

# Resurrection Eggs

## A Meaningful Christian Alternative to Traditional Easter Egg Hunts

As followers of Jesus Christ, we began celebrating holidays in ways that encourage our children to grasp the significance of Biblical Truths without removing the elements of fun they get excited about year after year. Our children had always enjoyed participating in Easter Egg Hunts, so when we heard about "Resurrection Eggs" we knew we'd like to acquire some. Resurrection Eggs can be purchased, but are also easily made at home with little expense.

### Materials Needed:

12 plastic Easter eggs which open & close, empty egg carton (*optional, to store Resurrection Eggs in*),  
and any 11 from the list below which are small enough to fit into a closed plastic Easter egg:

small toy donkey (*found in bag of farm animal figures sold at dollar stores*)

silver coin (*dime, nickel or quarter*)

small cup (*Barbie cup or a thimble*)

picture of praying hands (*printed & cut out*)

small toy rooster (*found in bag of farm animal figures sold at dollar stores*)

small strip of leather or suede string (*about 3 inches long, can use thread or piece of leather bootlace*)

miniature Crown of Thorns (*twist short pieces of craft wire to cover a key ring  
or use mini vine wreaths from a craft store*)

small piece of purple cloth (*about 2" square*)

3-4 Small Nails (*either 4 small trim nails separately or glue 3 or 4 together in shape of cross*)

small piece of cardboard with words "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" written on it

1 Die or 2 Dice

black paint made to paint plastic or black felt and glue (*to make inside one plastic egg black*)

small piece of sponge

small spear (*Lego spear, cut toy spear from plastic Indian figure found at Dollar Store  
or cut end of kabob skewer to represent a spear*)

small piece of white cloth or gauze (*about a 2" square*)

a stone/rock

cotton ball

Once you've gathered the materials needed to make your Resurrection Eggs, the hardest part is over! You are going to fill 11 of the 12 eggs with the 11 items you selected from the Material List on page 1. The eggs will be opened in sequence to tell the story of the days leading up to and including Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. There are two simple ways to keep your eggs in the proper sequence. First, you can simply write the numbers 1-12 on the bottoms of your eggs so that you will always know to fill and open them in numerical order. A second option requires that you have 12 different colored plastic eggs. You could carefully fill the eggs sequentially & make a list of which color egg to open first, second, third, . . . eleventh, twelfth. A good place to keep this list may be inside the top cover of your empty egg carton.

### Filling Your Resurrection Eggs:

The items listed on the material list are in the proper order for filling your eggs. In other words, if we were to read through the Gospel accounts, the objects that represent different aspects of the last days of Jesus' life on earth are organized chronologically. The easiest way to do this is to print the Material List and first go through and cross off the items you are not using. (The list contains 17 items and you chose 11 of them, so you should be crossing off 6 things.)

If you chose to use black paint (make sure it is made to paint plastic) or to glue black felt into one of your eggs (the purpose being to make the entire inside of the egg black, make sure you allow it plenty of time to dry before closing the egg.

Look at the first item that's not crossed off on the Material List and place it in your first egg (either write #1 on the bottom of the egg, or #1 and the color of the egg on a notecard).

Look at the second item that's not crossed off on the Material List and place it in your second egg (either write #2 on the bottom of the egg, or #2 and the color of the egg on your notecard).

If you *are not* using a cotton ball as one of your items, then:

Continue until 11 of the 12 eggs are filled and you have them in sequence. Either write #12 on the bottom of the last egg or write #12 and the color of the last egg on your notecard). The last egg (#12) will be empty.

If you *are* using a cotton ball as one of your items, then:

Continue until the first 10 eggs are filled and you have them in sequence. Either write #11 on the bottom of the next (empty) egg or write #11 and the color of the empty egg on your notecard). The 11th egg will remain empty.

Place the cotton ball in the last egg & label the bottom of the egg #12 or write #12 and the color of the last egg (containing the cotton ball) on your notecard.

Resurrection Eggs can be hidden for an egg hunt, passed around at a Sunday School class or just opened at your kitchen table. The important things are to make sure the eggs are filled & opened in the proper sequence, to read the Scripture Reference (given below) & give the children an explanation of what the contents of each egg represents. The list below is in order, so if you want to print this page off and keep it with your Resurrection Eggs, it may save you some time if your eggs get "out of order" or if you find you've lost an item somewhere along the line. If you come to a content/Scripture reference for an item you didn't use in your eggs just disregard it and move onto the next one listed. The crown of thorns & purple cloth have the same reference so open them together if you used both of those in your Resurrection Eggs.

<b>Content of Egg</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Scripture Reading</b>
donkey	Jesus rode one into Jerusalem	Matthew 21:1-9
coin	Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins	Matthew 26:14-16
cup/thimble	Wine shared at the Last Supper	Matthew 26:26-28
praying hands	Jesus prayed at Gethsemane	Matthew 26:36-46
rooster	Peter's denial of knowing Christ	Matthew 26:69-75
leather/suede string	Flogging Jesus received after trial by Pilate	John 19:1
crown of thorns	Placed on Jesus' head in mockery	John 19:2-7
purple cloth	Placed on Jesus in mockery	John 19:2-7
nails	Crucifixion	John 19:16-18
cardboard "King of the Jews"	Sign fastened to the cross with Jesus' charge	John 19:19-22
die/dice	Casting lots for Jesus' garments	John 19:22-24
black interior of egg	Darkness while Jesus was on the cross	Matthew 27:45-46
sponge	Drink offered to Christ while on the cross	John 19:28-30
spear	Pierced Jesus' side after His death	John 19:32-37
white cloth/gauze	Jesus' body prepared for burial	Matthew 27:59
stone/rock	Placed in front of Jesus' tomb	Matthew 27:60-28:3
(empty)	Resurrection	Matthew 28:5-9
cotton ball	Jesus Ascension	Luke 24:51-53