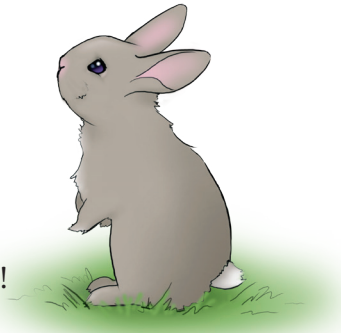


Egg Hunts

For Younger Egg Hunters

Everyone will delight in a traditional Easter Egg Hunt that teaches why candy is hidden in the eggs: It's because discovering Jesus' love is so SWEET!



Your Easter Egg Hunt works best on or following Easter. Even young children like to make small sacrifices for Jesus during Lent. Often their sacrifices involve “giving something up,” and usually that means candy. By scheduling your event on or after Easter Sunday, you honor their efforts to make sacrifices until that special day.

For Older Egg Hunters

The “Resurrection Egg Hunt” brings key moments of the Passion and Resurrection into concrete focus in an engaging and enjoyable way. Besides the usual eggs with treats, kids will hunt for 14 “Resurrection Eggs” that can hold a treat, but also something extra.

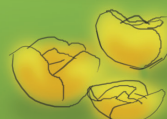
Resurrection Egg Hunt Instructions

What you need:

- 14 special eggs for the Resurrection story clues – These can be larger plastic eggs or “eggs” made from construction paper or cardboard.
- Plastic eggs for the regular hunt (plan on each child finding at least 10 eggs)
- Candy and trinkets/toys that fit in the plastic eggs
- The “Resurrection Egg Clues” (PDF is on this page)

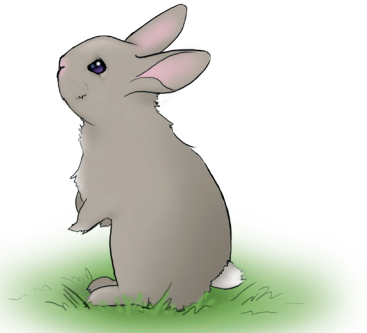
How to set up:

- Set up a specific area for the younger and older egg hunters and a time limit for hunting.
- Print off and cut out the PDF of the 14 Resurrection Egg Clues.
- Make enough copies of the clues for each child you will have at the hunt. Make extras just in case!
- Fill and hide your plastic eggs with candy and/or trinkets.
- In each of the 14 “Resurrection Eggs” put the slips of paper for each of the 14 clues.



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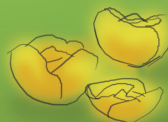


Instructions the Day of the Hunt

1. Tell the older kids that there are 14 Special “Resurrection Eggs” out there. At each “Resurrection Egg” they are to take one of the slips of paper until they have all 14. There will be a story time at the end of the hunt.
2. Gather all the kids (young and old) with their slips and tell them “we” are going to tell the story of Jesus death and resurrection together with the clues.
3. They will help tell the story by telling you the order of the clues in the story. Use the Bible story itself to check the clues. You can also tell the story in your own words. They will be able to participate by adding in the clues that happen at each part.
4. Order of the clues:
 - a. Palm Branch: that people waved, greeting Jesus as a king, shouting, “Hosannah!”
 - b. Unleavened bread: about which Jesus said, “This is my body.”
 - c. Chalice: for wine about He said, “This is my blood.”
 - d. Sandals: what Jesus removed to wash His disciples’ feet.
 - e. Whip: with which He was scourged.
 - f. Three Nails: He carved His love for us on the palms of his hands and feet.
 - g. Crucifix: on which He died.
 - h. Mary Picture: Jesus’ Mother, whom He gave to all of us, as He said to St. John: “Son, here is your mother.”
 - i. Folded White Cloth: what covered Jesus’ sacred head in the tomb.
 - j. Round Stone: what rolled away.
 - k. Sun: shining bright on Sunday...He is alive again.
 - l. Angel: who said, “He is risen, just as He said.”
 - m. Smile: because the best JOY of Easter is Jesus! He IS our King and his Kingdom lasts forever.
 - n. Bunny: because no matter how little we are, Jesus loves us and will always be with us!

Practical Egg Hunt Tips

- If your event takes place after Easter Sunday, you can get the candy and trinkets on sale!
- Divide the hunters into age groups (3-5 & 6 and up).
- Limit the number of eggs children can select to a predetermined quantity like 10.
- ***Only use donated candy if it’s unopened or pre-wrapped. Safety first!*
- Above all.....Remind your hunters why we hide candy in the eggs: it’s because....discovering the love of Jesus is so SWEET!
- Have a great time and enjoy the pictures!



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