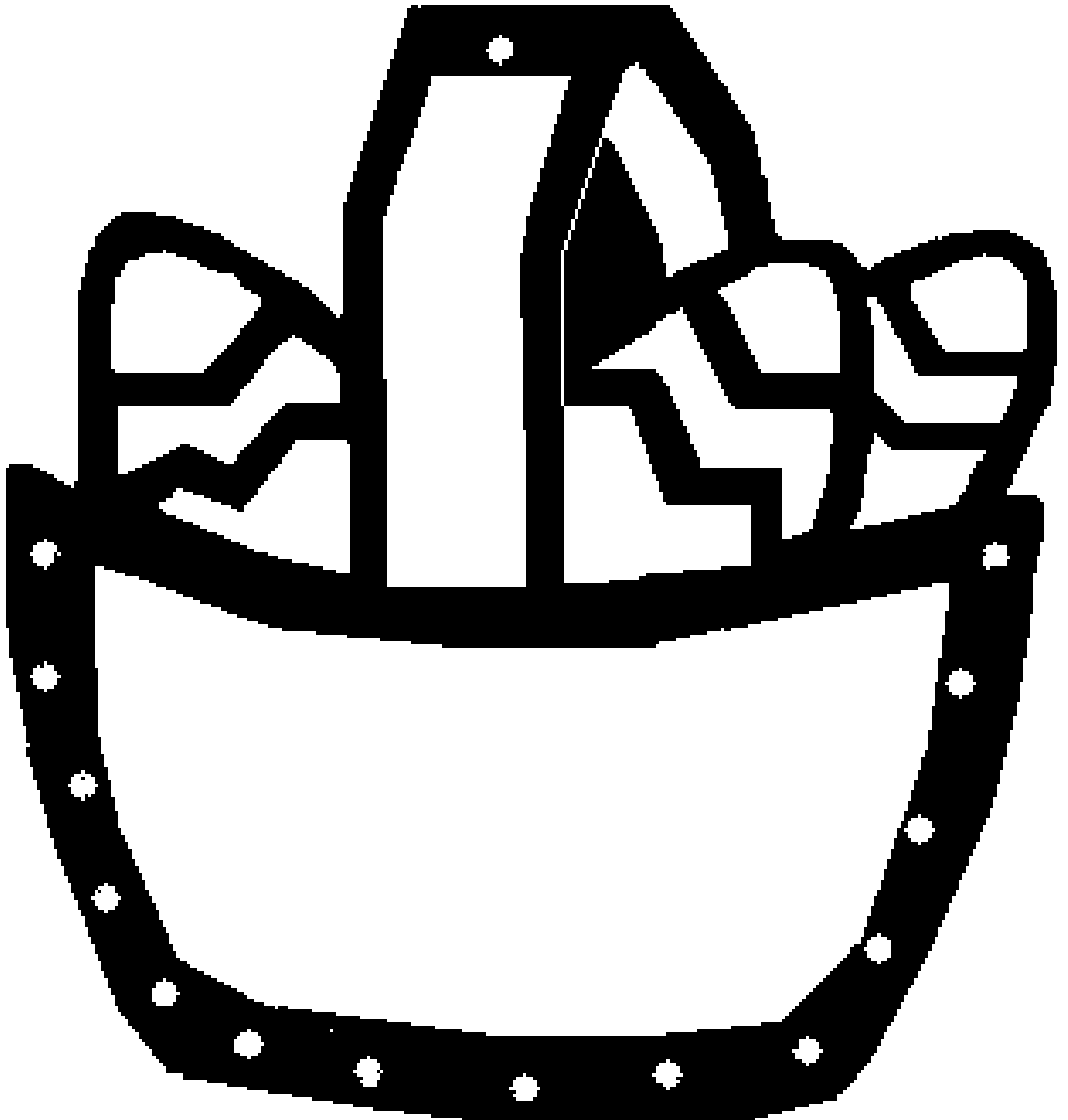


# A "PASCHA EGG COLLECTING" BASKET FOR LENT & PASCHA



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### **Materials to provide for each student:**

**When photocopying the basket, enlarge so it covers the 8 ½" x 11" paper.**

- ★ 2 sheets of white or cream card stock; 1 with the Basket printed on it
- ★ 3 sheets of paper printed with 40+ eggs with daily tasks

### **Materials to be provided at home:**

- ★ Scissors
- ★ Large-eyed needle
- ★ String, yarn, etc.
- ★ Paper clip
- ★ Envelope or small box to store the eggs
- ★ Single paper punch, optional
- ★ Markers or crayons, optional
- ★ Glue if use "Alternative Idea"
- ★ Large Wall Calendar if use "Alternative Idea"

### **Directions:**

1. Carefully cut out the 1 basket. Use it as the pattern for another basket. Cut out the 2<sup>nd</sup> basket.
2. Option: The basket can be colored with markers or crayons before sewn together.
3. Place the 2 baskets together so that the edges match. Use the needle to poke the holes as marked on the basket.
4. For younger children and/or greater ease, use a small-head paper punch to make the holes. Children will have an easier time sewing the 2 baskets together.
5. Thread the needle and knot the thread. Whip stitch the two baskets together along the stitching dots. **DO NOT STITCH THE DOT ON THE HANDLE.**
6. Thread a 12" piece of string or yarn through the handle of the basket to connect the handles and to serve as a hanger.
7. Cut out the 40+ eggs. Keep the eggs in a box or envelope. Use a paper clip to keep the eggs that deal with Church services separate. They will be easier to find on the appropriate days.
8. Each day of Lent & Holy Week, pick out one egg and concentrate on completing that activity for the day. If it is the day for a Church Service, and your family is going to Church, take out that egg from the paper clipped eggs.
9. Before bed, place that egg in your Pascha Egg Basket. When Pascha arrives, you will have a Basket full of Pascha Eggs!

ALTERNATE IDEA: Place all the eggs in the Pascha Basket. Pick one egg each day of Lent and Holy Week, then do that activity. When the task is completed, paste the egg on a large wall calendar. This will help you count off the days until Pascha!

Clean Your  
Room

Read a Saint's Life

Skip a favorite  
TV show & read  
a Bible story.

Be on time for  
Sunday Liturgy

Share  
something  
with  
someone

Obey  
Parents  
Promptly  
today &  
everyday

Light a  
candle at  
church for  
someone  
who is sick

Save you  
allowance  
for Missions  
or Needy

Don't Argue  
All Day

Be Extra  
good  
today at  
school

Read  
the  
Bible  
for 15  
minutes

Pray for  
your  
grandparents

Thank your  
Teacher  
after school

Tell your Parents  
You Love them

Don't buy a snack  
today. Give that  
money to the Church

Ask someone's  
forgiveness

Be happy. Don't  
complain all day

Sit quietly  
& pray  
for 10  
minutes

Thank God  
for as many  
things as you  
can think of

Read or  
Memorize  
the Creed

Read the  
Bible for  
15 minutes

Say only good  
things to others  
today

Pray for  
your  
godparents

Pray for  
lonely  
people

Receive  
Communion

Use one of  
your talents  
for someone

Pray a  
blessing  
for someone  
you do  
not like.

Talk to  
someone that  
is alone at  
lunch

Give  
our  
priest  
a hug

Say the  
Jesus Prayer:  
"Lord Jesus Christ  
have mercy on me"  
throughout  
the day

Say the Lord's Prayer  
when you rise from bed

Attend  
a weekday  
Lenten  
Service

Say  
your  
Prayers &  
go to bed  
early  
tonight

Memorize  
a Bible  
Verse

Read the life  
of a Saint &  
share it with  
your Church  
school class

Memorize  
John 3:16

Pray before  
& after  
every meal

Pray for  
those in  
the Military  
that God  
keep them  
safe

Read the  
Bible for  
15 minutes

Pray for Peace  
in the World

Do 3 acts of  
kindness  
today

Go to  
Confession  
or say the  
Lord's  
Prayer

Pray for someone  
who's sick

Attend a  
weekday  
Lenten  
service

Try to  
smile at  
everyone  
today

Thank your  
Church School  
Teacher after  
class

Read the  
Gospel for  
Sunday's  
Liturgy

Attend the  
Midnight Pascha  
Liturgy or the  
Agape Vespers