



## PASCHA EGG HUNT WITH A MESSAGE

This should be "eggsactly" the kind of Pascha story our students will remember.

### Materials:

- ❑ 24 small plastic eggs.
- ❑ 72 small foil-wrapped chocolate eggs (optional)
- ❑ The Resurrection story in **24** simple sentences cut into strips. See below.  
(Option) Consider enlarging the 24 sentences before cutting them.

**Directions:** Place 1 Strip & 3 small foil-wrapped chocolate eggs in each plastic egg.

**Option 1: (1)** Hide the plastic eggs around the church grounds. **(2)** When all the eggs had been collected, sit in a circle, and have the children share what is written on the strips of paper, which are numbered so that the story is told in order of events. **(3)** The teacher may have to keep track of the story line by having the complete story in front of him/her.

**Option 2: (1)** If an Egg Hunt is not possible, place all the eggs in a large basket. Have the students sit on the floor. **(2)** Each time the basket is passed around the circle, a student grabs one egg. **(3)** When the eggs have been distributed, the students open the eggs & begin telling the story in numerical order. **(4)** The teacher may have to keep track of the story line by having the complete story in front of him/her.

**Messages for the eggs.** Grades 3-4 reading level.

1. Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare his last meal with his friends.
2. Before they sat down to eat, Jesus washed his disciples' feet.
3. While they were at table, Jesus said, "One of you will betray me."
4. Jesus broke bread, said a prayer, and gave the bread to his disciples.
5. Then he took the wine, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples. This was the first Communion.
6. After supper, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.
7. While Jesus was in the Garden, Judas showed the soldiers who Jesus was by kissing him. For doing this, Judas was paid 30 pieces of silver.
8. The soldiers arrested Jesus and took him to Pilate. His friends ran away.
9. After questioning Jesus, Pilate said to the chief priests and leading men: "You told me this man was a trouble maker. I find nothing against him."
10. Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, but the people shouted, "Crucify him!"
11. The soldiers made fun of Jesus. They made him a crown of thorns and shouted, "Hail, King of the Jews."
12. They made a cross out of heavy wooden beams, put it on Jesus' shoulders, and led him through the city.
13. On the way, they met a man named Simon of Cyrene, and made him carry Jesus' cross.
14. They brought Jesus to Golgotha, which means "place of the skull."
15. They put Jesus on the cross and cast lots (dice) among themselves for his clothes.
16. Over his head, they put a sign that read, "Jesus, King of the Jews."
17. From the cross he said, "Forgive them. They know not what they do."
18. Before he died, Jesus asked His disciple John to take care of his mother.
19. Joseph of Arimathea, a follower of Jesus, asked for Jesus' body and buried Jesus in his tomb.
20. A huge stone was rolled against the entrance of the tomb to close it.
21. On Sunday morning after his death, some women went to the grave and found the stone rolled away.
22. An angel said to them, "Jesus is not here. He is risen"
23. The women ran to tell his friends.
24. Jesus appeared to his friends and said, "Go to people everywhere and make them my disciples. Baptize them. Teach them what I have taught you. And I will be with you always."

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