
2. Use a permanent marker to number the eggs from one to twelve.
3. Collect representative items (listed below) and put them inside the eggs. Place the eggs inside the egg carton.

What to Say:

1. Introduce the story by asking the children how they would feel if they went on an Easter egg hunt and every egg they found was empty. Lead into the lesson by saying sometimes it is GOOD if an egg is empty. Sometimes an empty egg is the best egg of all.
2. Open the egg carton and begin the lesson by opening egg number one.
3. As you open the eggs one at a time, re-tell the story to the children. You might let them guess what each of the items might represent.
4. After you tell the story, distribute the eggs to the children and let them take turns re-telling the story.
5. If you are able and have fewer children, then you might help the children make one of these sets each to take home.

List of Items to Place Inside the Eggs:

Egg #1: A leaf or twig (palm leaf if you have one)

Triumphal Entry, [Matthew 21:1-11](#)

Egg #2: A cracker or communion cup

The Last Supper, [Luke 22:7-23](#)

Egg #3: Coins (Judas betrayed Jesus for coins)

Judas betraying Jesus, [Matthew 26:14-16](#)

Egg #4: Thorns (thorny twigs from a bush)

Crown of thorns, [Matthew 27:27-31](#)

Egg #5: A cross (made from twigs or paper)

Jesus carrying the cross, [John 19:17](#)

Egg #6: Nails

Jesus being nailed to the cross, [John 19:18 and 20:25-29](#)

Egg #7: Dice and purple cloth

Soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothes, [John 19:23-24](#)

Egg# 8: Black paper or cloth

The darkness covering the earth, [Matthew 27:45](#)

Egg #9: Small piece of Sponge

The soldier offered a drink of vinegar on a sponge to Jesus, [Matthew 27:46-48](#)

Egg #10: Thin cloth (white)

Joseph of Arimathea wrapped Jesus in the cloth, [Matthew 27:57-60](#)

Egg #11: A stone

The stone that was rolled away, [Matthew 28:1-4](#)

Egg #12: EMPTY!!

He is not here. Jesus is alive! [Matthew 28:5-7](#)

Lessons Covered by This Activity:

- [The Triumphal Entry](#)
- [Jesus and the Moneychangers](#)
- [Jesus Washes Disciples' Feet](#)
- [The Last Supper](#)
- [Night of Betrayal and Prayer](#)
- [The Trial of Jesus](#)
- [Jesus is Crucified](#)
- [Burial and the Resurrection](#)

Other Variations:

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