

The Easter Story

Easter eggs represent new life, the life given as a gift by Jesus Christ, both the life of the resurrection and the spiritual life that comes with repentance, both made possible by the atonement of Christ. This activity uses plastic Easter eggs to tell the story of Easter in a way that will appeal to children.

Print these pages onto stiff paper then cut apart each row. Place each strip into a plastic Easter egg. Number the eggs to match the numbers of the strips. Open the eggs one at a time in order and tell the Easter story. If you wish you can add the objects suggested on each strip to the eggs to represent each part of the story.

<p>1 And he went a little further and fell on his face, and prayed, saying "O my father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt." Matthew 26:39</p>	<p>cup</p>
<p>2 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said unto them, and I will deliver him unto you? And he covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver." Matthew 26:14-15</p>	<p>three dimes</p>
<p>3 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Matthew 27:1-2</p>	<p>short piece of twine</p>
<p>4 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Matthew 27:24-26</p>	<p>soap</p>
<p>5 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it on his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and he took the reed, and smote him on the head. Matthew 27:28-30</p>	<p>red cloth</p>
<p>6 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. Matthew 27:31-32</p>	<p>nail</p>

<p>7 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that is might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down, they did watch him there. Matthew 27:35-36</p>	<p>die</p>
<p>8 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. Matthew 27:50-51, 54</p>	<p>potting soil in a little zipper bag</p>
<p>9 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth." Matthew 27:57-59</p>	<p>white cloth</p>
<p>10 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher, and departed. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go you way, make it as sure as you can. So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. Matthew 27:60, 65-66</p>	<p>stone</p>
<p>11 And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. And the angel answered and said unto the woman, Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. Mark 16:1 and Matthew 28:2, 5</p>	<p>spices in a little zipper bag</p>
<p>12 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Matthew 28:6</p>	<p>empty</p>