

Easter Eggs with a Difference

Here's an activity by Jeanne Zornes from *Pockets Magazine* to help you and your family observe Holy Week. *Pockets* is a fun devotional magazine from *Upper Room* for children ages 6-12.

Begin with 11 of those plastic Easter eggs that pull apart. In the first ten eggs, put a different item listed below and a slip of paper with the accompanying Bible verses. Beginning ten days before Easter, your family can open one egg each day, read the Bible verses, and talk about them together.

Egg 1: A bit of greenery to represent the palms that the people spread in front of Jesus when he entered Jerusalem (Zechariah 9:9; John 12:12-15)

Egg 2: Pennies or miniature doves to represent Jesus' cleansing of the temple (Matthew 21:12-13)

Egg 3: A small strip of terry cloth to represent Jesus' washing his disciples' feet (John 13:3-17)

Egg 4: Silver sequins to represent the coins that Judas received for betraying Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16; 27:3-7)

Egg 5: A piece of leather shoestring to represent Jesus' flogging (Mark 15:15-20)

Egg 6: A miniature lamb or bit of wool to represent Jesus' silence when accused (Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 26:62-63)

Egg 7: A nail to represent Jesus' crucifixion (Psalm 22:16; Matthew 27:35-40)

Egg 8: A bit of sponge to represent Jesus' thirst (John 19:28-30)

Egg 9: A piece of purple cloth torn in two to represent the splitting of the temple curtain at Jesus' death (Matthew 27:50-51)

Egg 10: A rock to represent the stone rolled in front of Jesus' tomb (Mark 15:46-47)

Mark the Eleventh Egg with a cross. Leave it empty and open Easter morning and talk about the empty tomb (Luke 24:1-12)

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Prayers for Lent and Easter




"Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for our sins."

—Hebrews 10:12

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 God, I am grateful for today. Let me focus my thoughts on praise for you. Psalm 150:3-4	31 God, thank you for being present at the beginning and end of my journey and every point along the way. Matthew 28:20				 www.ngumc.org	1 God, during this season of Lent help me to experience your love and grow in my relationship with you. 2 Peter 3:18
2 God, provide me with an opportunity to reflect on my commitment to you and show me how to pray more deeply. Romans 8:26	3 God, teach me to recognize the gifts you have given me and help me to use these gifts for your glory. 2 Timothy 3:16-17	4 God, show me a meaningful way to express my faith today and every day. Open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise. Psalm 51:15	5 God, I have sinned against you. I am sorry and I repent. Please help me replace my old ways with your ways. Luke 10:12-14	6 God, send your Holy Spirit to renew me and transform me, to change my attitude and my actions. Luke 15:6-8	7 God, don't let me take for granted your kindness and patience. Instead let it be an example to me to use in my life. James 5:7	8 God, lead me to be tolerant and unselfish toward others, to pray for my enemies and to forgive them. Luke 3:11
9 God, instruct us, your church, in the ways of your kingdom. Mold us and shape us into your people. Luke 11:1	10 God, help me clear out the clutter from my life and to experience peace. Genesis 1:2	11 God, have mercy on me and turn me toward your grace and strengthen my faith. Philippians 4:13	12 God, when I am tempted to sin, show me the way to resist and remind me that even Jesus faced temptation. 1 Corinthians 10:13	13 God, reveal to me the things in my life that are getting in the way of a deeper relationship with you. Matthew 7:13-14	14 God, renew in me a spirit of hope and an attitude of servanthood. Jeremiah 29:11	15 God, what can I do to bring peace to the world and to my home and to my heart? John 14:27
16 God, give me the courage to live out my faith, to wave a palm branch for you. Matthew 21:10-11	17 God, thank you for loving us even when we are unworthy, for giving every one of us the promise of new life. Mark 16:16	18 God, I am grateful for the gift of my church family. May I be a support to them as they are to me. Romans 15:1	19 God, you are the potter and I am the clay. Restore and rebuild me. Isaiah 64:8	20 God, help me learn from Christ's deep expression of humility and love at the Last Supper with his disciples. Matthew 26:17-35	21 God, on this day of sorrow let us know you are always beside us. We turn our sadness over to you. Galatians 2:20	22 God, open my eyes, my heart and my mind to the coming of Christ. 2 Corinthians 2:14
23 God, thank you for the gift of eternal life. May the risen Christ raise us up and renew our lives. Hebrews 10:12	24 God, as we remember Easter Sunday, help us to continue in the spirit of hope that the resurrection brings. 2 Corinthians 5:17	25 God, as we celebrate rebirth, let us praise you for the beautiful creation we have to enjoy. 1 Peter 1:3	26 God, as we celebrate everlasting life, let my life be a sign to others of the hope you bring. Hebrews 11:1	27 God, as we celebrate your love, help us feel your presence in our hearts. James 4:8	28 God, as we celebrate victory of life over death, remind me that you son gave his life for me. Ephesians 2:4 -5	29 God, let our prayers draw us into the spirit of joy. Jesus is with us. He is not dead, but alive. Luke 24:15