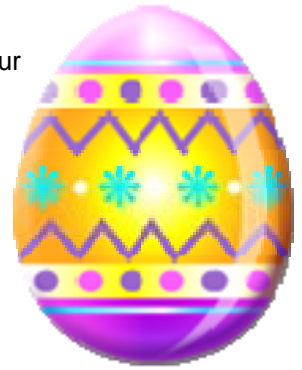


Resurrection Eggs

In our Younger Children's Department we have had the joy and fun of going over Family Life's Resurrection Eggs during TeamKIDS as well as Preschool Discipleship. I'd like to share with our families what we have been over the past few weeks so you can guide your young child in understanding the significance that Easter is a most life changing merciful blessing from God. I pray you will be blessed by the Resurrection Eggs as how they relate to Easter.



Egg One: Donkey: The donkey reminds us of Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Look at Matthew 21:1-9 as you go over Palm Sunday with your child. As our two year old class said this past Sunday the children wanted to bless Jesus. This is from the mouths of our babies. During this week and always in knowing that Jesus took the sting of death for us so we could spend eternity with HIM deserves our praise.

Egg Two: Coins: The coins remind us of the 30 pieces of silver Judas received for betraying Jesus into the hands of the Jewish leaders. The Jewish leaders wanted to get rid of Jesus. He was not the kind of Messiah or son of god they wanted. They were looking for God to send a warrior-like king, one riding a horse, not a donkey, who would come and overthrow the Roman Empire that ruled over the Jews. But as we know that was not God's plan.

Judas was one of Jesus' disciples who at first followed Jesus but decided to be disobedient to God. By disobeying, he was choosing to throw away his love for Jesus. He did this by betraying Jesus to His enemies for only 30 pieces of silver. Go to Matthew 26:14-16 as you go over this with your child.

Egg Three: the cup reminds us of Jesus' last supper with His disciples before His crucifixion. It was what was used for the wine, which is drunk in memory of Christ's blood that He shed for us and our sins. Go to Matthew 26:17-19, 26-28 as you talk to your children.

Egg Four: Praying Hands: The praying hands remind us of Jesus visiting the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Jesus, as the Son of God, gave us a wonderful example of how important it is to pray. He often went off by Himself to pray to God the Father. Children love to pray. I love to hear the prayers of our little children. Trust and believe is what our children do from the heart and say. Mark 14:32-42 is the reference for this.

Egg Five: Leather Strip: the leather reminds us of the whip used to give Jesus 39 lashes after His trial by Pilate. Look at John 19:1-5 as well as Isaiah 53:5 and by "His scourging, we are healed." God allowed His Son to be whipped and scourged in our place for our sins. Jesus didn't deserve to die because he hadn't sinned. But we have sinned. So Jesus died in our place for our sin even though it was we who deserved punishment.

Egg Six: Crown of thorns: The crown of thorns reminds us of the crown that the soldiers placed on Jesus' head while mocking HIM saying "Hail, King of the Jews!" Many of the same people who were praising Jesus as God just a few days before when He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey were now treating Him like a bad person. They believed that if Jesus were truly God, He would save Himself from having to die. That was not God's plan. His plan was to save us by allowing His son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us.

Egg Seven: Three Nails: The three nails remind us of the nails that were driven into Jesus' hands and feet to nail Him to the cross. Why did Jesus have to die? For our sins. In Romans 3:23 the Bible says, "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Look at John 19:16-22 as you go over this with your child.

Egg Eight: Dice: The dice reminds us of the Roman soldiers gambling for Jesus' robe. Jesus did not own much of anything. And much of what He did own, including His clothes, was given to Him by others. So when the soldiers gambled for Jesus' clothes at the cross, it was truly sad they were so selfish and mean. Jesus shows us His example of what we are to do when others do something wrong to us. He ask for forgiveness from His father for those who were crucifying HIM. Luke 23:34, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." John 19: 23-25 is your reference for this in teaching your child.

Egg Nine: The spear: The spear reminds us that the Roman soldiers used the spear to pierce Jesus' side when He was on the cross. Jesus' blood was shed because God loves us so very much! Refer to John 19:31-37

Egg Ten: Gauze: The gauze reminds us of the linen cloth used by Joseph of Arithmathea to wrap Jesus' body after He died on the cross. God provided a manger when Jesus was born. God provided a tomb from Joseph of Arithmathea who loved Jesus so much. When a person died during Jesus' time it was custom to wrap the bodies in linen cloth. Go to Matthew 27:57-61 as your Bible reference.

Egg Eleven: the Stone: The stone reminds us of the tomb with the stone rolled away. Look at Matthew 28:1-2 as we learn and rejoice that eternal life has rolled away the stone from the grave.

Egg Twelve: The empty egg reminds us of the empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Matthew 28:5-8 shows us by Jesus rising from the dead, Jesus proved once and for all that He was the Messiah, the Savior of the World, our Lamb of God.

Have a blessed Easter as you and your family are blessed by God through our Arisen Savior!
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