

Easter Eggs with a Difference

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Here's an activity that will help you and your family observe Holy Week (the week before Easter).



Begin with 11 of those plastic Easter eggs that pull apart. You'll also need 10 items described below, representing the story of Holy Week.

In the first 10 eggs, put a different item listed below and a slip of paper with the accompanying Bible verses. Put the eggs in a basket or bowl on your table or another place where your family can gather. Beginning 10 days before Easter (not counting Easter Day), each day, open one egg, read the Bible verses, and talk about them together.

#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*)

#2: Pennies to represent Jesus' cleansing of the temple (*Matthew 21:12-13*)

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

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

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

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

#7: A nail to represent Jesus' crucifixion (*Psalms 22:16; Matthew 27:35-40*)

#8: A piece of sponge to represent Jesus' thirst (*John 19:28-30*)

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

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

#11: Mark the eleventh egg with a cross. Leave it empty and save it to open on Easter morning and talk about the empty tomb (*Luke 24:1-12*) ■