

Resurrection Eggs for a Classroom

1. Perfume sample or cotton ball--Mary anointed Jesus' feet (John 12:3)
2. Palm branch/leaf--triumphal entry (Matt. 21:8)
3. bread--last supper (Matt. 26:26)
4. praying hands--garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:32)
5. 3 dimes--30 pieces of silver that Jesus was sold for (Matt. 26:14-15)
6. rope--they bound Jesus (Matt. 27:2)
7. soap--Pilate washed his hands of the matter (Matt. 27:24)
8. rooster/feather --Jesus predicted Peter would deny him three times before the cock crowed (Matt. 26:33)
9. thorn--crown of thorns (John 19:2)
10. scarlet cloth--robe put on Jesus (Matt. 27:28)
11. toothpick/twig cross--Jesus carried his own cross, until Simon carried it (John 19:17)
12. dice--casting lots for Jesus clothes (John 19:24)
13. sponge with vinegar: what Jesus was given to drink (Matt. 27:34)
14. spear--spear in side (John 19:33-34)
15. cloves/spices--spices that the women were bringing to anoint Jesus on Sunday (Mark 16:1)
16. rock--stone placed in front of tomb was rolled away (John 20:1; Matt. 28:2)
17. Empty egg--empty tomb (Matt. 28:5-6)
18. linen fabric--used to wrap Jesus...left in tomb, Peter went to look in tomb after he heard (John 20:6-7)
19. nail--nails in hands (John 20:25-29)
20. Fish--Jesus ate fish with the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:41-43)
21. World map--Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20)
22. cotton ball--Jesus ascended in the clouds and will return in like manner (Acts 1:11)

Directions:

Gather enough plastic eggs to hold the above mentioned items. On each egg, write the number 1-22. Inside each egg, place the corresponding item and verse.

You can open the eggs in several different formats.

- A. Sit in a large circle and pass the eggs around in a basket. Each student takes out one egg and opens it. The teacher calls out the numbers in order and each student opens their egg and shows the item. They read the verse or let the teacher read it. Place the items in a line in the middle of the circle.
- B. Have the students each take an egg from the basket and open it at their seat. Have them write a description of the item and what significance they think it has in today's Bible story. Share their ideas and then follow the rest of the directions in A.
- C. Hide the eggs around the room or outside. Have the students open the eggs one at a time and read about the item and the verse.
- D. Read an Easter story to the class. At each part of the story that mentions one of the items, have a student get that egg and open it. Read the verse.
- E. Students each take an egg and open it. They have to sequence themselves in the order they think the items appear in the Bible story. (For this format, do not write numbers on the outside of the eggs, or on the texts) The nail egg could be tricky, because in this activity, it is referred to after Jesus has risen from the dead, not when He is actually crucified.

10. Matthew 27:28

They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,

11. John 19:17

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

5. Matthew 26:14-15

¹⁴Then one of the Twelve--the one called Judas Iscariot--went to the chief priests ¹⁵and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.

2. Matthew 21:8

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

4. Mark 14:32

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

9. John 19:2

The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head.

8. Matthew 26:34

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

6. Matthew 27:2

They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

1. John 12:3

Then Mary took about a pint^[1] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

22. Acts 1:11

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? **This same Jesus**, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the **same** way you have seen him go into heaven."

16. Matthew 28:2

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

20. Luke 24:41-43

⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

21. Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[1] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

15. Mark 16:1

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

14. John 19:33-34

³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

18. John 20:6-7

⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

17. Matthew 28:5-6

⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

19. John 20:25-27

²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

13. Matthew 27:34

There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it

12. John 19:24

"Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and **cast lots** for my clothing." [19:24 Psalm 22:18] So this is what the soldiers did.

7. Matthew 27:24

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"