

Retelling the events of Holy Week and Easter with Eggs



This is a way of retelling the events of Holy Week and Easter which catches the interest of children of all ages. The children open the eggs and inside discover a miniature item, this item is linked to one of the events of Easter. I usually arrange them on a long table runner and lay cards with the days of the week underneath the items as we tell the story.

For younger children 12 eggs give the right amount of detail and are a suitable length. For older children you can add more eggs and items. Some of the parts of the narrative may be new to many children. The Bible references included below are for the adults, these verses are not suitable for younger children.

I have numbered my eggs, so that I can ask who has egg number 1 etc. However, if children are already familiar with the events of Holy week and Easter you could open them in any order and the children could place them on the timeline.

Sometimes I sit the children in a circle and hand the eggs around, for a more active session I hide the eggs and the children have an Easter egg hunt and then bring them back together as we consider what the items inside might represent.

You will need plastic eggs, the sort that open into two halves. I have listed the contents below with some suggestions of where you can source them.

You could get the children to create the contents for inside the eggs themselves, these could be as simple as drawings, or more complicated clay models.

You can buy a similar set of 12 eggs sold as 'Resurrection Eggs' from a few online suppliers.



[An Eggs traordinary Story](#) here is a video of Rachel using eggs to tell the story.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 Easter Eggs A dozen eggs

Number	Contents	Possible source for this item	Event	Bible Reference	Day of the week
1	Donkey / palm branch	Toy farm, leaf cut out of paper	Palm Sunday Entry into Jerusalem	Matthew 21:1-11	Sunday
2	Coins	1 and 2p coins, don't use silver coins for this one.	Jesus overturns the tables in the temple	Matthew 21:12&13	Sunday
3	Towel	Small piece cut from an old towel	Jesus washes the disciples' feet	John 13:1-17	Thursday
4	Piece of bread and wine glass	Dolls house items or Made out of modelling clay	Last supper	Matthew 26:26-29	Thursday
5	Roman soldier	I got mine from a museum gift shop	Arrest	Luke 22:47-54	Thursday
6	Purple robe crown of thorns	Cut out of purple cloth Crown made from twisted wire	Jesus is mocked	John 19:1-5	Friday
7	Cross	Try a craft shop or cathedral gift shop	Jesus carries His cross	Matthew 27:31-33	Friday
8	4 Nails	4 large nails any DIY shop	Jesus is nailed to the cross	Matthew 27:35-50	Friday
9	Stone	Ideally a round stone. Check it fits in the egg!	A stone is rolled in front of the tomb	Matthew 27:57-61	Friday
10	Glass nuggets (tears)	garden centre or craft shop	Sabbath, sadness	Mark 16:1	Saturday
11	White cloth and spices	Whole cloves Strip of white cloth	Women go to the tomb	Luke 24:1-2	Sunday
12	Empty		He is not here, He is risen	Luke 24:2-12	Sunday (Easter Day)

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Key Stage 2 Easter Eggs Twenty Three eggs

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1	Donkey / palm branch	Toy farm, leaf cut out of paper	Palm Sunday Entry into Jerusalem	Matthew 21:1-11	Sunday
2	Coins	1 and 2p coins, don't use silver coins for this one.	Jesus overturns the tables in the temple	Matthew 21:12&13	Sunday
3	Perfume bottle	Perfume sample, or small dolls house bottle with perfume in it.	Mary washes Jesus feet	Mark 14:3-9	Monday?
4	Silver Coins	5p coins. You probably can't fit 30 in the egg	Judas agrees to betray Jesus	Matthew 26:14-16	Tuesday?
5	Towel	Small piece cut from an old towel	Jesus washes the disciples' feet	John 13:1-17	Thursday
6	Piece of bread and wine glass	Dolls house items or Make out of modelling clay	Last supper	Matthew 26:26-29	Thursday
7	Tree or a flower	A Lego, model railway farm set	Jesus prays in the garden	Matthew 26:36-46	Thursday
8	Roman soldier	I got mine from a museum gift shop	Arrest	Luke 22:47-54	Thursday
9	Sword	From a Lego or playmobile set	Peter cuts off ear of servant	John 17:10&11	Thursday
10	Piece of thick string	Any string	Jesus is whipped	Luke 23:63-65	Friday
11	Purple robe crown of thorns	Cut out of purple cloth Crown made from twisted wire	Jesus is mocked	John 19:1-5	Friday

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12	Cockerel	From a toy farm set	Peter denies Jesus	John 18:15-18 & 25-27	Friday
13	Cross	Try a craft shop or cathedral gift shop	Jesus carries His cross	Matthew 27:31-33	Friday
14	4 Nails	4 large nails any DIY shop	Jesus is nailed to the cross	Matthew 27:35-50	Friday
15	Sign	Write your own sign saying the words	This is the king of the Jews	John 19:19-22	Friday
16	Dice / white cloth	2 small dice and rectangle of white cloth	Soldiers gamble for Jesus clothes	John 19:23-24	Friday
17	Sponge	Small piece cut from a sponge	Jesus is given vinegar	John 19:28-30	Friday
18	Spear	Lego or playmobile or make from a cocktail stick	Soldiers check that Jesus has died	John 19:31-37	Friday
19	Torn curtain fabric	Piece of brocade or golden fabric with the cut 2/3 way down the middle	Temple curtain is ripped in two	Luke 23:44-49	Friday
20	Stone	Ideally a round stone. Check it fits in the egg!	A stone is rolled in front of the tomb	Matthew 27:57-61	Friday
21	Glass nuggets (tears)	garden centre or craft shop	Sabbath, sadness	Mark 16:1	Saturday
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