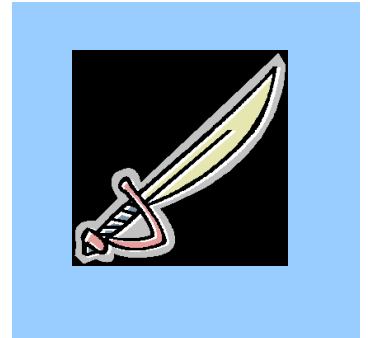
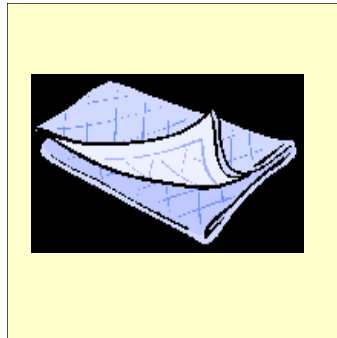


Leave
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empty



Our Lenten Eggs

Share the Holy Week Story from Beginning to End



Transform ordinary plastic Easter eggs into an extraordinary way to share the story of Jesus during the whole season of Lent.

- Cut out all the squares.
- Tuck each square inside a plastic egg of the same color.
- Place all twelve in a regular egg carton.

See suggestions on the next page for a few different ways to use them!



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Lenten Eggs

(in order they appear in the Gospel stories)

Dark Blue	Coins
Light Green	Praying Hands
Light Purple	Rope/Cord
Light Pink	Donkey
Dark Pink	Nails
Light Yellow	Cup
Ivory	Linen
Dark Purple	Crown
Dark Green	Dice
Orange	Rock
Spear	Light Blue
Dark Yellow	Empty

Ways to Share the Lenten Story at Home

- **EGG HUNT** - Hide all the eggs around your home or yard. Invite the entire family to hunt for them. Once all twelve are gathered, sit together and open each egg up to reveal what is inside. Wonder together about what the picture has to do with the story of Jesus' life from Palm Sunday to Easter morning (*also known as Holy Week*).
- **OPEN UP THE STORY** - Read the Holy Week story from Scripture. Invite family members to open their eggs at the time when their symbol is mentioned in the Gospel story.
Matthew 21:1-17, 26:1-28:20 Mark 11:1-11, 14:12-16:8 Luke 19:28-40, 22:1-24:12 John 12:12-19, 13:1-14:6, 18:1-20:10
- **CLUES** - Lay out the eggs in order (*see order listed to the right*). Open each and place the symbols in a row. Ask a family member to tell the story in his/her own words using the symbols as clues.
- **MEAL TIME JOURNEY** - Open an egg each night to tell a small part of the story each day. It can be part of mealtime prayers. Place the symbols in a central location so everyone can see the story "grow". (*This can also happen at bedtime, brushing of teeth or other shared moments.*)
- **FILL "R" UP** - After each egg is opened, return the symbol back to the egg with a few pieces of candy. Include these eggs in your traditional Easter egg hunt as a reminder that Easter isn't nearly as "sweet" without what Jesus did for us during Lent.

