

Bible Story Easter Eggs

Kids love egg hunts. Sometimes we get so busy coloring eggs, hiding eggs, and hunting eggs that we forget why we're doing it! It's because of Jesus. We celebrate Easter because Jesus conquered sin and death for us!



There is a way for us to do an egg hunt that the kids will love, and at the same time remember the real reason we celebrate Easter!

When my kids were little, I made my very own Bible Story Eggs. Using big colored plastic eggs, I tucked symbols of the Easter Bible Story inside.

You can make some too. Include as few or as many eggs as you would like in your set. Always have one empty egg; call it the most important egg because it represents the empty tomb. Jesus defeated death, rose from the dead, and came out of the tomb. The child/person who finds the empty egg finds the most sought after egg, because ... "The tomb is empty – Jesus is alive!" That's what Easter is all about.

Get the kids involved in selecting the items you want inside your set of Bible Story Easter eggs. Reading the Bible together and finding items that can be tucked inside the eggs helps everyone gain a better understanding of the story and how it relates to each person individually!

The Easter Story can be found in all four Gospels, each Gospel writer telling the story from their viewpoint: Matthew 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24, and John 12-20. Below is a partial listing of items that could be selected:

- One empty egg (The tomb is empty! Jesus rose from the dead!) – The one is a must!
 - Matthew 28:6
- A Donkey (Jesus humbly rode a donkey into Jerusalem.)
 - Mark 11:1-10
- Palm branch (People waved palm branches during Jesus' triumphal entry.) – Any green leaf can be used.
 - John 12:13
- Picture of praying hands (Jesus prayed before he was arrested.)
 - Mark 14:32-39
- A small cracker and a grapes (Jesus served a Lord's Supper to his disciples – "This is my body; This is my blood.")
 - Matthew 26:26-28
- 30 pieces of silver (Judas betrayed Jesus for just 30 pieces of silver.) – Three dimes work great.
 - Matthew 26:14-16
- Rope (the soldiers arrested Jesus and bound him.)
 - Matthew 27:2

- Crown of Thorns (The soldiers mocked Jesus with a crown made of thorns.) - I made one from the thorny barberry bush outside my front door.
 - Matthew 27:28-29
- Whip (The soldiers beat Jesus.)
 - John 19:1
- Reeds (Used for a staff to mock Jesus.)
 - Matthew 27:27-30
- Nails (Used to hold Jesus to the cross.)
 - Luke 24:38-40
- Rooster (Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed.)
 - Matthew 26:75
- Rock (Used to seal the tomb.)
 - Matthew 27:59-60
- Cross (Jesus was nailed to a cross and died.)
 - John 19:25
- Sponge (The guards offered vinegar to Jesus to drink.)
 - Matthew 27:48
- Linen Cloth (After Jesus died, he was wrapped in linen cloth.)
 - Matthew 25:57-59
- Sword (The soldiers pierced Jesus' side to see if he was dead.)
 - John 19:33-34
- Spices (Used to anoint the body of Jesus after he died.) - I used a tiny bottle of perfume or a small bag of cloves
 - Mark 16:1
- Lamb (Jesus was the Sacrificial Lamb of God.)
 - John 1:29

After the eggs are prepared, hide them, find them, and take time with your family or guests to retell the Story with each symbol. This can become a very meaningful and fun family tradition – for all ages! Including a time of prayer together can become a wonderful shared experience!

There are commercial Bible Story Easter Eggs that can be purchased. I wonder though if homemade may be even better because of the invested time spent together in the preparation!

Happy Easter!

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