



Eggstravaganza

Home Edition!



Dear CGBC Family,

Easter is right around the corner! Even though we could not celebrate all together this year with a big carnival and Easter egg hunt, we can still have fun at home and learn about the incredible sacrifice of Jesus and how He conquered death. Here is an *optional*, fun, and simple egg hunt that you can do as a family. At the end of the activity, you will have the opportunity to lead your child to a decision in accepting Jesus into his or her heart. If and when you decide to do this, just follow the steps:

1. Obtain about 2 dozen plastic eggs or more. Reserve 13 of them to stuff with the following picture cut outs (see below). Fill the remaining eggs with treats (e.g., candies, small toys, etc.). However many eggs you want to use for treats is up to you.
2. Hide the eggs around the house and then BEGIN the egg hunt!!!
3. Upon finding all the eggs, have your child(ren) sit down and open all of the eggs. For the eggs with pictures, have them try to put them in sequential order, like a puzzle. There should be 13 pictures. It's ok if they don't get the order right the first time.
4. View these 3 short video clips (courtesy of Saddleback Kids) in the following order to watch the Easter story. The children can enjoy their treats while they watch.
 - a. The Triumphant Entry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>
 - b. The Last Supper: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SigoALSS1R8>
 - c. Jesus' Sacrifice: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>
5. Follow up with the enclosed prayer and pamphlet, which explains what it means to follow Jesus.

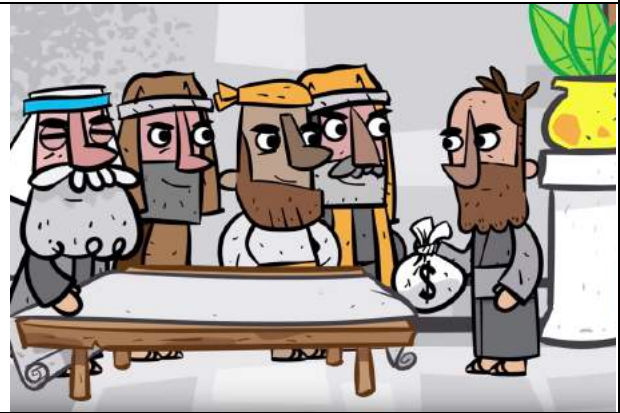
Print out the following pictures. Cut and insert each one into a plastic egg. (Omit the captions). After the egg hunt, have your child(ren) put the pictures in sequential order.



1. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



Last Supper.



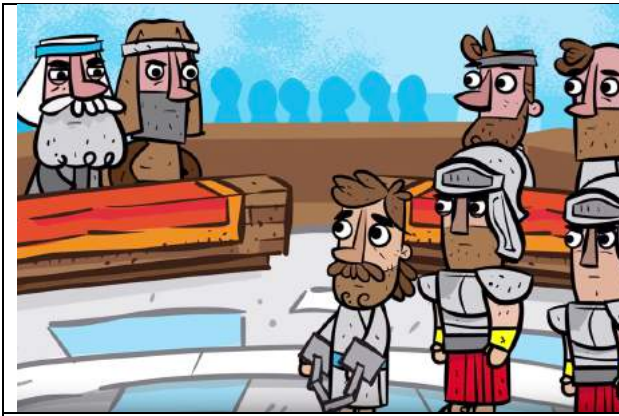
2. Judas betrays Jesus.



3. Jesus prays in the garden.



4. Jesus is arrested.



5. Jesus is taken to the High Council.



6. Jesus is taken to the Roman governor.



7. Jesus is beaten, scourged, spit upon.



8. Jesus carries his cross.



9. Jesus dies on the cross.



10. Jesus is laid in a tomb.



11. The tomb is empty.



12. Jesus is alive! He appears to his disciples.

Conclusion – Prayer

Read outloud to your child(ren):

Do you want to go to Heaven someday to be with God forever? It is free! All you have to do is ask Jesus to come into your heart, to forgive your sins, and believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose again.

Romans 10:9 says: *“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

If you would like to ask Jesus to come into your heart, you can say this prayer:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please come into my heart and be my best friend and leader. I believe you died on the cross and on the 3rd day, rose again to defeat death. Please take me home to be with you in Heaven someday.

In your name I pray, Amen.

If you said this prayer, you are now part of God’s family and are a child of God. You will be with Him in Heaven forever! Congratulations!

What Just Happened?



God loves You and wants the best for you, both now and forever. (Jeremiah 29:11)



Everyone does bad things sometimes (sin). Because of this, we are separated from God and His plan for us. (Romans 3:23)



But God loved us so much, he sent Jesus to die on the cross to forgive my sins, so that we can be friends with God. (John 3:16-17)



I accept Jesus' free gift for me by believing He died and rose again. (Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9,10)



I am now part of God's family and will be with Him forever in Heaven. (John 1:12)

How am I different now?



1. I don't need to be afraid.

No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 8:39 (NLT)

2. God will forgive me when I do bad things.

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. – Romans 8:1

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.—1 John 1:9 (NLT)

3. Jesus is my best friend. He will never leave me.

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” – Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

4. God will teach me to be SUPER! As I become a Friend of God, He will help me become more like Jesus.

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! - Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)