

Easter Egg Storytelling

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Supplies

- One dozen plastic eggs
- Permanent black marker

Following items must fit in the eggs

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| • Plastic donkey | • Rooster | • Broken Rock |
| • Wash cloth | • Rope | • Angel |
| • Praying hands | • Cross | • Cotton Ball |
| • Coins | • Sponge | |

Prepare Ahead

Using the permanent marker, number the eggs from 1 to 12.

Add the items to the eggs in the following order:

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| • 1: Donkey | • 7: Cross |
| • 2: Wash Cloth | • 8: Sponge |
| • 3: Praying Hands | • 9: Broken Rock |
| • 4: Coins | • 10: Leave it empty |
| • 5: Rooster | • 11: Angel |
| • 6: Rope | • 12: Cotton Ball |

Exploration

Adult Information

Easter brings a universal message of rebirth and resurrection, not only for nature, but for each of us in a very personal way. It is a time of leaving the apparent “dead wood” of past mistakes and limitations and old thought patterns behind and resurrecting the Christ Spirit of life, love, faith, joy, etc., within our minds and bodies.

Activity

Open the eggs, one by one, and talk about what part of the Easter story it represents.

1. **Donkey:** (*Matthew 21:2-5*) Represents the donkey on which Jesus rode into Jerusalem.
2. **Wash Cloth:** (*John 13:4-11*) Represents the cloth Jesus used to wash the feet of the disciples.
3. **Praying Hands:** (*Mark 14:32-42*) Represents Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.
4. **Coins:** (*Matthew 26:14-15*) Represents Judas' payment for betraying Jesus.
5. **Rooster:** (*Luke 22:61*) Represents Peter's denial.
6. **Rope:** (*John 18:12*) Represents Jesus being arrested and led away to see Pilate.
7. **Cross:** (*John 19:16-22*) Represents the cross Jesus carried to Calvary.

8. **Sponge:** (*John 19:28-30*) Represents the sponge soaked with sour wine that was offered to Jesus as he was dying.
9. **Broken Rock:** (*Matthew 27:51, 54*) Represents the earthquake that occurred when Jesus died.
10. **Empty:** (*Matthew 28:5-8*) Represents the empty tomb.
11. **Angel:** (*John 20:12*) Represents the angel who told Mary that Jesus had risen.
12. **Cotton Ball:** (*Luke 24:51-53*) Represents Jesus' ascension through the clouds.

Discussion

- What happened in this story?
- What different things did Jesus experience?
- How do you think Jesus felt when his friends were not there for him?
- How does the story end?
- Tell me about a difficult time you had with your family or friends?
- How did you feel?
- What did you do?
- At the end of this story, Jesus went with God and was alright again. What does this mean to you?
- How can going back to God, or remembering that God is with you even in difficult times help you?
- What is important to remember about this story?