

Unit 8 Lesson 1:
Heartprint: Knowing Jesus Changes Me
Memory Verse: Acts 2:25
Resurrection Eggs
April 3rd & 4th, 2021

Large Group video: <https://youtu.be/B0CqamPCbAU>

Song: *Oh So Happy Day* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKAZqk8bOic>
Hosanna Rock <https://youtu.be/MaxH0gWwWH8>

Activity: Resurrection Eggs

Refer to Bible Story. Our large group time will be longer since we are doing the Resurrection Eggs today and we will have two songs for large group.

Craft: Jesus is alive tomb with stone

Items Needed:

- Paper plate
- Brads
- Glue
- Crayons

Instructions: Jesus is already attached, and the stone may or may not be attached. The children may color Jesus and color the stone as well as the tomb. Attach the stone with



Connection Point: In our story we heard about Jesus being crucified on a cross and buried in a tomb after he died. The stone was rolled in front of the tomb to make sure no one could get in and Jesus couldn't get out. However, we remember that when Mary arrived on Sunday morning, the stone was rolled away. Is Jesus still dead? NO! Jesus is ALIVE!!!

Bible Lesson:

Memory Verse: ““Jesus said...“I am the resurrection and the life.” John 11:25 ICB

Resurrection Eggs/Easter Large Group

- Before large group begins, hide the eggs in plain sight in the large group area (if your small group meets in the same area as your large group, take them on a short walk while another adult “hides” the eggs.)
- Before bringing children to large group, tell them we have something special planned for large group today. We need everyone to go sit down and not touch anything.
- Go over the memory verse and sing: “Hosanna Rock” before opening any eggs. Sing: “Oh so Happy Day” after the eggs because it says, “Did you know Jesus is alive today? He’s alive today that’s why we say it’s an oh so happy day.”
- Pray and thank God for our snacks.
- **Say:** We are going to use some colorful eggs to hear our story today. Make sure you stay sitting on your bottom and looking with your eyes only. The adults in the room are going to get the eggs for the story as we find them. Now, we can start with our first egg...

**You will need to prep ahead of time to combine some of the eggs if you want to shorten the amount of time.

1. **Dark Blue egg: Little Donkey** –

- Say:** First I am looking for a dark blue egg. Here it is! Let’s see what is inside! It is a DONKEY! Jesus was riding into town on a donkey like a king. Do you know what they were shouting? HOSANNA! Can you shout Hosanna? HOSANNA! Can you shout it louder? HOSANNA! Great job! Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the roads, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road to honor Jesus as their king!

2. **Light Purple: Cup and Coins** –

- Say:** Let’s now look for the light purple egg. Here it is! Wonder what’s inside? First, there is a cup. What could this cup mean? Jesus had a special dinner with His twelve disciples. During the meal, Jesus stood up and talked about special bread and a special drink. He held out a cup and gave everyone a drink and told his disciples he was going to die soon.
- Next, there are Silver coins. Does anyone know why we have silver coins? One of Jesus’ disciples, Judas, left the group and had gone to bad men. They offered Judas some money to show them where Jesus was so they could capture Him. Because Judas was greedy for money, he told these men he would help them capture Jesus if they would pay him thirty silver coins.

3. **Dark Orange: Praying Hands** –

- Say:** Next I need a Dark Orange Egg! Here it is! What’s inside?? Praying Hands! After Jesus and His disciples finished dinner they went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Jesus went to another place in the garden to talk to God alone. Jesus was sad about what He knew was going to happen soon. He was going to die. He prayed and asked God to help Him make the right choice.

4. **Dark Purple: Whip and Crown of Thorns** –

- Say:** I need a Dark Purple Egg. Oh boy. In here there is a Whip and a Crown of Thorns. First let’s talk about the Whip. When Jesus finished praying in the garden the men who wanted to kill Jesus took Him as their prisoner. They brought Him to the ruler, Pilate, who had Jesus whipped. They hurt Jesus so much He was bleeding and bruised up. Did Jesus do anything wrong? NO!
Next, let’s look at this Crown. Does anyone know what this is? It is a crown of thorns. Would this be a pretty crown? No! Soldiers put a crown of thorns on Jesus’ head (show the twig with real thorns). Do you think it hurt Jesus when they put it on Him? YES! This reminds us that the soldiers beat Jesus and

put the crown of thorns on his head and made fun of him as “the King of the Jews”. That must have really hurt Jesus and it made him bleed.

5. Yellow: Rooster –

Say: Ok, next is the Yellow egg. Wonder what is inside? It’s a Rooster. Peter was one of Jesus’ closest friends and he once promised Jesus that no matter what, he would always be loyal. But when Peter realized that those who planned to kill Jesus might want to kill him too, Peter was so afraid that he denied knowing Jesus. Not once, not twice, but three times! Jesus told Peter this would happen before the rooster crowed. When the rooster crowed, Peter was sad. The rooster reminded Peter of when Jesus said that Peter would say he didn’t know Jesus three times.

6. Light Green: Nails/Cross/Spear -

- a. **Say:** Our next egg is the light green one. Does this one make a noise? (shake the egg) Yes, it does! (Open egg to reveal the cross made of nails and spear.)

This is three nails made into the shape of a cross. Did you know Jesus carried his cross then the soldiers nailed him to the cross using three big nails? Jesus didn’t have to be on the cross, but he chose to obey God. God loves us so much, He allowed Jesus to be punished for our sins - the bad choices we make. Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins.

Next there is a spear--Wow, this is tiny, but in real life it might be taller than I am. It is a spear with a very sharp point. When Jesus was on the cross, the soldiers had to make sure he was dead, so they took a spear and stabbed Jesus in the side and blood and water came out. It’s sad to think about Jesus dying, but remember He gave up His life for every single person - whether they seem like a good person or seem like a bad person. He did it because He loves all of us and saved us from our sins.

7. Light Blue: Linen cloth -

- a. **Say:** Let’s see...we are almost finished! Let’s find the light blue egg. Oh there it is. Does this one make a noise? No, it doesn’t. Is this one empty? Let’s find out.

Oh look, there is something inside. It is a little strip of cloth. When Jesus’ friends took his body off the cross, they wrapped Him very carefully in white cloth and placed his body in a tomb. They were all very sad, but they wanted to make sure Jesus’ body was cared for the right way.

8. Dark Pink: Stone -

- a. **Say:** We only have two eggs left. Can you find two eggs? One is dark pink, and the other is white. We need the pink one first. Let’s shake it. Whoa this one is a loud noise! (Open the egg to reveal the stone.) Does anyone know why there is a stone in our story? When Jesus’ friends put his body in the tomb, a large stone was rolled in front of the tomb. The people who wanted Jesus dead were afraid Jesus’ friends would come get his body. Pilate ordered soldiers to stand guard at the tomb and to seal the stone, so no one could get in, and Jesus couldn’t get out.

9. White: Empty -

- a. **Say:** Okay, this is our last egg! Can anyone guess which one it is? Right! It is the white one. Let’s shake it. Wait, there is no noise! Wonder what is inside? (Open to reveal the empty egg.) Uh-oh! There is nothing inside? Did we lose something? No. Three days after Jesus died, there was a big earthquake because an angel of God came and rolled the stone away. The soldiers guarding the tomb were so afraid of the angel, they fell down and became like dead men. A little while later, two women who were friends of Jesus came to visit the tomb. When they looked inside, the tomb was empty...just like our egg! The women were so surprised!! The angel told them Jesus is not here, for He has risen!! The women ran to tell the disciples. As they were running, a man met them on the road. It was Jesus!

- b. **Say:** This egg is a reminder of why we are celebrating today because JESUS. IS. ALIVE!!!! (Make this a BIG thing!) Because Jesus is alive and He wants us to know Him, He gave us the way to go to Heaven. We know that from our memory verse.

Pray:

God, we thank you so much for sending Jesus to die on the cross. Jesus, thank you for listening to God and dying to save us from our sins. Jesus, what is even better is that You are not dead! YOU ARE ALIVE!! We thank you that you are alive! You are our risen king, and you want us to go to Heaven with you one day. Amen.

Questions:

1. What animal did Jesus ride on when He entered Jerusalem? (donkey)
2. What kind of crown was placed on Jesus' head? (crown of thorns)
3. How many nails were used to put Jesus on the cross? (three)
4. When Jesus died, where did His friends put his body? (in a tomb)
5. Is Jesus still dead in the tomb? (NO! Jesus is ALIVE!)

Sing: Oh So Happy Day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKAZqk8bOic>

