

Here is something that was posted by someone in the4children Yahoo! group. I have typed up the scriptures so they are long strips. This needs to be started 11 days before Easter Sunday. For example, it begins on April 9, 2003 and end on April 20th.

## Spiritual Easter Eggs

12 plastic take-apart Easter eggs.

List of items to go in eggs with scripture references:

1. Sacrament cup
2. Small silver coins (2 or 3 dimes)
3. Piece of rope
4. Piece of soap
5. Piece of red cloth
6. Small nail
7. Dice
8. Jagged rock
9. Piece of white cloth
10. Round flat rock
11. Spices (cloves, cinnamon stick, etc.)
12. Nothing

Number eggs on the outside with a fine-tip permanent marker or stickers numbered 1-12.

Roll up scripture and insert in the appropriate egg with the accompanying item.

Display in a pretty Easter basket.

With your family, open the eggs one at a time, in order, to share with them the story of Christ's death and resurrection.

This is a great "advent" style activity.

The first egg is opened with the family. The scripture is read and is placed to the side where the picture is then set up to go along with the egg. The picture and the contents of the egg are visible for a whole day. It really makes you begin to think about what happened to Christ. And looking at the symbols in the eggs deepens the meaning.

Each day you open an egg (in order) and display a picture until Easter when the last egg is opened.

1. Matthew 26:39

And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

2. Matthew 26:14-15

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, "What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?" And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

3. Matthew 27:1-2

When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

4. Matthew 27: 24-26

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it."  
Then answered all the people, and said, "His blood be on us, and on our children."  
Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

5. Matthew 27: 28-30

And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.  
And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"  
And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

6. Matthew 27: 31-32

And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.  
And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.  
[And he was nailed to the cross, and crucified.]

7. Mark 15: 24

And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, ...

8. Matthew 27: 50-51, 54

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God."

9. Matthew 27: 57-60

When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock:

10. Matthew 27: 60, 62, 65-66

And he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate...

Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

11. Mark 16:1, Matthew 28: 2, 5

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified."

12. Matthew 28: 6

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said...