

Crew Time

Spend some time with your crew doing things to reinforce the Easter Sunday message

1. Make an Easter Empty Tomb Centrepiece for lunch



Supplies

- Shallow Terra Cotta Flower Pot Plate
- Small Terra Cotta Flower Pot
- Rocks or Pebbles
- Grass or leaves
- Brown Pipe Cleaners
- Scissors

2. Have an Easter Egg Hunt

Remind that just like the eggs are empty, Jesus' tomb was empty on this Sunday because He had come back to life!

3. Make DIY Resurrection Eggs

Follow the instructions to make them and then have an egg hunt and discover the parts of the story.

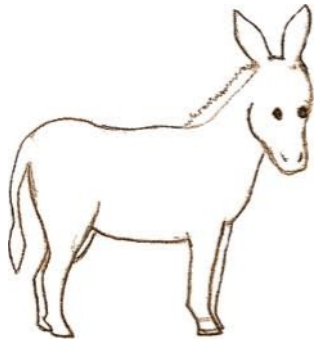


Supplies:

- 12 plastic eggs
- An egg carton
- 1 small leaf to represent a palm branch at Jesus' triumphal entry
- 3 10 cent coins to represent the 30 pieces of silver that Judas Iscariot received
- A thimble to represent a cup at the Last Supper
- A tiny piece of paper rolled into a scroll to represent Jesus' prayer in the garden
- A piece of leather or thick string to represent the soldier's whipping Jesus
- A tiny crown made from grass or a flower stem to represent the crown of thorns

- 2 nails to represent the nails and the cross
- A dice to represent the soldier's casting lots for Jesus' clothes
- A toothpick with one end broken off to represent the spear piercing Jesus' side
- A piece of cheesecloth or thin fabric to represent Joseph wrapping Jesus in clean linen cloth
- A rock to represent the stone rolled in front of the tomb

Use these cards in each egg to prompt you as you tell the story. You will probably need to paraphrase a little for the kids!



DONKEY

Matthew 21 : 9

Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

Hosanna to the Son of David!
'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'
Hosanna in the highest!"

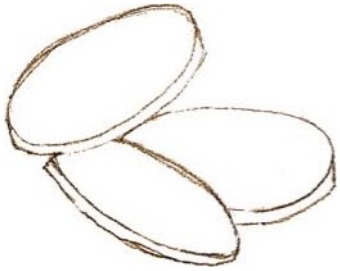


PRAYING

Matthew 26:39

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying,

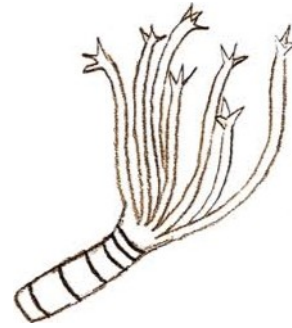
"O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."



COINS

Matthew 26: 14-15

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.



Mark 15:15

So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

WHIP



CUP

Matthew 26:26-28

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body.

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.



CROWN

Matthew 27:29

When they had twisted 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!"



NAILS

Matthew 27:31

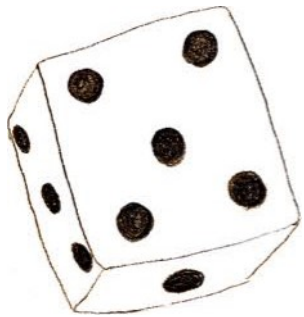
And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.



LINEN

Matthew 27:59

When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.



DICE

Matthew 27:35

Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet."



Matthew 27:66

Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how.'" So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

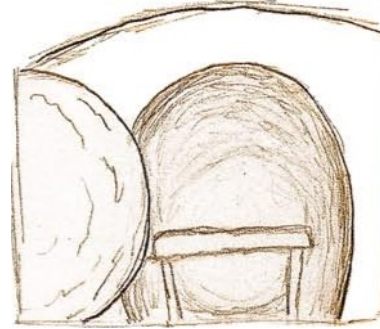
STONE



SPEAR

John 19:34

But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.



EMPTY TOMB

Matthew 28:25

But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

4. Easter Scavenger Hunt for the Family

After you find each “clue” take a selfie together with the object you found so that by the end, not only do you have fun, faith-filled memories, you have seven new family pictures.

Clue #1 – Birth – Luke 2:6-12

"This story begins in a different way

The Baby Jesus was sleeping on Hay

He was the Messiah, God's Only Son

But His journey began as a quiet, humble one..."

►With your family, find a barn or manger and take a selfie together beside it.

Think about what it meant that Jesus wasn't born rich or mighty, but as a humble baby, just like us. Talk about why that is important to us as we follow Him.

Clue #2 – Baptism – Luke 3:21-22

"As He grew, he gained respect from God and man

And His calling to save us, He began to understand

He declared He came to set the captives free

And was baptized by John to begin that journey.

John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River."

►See if you can find a stream, a pool, a river, anything with water for your family selfie.

Take some time to think about what happened when Jesus was baptized, how God spoke from heaven and what John said about Him.

Clue #3 – Ministry – Matthew 4:18-20

“Jesus began to teach all the people

They’d come to hear him, no building or steeple

He’d talk in the mountains and down by the sea

And to those who would listen, He’d say “Come, follow me!”

Jesus went to places where people were to talk to them about God’s Love. If Jesus were here today, where do you think he would teach?

►Take a picture of your family in the place you thought of and write down a little explanation of why you picked that place!

Clue #4 – Miracles

“Many people came to Jesus in need

Some sick and some lame, some broken indeed

And often Jesus would heal, touch or feed

News of Him spread around Israel with speed”

There are many stories of Jesus’ miracles in the Bible. With your family pick your favourite story and read it together.

►**There are several ways to take your family selfie** – you can all point to the Scripture reference and take a pic; you can re-enact the story and take a pic; or you can take a video of your family reading or telling the story!

Clue #5 – Last Supper – Matthew 26:20-30

“But some of the people did not like God’s Son

And started a plan to get rid of the One

So, Jesus gathered his friends for a Passover meal

And shared what would happen; it seemed so unreal”

During the Last Supper, Jesus explained that he would die and rise again, but the disciples didn’t understand his words. It was here that Jesus first described communion – the bread representing his body and the juice representing his blood. After this, he left and went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray before the soldiers came to arrest him. **With your family, go find a garden or a patch of flowers.** ►**Take your picture together** and consider how just a few weeks ago this ground was cold and dead, but today there is hope and new life. Jesus came that we might have new life and have it for all eternity!

Clue #6 – Crucifixion – Matthew 27:32-56*

"Betrayed by a friend, Jesus was arrested

He was tried by a court and his death was requested

On that saddest of days, our Saviour did die

But within that dark moment, our salvation did lie"

When Jesus died on the cross, his disciples and his friends lost all hope. But God had a bigger plan. A beautiful plan that was way bigger than they could see in that moment. We remember the cross as a place of suffering but also as a place of hope for all eternity.

► **With your family, find a cross and take your picture and talk about how we can have hope in Jesus.**

Clue #7 – Resurrection – Luke 24:1-12

"Some may think that our story is done.

But they would be wrong! It has only begun!

For after 3 days, Jesus rose from the dead

To give us New Life forever...just as He said!"

Our greatest hope comes in knowing that we will get to spend all of eternity with Jesus and with all who follow him! We don't have to be slaves to sin. Jesus can help us to live with joy and life now. That is what Easter is all about!

► **Take a picture of your family celebrating with GREAT JOY that Jesus is ALIVE!**