

Family Do-votional Guide for Resurrection Eggs

“Faithshapers”

How to use the Resurrection Eggs as a Family Do-votion!

First, have fun getting to know the resource before you use it for family devotions:

Getting to Know the Resource

- Colored Plastic Egg – Darker Blue
- The plastic egg holds the teaching piece that connects to the Bible story- Donkey.
- The item in the egg reminds us of an event in the Story of the Passion – Palm Sunday.
- The devotional book and Bible story materials are the heart of the devotion.

Remember the two Parent/Grandparent teaching goals:

1. Telling the story of the Passion
2. Teaching the truth of the story

Egg Truth

- 1 Jesus is the King and He wants us to follow him. **Donkey**
- 2 God helps us follow Jesus; & when we sin, Jesus promises to forgive us when we repent. **Coins**
- 3 The Lord’s Supper always reminds us that Jesus keeps His promise to forgive us. **Cup**
- 4 God always answers prayer according to His will. **Praying Hands**
- 5 Jesus loves us so much He took the punishment for our sin. **Whip**
- 6 When asked about our faith, the Holy Spirit helps us be faithful witnesses of Jesus. **Rooster**
- 7 Because Jesus loves us we can love not hurt each other. **Crown of Thorns**
- 8 Faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection is the only way to heaven. It is a free gift. **Nail Cross**
- 9 Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. **Spear**
- 10 Don’t be afraid to show your love for Jesus. **Grave Cloths**
- 11 Faith in Jesus is the key to eternal life. **Stone**
- 12 Jesus rose from the dead and through faith in Jesus so will you. **Empty Egg**



A simple suggested outline for “Family Devotions”.

Use only the parts that you think will work for your family.

Step 1: Hide the egg

Before you gather for the do-votion remember to hide the appropriate egg(s) for this do-votion. We suggest you do the eggs in the historical order of the events of the Passion.

Step 2: Lighting of the Candles

Light the candles and say:

Dad or Mom: ***The Bible says that Jesus is the light of the world.***

Repeat after me...

**Light takes away darkness
Jesus is the light
Because He takes away
The darkness we call sin**

Or

**Light shows us the way
Jesus is the light
Because He shows us
The way to heaven**

Step 2: Sing the “Faithshaper Song”

**Two little eyes to look to God
Two little ears to hear God’s Word
Two little feet to walk His way
Hands to serve him all my days.**

Step 3: Egg hunt and discovering what’s inside the egg.

Dad or Mom says: **Let’s hunt for the real Easter!**

Tell the family that you have hidden one egg and the first one to find it is to bring it back to you, and they will be the one to open it and show what is in it to the family. When the egg returns, call the family back together and continue...

Dad or Mom says: **Open the egg and show us what's in it.** (The person opens the egg and shows everyone.)

Dad or Mom asks: **What Bible story does this (item) remind us of?** Let kids respond.

Step 4: Bible Reading and Devotional Book

Parents, please use an age appropriate Bible. (We recommend "The Story Bible" by CPH).

Early Childhood: The scripture and story are listed in the Resurrection Eggs Devotional Booklet. This is enough for small children.

Elementary: The scripture and story are listed in the Resurrection Eggs Devotional Booklet. Look up the scripture in your Bible rather than reading it from the devotion book. This teaches kids how to practice looking up verses in the Bible. (Use the table of contents if needed).

End this portion of your devotion by stating the Bible Truth that goes with this egg. (See below)

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Step 5: Family Prayer

You could use one of the following prayer ideas:

Squeeze prayer: Hold hands in a circle. The first person prays and when they are finished they squeeze the hand of the person next to them. They pray and squeeze the next person's hand until it gets back to the one who began, who says **AMEN**.

Popcorn prayer: Hold hands in a circle. The leader starts by explaining the way to pray a popcorn prayer. You could say this, **“Our prayer will be made up of one word prayers for things we are thankful for; like parents, friends, or bubble gum. God knows the rest of the words so we don’t need to say them. We call it a popcorn prayer because we just start popping out one word prayers until we are done. I will say amen to end the prayer. I will start.”** Dear Jesus, hear these one word prayers. Friends. (Just be quiet and let the prayers pop.)

The Lord’s Prayer

Dad or Mom: **Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises we are bold to pray:**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Step 6: The Family Blessing

Hold hands as a family and either mom or dad gives the blessing; or mom or dad has the family repeat the blessing to each other after them.

The Lord bless you

And keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you

And be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you

And give you peace.

Amen.

The Lord bless you

And Keep you

The Lord be with you Always

The Lord fill you

With his love

And keep you safe.

And when your last hour comes

May the arms of Jesus

Carry you to heaven.

Amen.

Step 7: Blow out the candle!

Sample Do-votion Schedule for Lent 2020

- Sunday March 8, 2020 Egg #1
- Wednesday March 11, 2020 Egg #2
- Sunday March 15, 2020 Egg #3
- Wednesday March 18, 2020 Egg #4
- Sunday March 22, 2020 Egg #5
- Wednesday March 25, 2020 Egg #6
- Sunday March 29, 2020 Egg #7
- Wednesday April 1, 2020 Egg #8
- Palm Sunday April 5, 2020 Egg #9
- Maundy Thursday April 9, 2020 Egg #10
- Good Friday April 10, 2020 Egg #11
- Easter Sunday April 12, 2020 Egg #12

Sample Do-votion Schedule for Holy Week 2020

- Palm Sunday April 5, 2020 Egg #1
- Monday April 6, 2020 Egg #2
- Tuesday April 7, 2020 Egg #3
- Wednesday April 8, 2020 Egg #4
- Maundy Thursday April 9, 2020 Egg #5 & 6
- Good Friday April 10, 2020 Egg #7, 8, & 9
- Holy Saturday April 11, 2020 Egg #10 & 11
- Easter Sunday April 12, 2020 Egg #12



Easter Sunday Morning at Zion... (Postponed)

We will be having a giant Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15am with eggs full of candy and 12 GOLDEN EGGS full of the "resurrection eggs" story pieces so that together we can recall the greatest story ever told! Our hope is to have the hunt outside, but if the weather is bad we will hide the eggs inside the church building.