

The True Meaning of Easter

PURPOSE

The help family members better understand the true meaning of Easter.

MATERIALS

- Story, [What Was In Jeremy's Egg?](#)
- Four plastic Easter eggs labeled 1, 2, 3, 4
- Contents for each egg:
 1. A small nail and a paper with the scripture on it: John 19:15-19
 2. A small piece of cloth (represents burial linen), a small stone, and a paper with the scripture on it: Matthew 27:57-60
 3. Cloves, cinnamon (or other spices) and a paper with the scripture on it: Mark 16:1-4
 4. Empty except for a paper with the scripture: Luke 24:1-9
- Note: For younger children who can't yet read, you may consider showing them pictures in [New Testament Stories](#) booklet available through LDS Church Distribution
- Ingredients for making the dessert



SONG SUGGESTION

- “Did Jesus Really Live Again?” page 64 in the *Children’s Songbook*

LESSON IDEAS

1. Prior to the lesson:
 - a. Put the contents in each of the eggs and number the eggs.
 - b. Hide the four eggs around the house or yard.
2. Ask each family member to name something that reminds them of springtime.
 - a. Tell them you are going to share a story with them about some second graders who were asked the same question.
3. Read, [What Was In Jeremy's Egg?](#)
 - a. Ask your family to be thinking about why Jeremy’s classmates placed empty Easter eggs on his casket. (Don’t have them respond yet.)
4. Ask children what holiday we celebrate to remember Jesus’ resurrection.
5. Tell your family that they will have the chance to learn more about what happened on the first Easter by finding four Easter eggs hidden around the house (or yard).

6. Allow children to find the four eggs.
7. Open each egg in order (one at a time). Read (or explain) the scripture listed and help family members discover how the items in the eggs link to the scriptural story.
8. Ask family members why they think Jeremy's classmates placed empty Easter eggs on his casket. (The empty eggs symbolized the empty tomb after Jesus' resurrection. Because of Jesus, Jeremy's friends knew that Jeremy would someday be resurrected and live again.)
9. Bear your testimony of the reality of Jesus' resurrection and how grateful we should be for Jesus giving us the gift of overcoming death.

ACTIVITY IDEA

- Make "Resurrection Rolls" as an activity and treat!

RESURRECTION ROLLS

Ingredients

- 1 can of refrigerated crescent roll dough
 - Large marshmallows
 - Melted butter
 - Sugar and cinnamon mixture
1. Open the can of crescent rolls and separate into triangles (the rolls represent the tomb Jesus was placed in).
 2. Dip and roll one marshmallow (representing Jesus' body) into melted butter (the butter represents the oils used in anointing His body).
 3. Roll the marshmallow in the sugar/cinnamon mixture (the mixture represents the spices used in burials).
 4. Place the marshmallow in the center of the crescent triangle. Fold and pinch the edges of the dough tight (otherwise the marshmallow will ooze out).
 5. Put each crescent-wrapped marshmallow on a slightly greased cookie sheet.
 6. Bake the rolls as directed on the package.
 7. Cool.
 8. When cooked, the marshmallow melts leaving only the puffed crescent roll (the empty roll represents the empty tomb!).

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