



Resurrection Eggs are a hands-on illustration to teach the Easter story to children. We encourage you to use this tool over the twelve days leading up to Easter (Resurrection Day).

For each day there is a plastic egg with an item in it to represent a part of the Easter story.

Helpful Hints

- Each day have a child open an egg and tell you what's inside.
- Make sure the eggs are opened in order
- Read the scripture assigned to that item or have the child read it.
- Explain what the scripture means in the Easter story.
- Be sure to keep the lesson brief.

For the 12 Days of Easter resources, visit www.nobleavenuebaptist.org/easter





Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!"

MATTHEW 21:9

01

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Plastic Egg Contents

A tiny plastic donkey or make a felt one or a drawing of one as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Matthew 21:1-11

The Triumphal Entry

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them, 'and he will send them at once.'" ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

02

Scripture

John 12:2-8

Plastic Egg Contents

A tiny perfume bottle or piece of cotton soaked in perfume as Mary poured perfume on Jesus feet.

John 12:2-8

² Here a dinner was given in Jesus 'honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."



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JOHN 12:3

03

Scripture

Matthew 26:17-19

Plastic Egg Contents

A tiny loaf of bread, dinner plate, or fork representing The Last Supper.



On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

MATTHEW 26:17

Matthew 26:17-19

The Last Supper

¹⁷ On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹⁸ He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

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When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

MATTHEW 27:3

04

Scripture

Matthew 27:3

Plastic Egg Contents

Three pieces of silver (three dimes, nickels, or quarters would be great) to represent Judas betraying Jesus.

Matthew 27:3

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Scripture

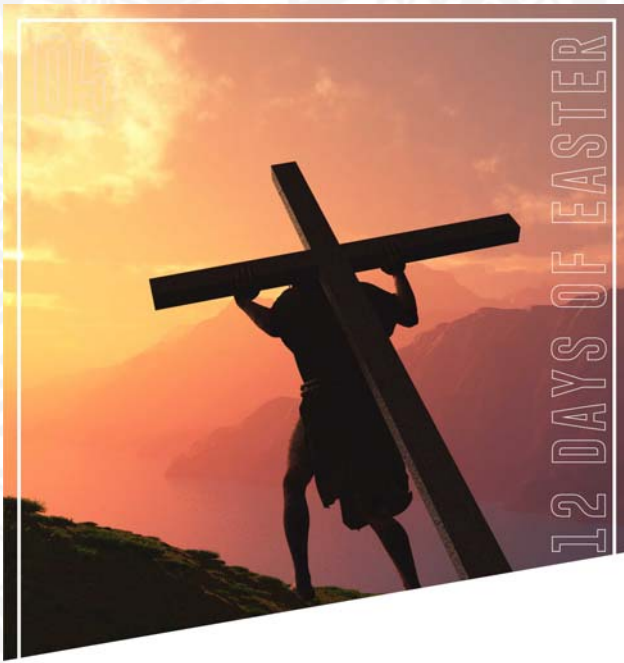
John 19:17

Plastic Egg Contents

A cross (a tiny silver one found in the bead department of a craft store or you could make one from toothpicks.) to represent Jesus carrying his cross to the site of the crucifixion.

John 19:17

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).



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JOHN 19:17

06



They put a purple robe on him,
then twisted together
a crown of thorns
and set it on him.

MARK 15:17

Scripture

John 19:2-4 and Mark 15:17

Plastic Egg Contents

A crown of thorns (a crown charm from the bead section of a craft store or you can make one) to represent Jesus crowned as king of the Jews.

John 19:2-4

² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³ and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face.

⁴ Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.”

Mark 15:17

¹⁷ They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him.

07

Scripture

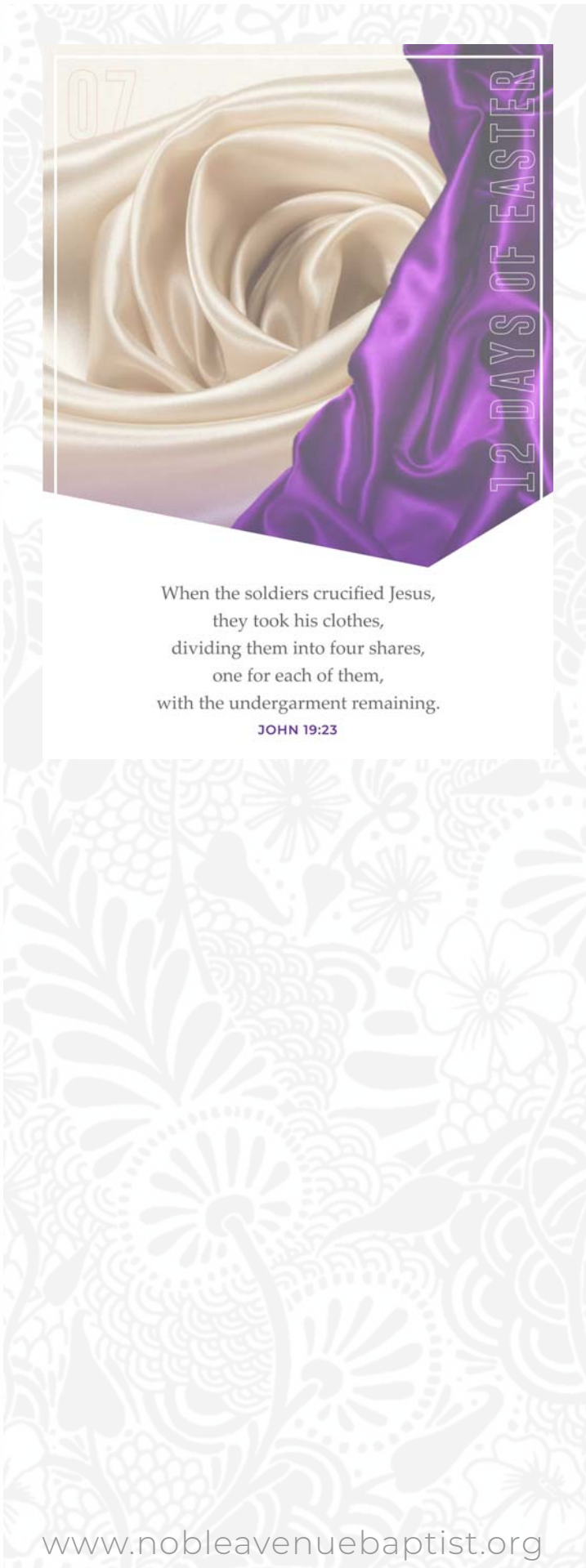
John 19:23

Plastic Egg Contents

Dice to represent the soldiers dividing up Jesus clothes.

John 19:23

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.



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JOHN 19:23

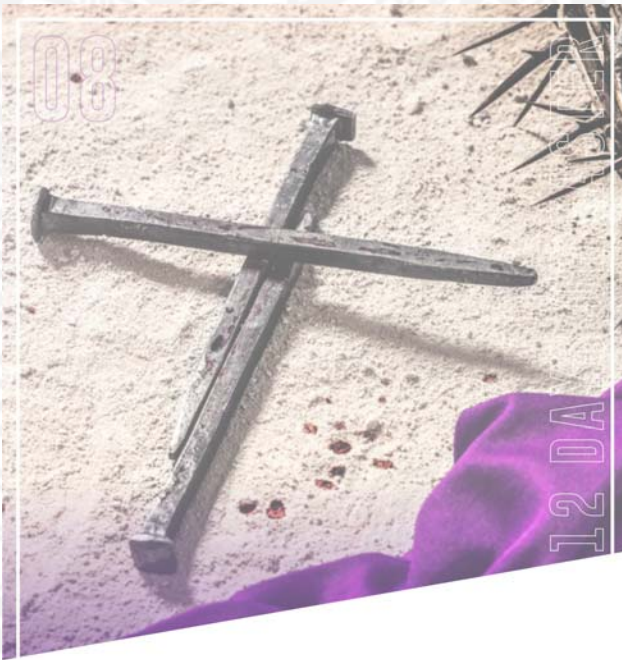
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Scripture

John 19:18,37 and John 20:25-29

Plastic Egg Contents

A nail for Jesus nailed to the cross.



Then Jesus told him,
Because you have seen me,
you have believed;
blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed."

JOHN 20:29

John 19:18,37

¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others - one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

³⁷ and "They will look on the one they pierced."

John 20:25-29

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

09

Scripture

John 19:28-30

Plastic Egg Contents

A sponge to represent the sponge soaked in vinegar they gave Jesus for a drink.

John 19:28-30

The Death of Jesus

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



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Jesus said,
"It is finished."

JOHN 19:30

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Taking Jesus' body,
the two of them wrapped it,
with the spices,
in strips of linen.

JOHN 19:40

10

Scripture

John 19:40

Plastic Egg Contents

Spices such as whole cloves which are small and fragrant as Jesus body is prepared for burial.

John 19:40

⁴⁰ Taking Jesus body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

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Scripture

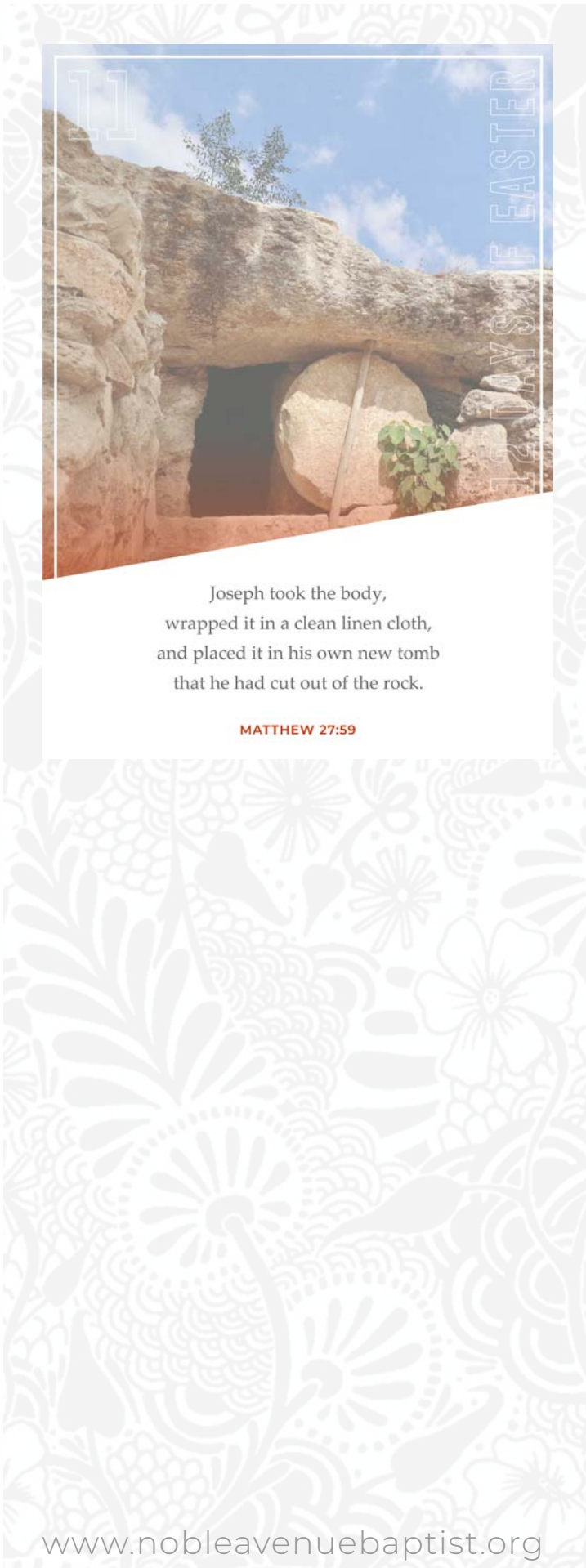
Matthew 27:59-60

Plastic Egg Contents

A stone to represent covering Jesus tomb with a great stone.

Matthew 27:59-60

⁵⁹ Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.



Joseph took the body,
wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,
and placed it in his own new tomb
that he had cut out of the rock.

MATTHEW 27:59

12

Scripture

Matthew 28:6

Plastic Egg Contents

An empty egg representing the empty tomb.
He has risen!

Matthew 28:6

⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay.



He is not here;
he has risen,
just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay.

MATTHEW 28:6