

GOD'S LITTLE EYES AND EARS for April 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS



What goes into being a part of the Children's Ministry for Sunday School? Are you interested in supporting the kids? There are many opportunities to volunteer.

Too much paper? Did you know you can sign up for a digital newsletter. Psssttt...there is more info on the digital edition, sign up here;

<http://eepurl.com/cGNhZv>

Do you have a Sunday School Badge in your car or on the counter?? Please do not forget to bring them back and leave them with the teacher when you are signing your kids out of class. Thank You.

Spotlight

This quarter we would like to spotlight the Children's Worship Team. When we asked for people interested these three spoke up and spoke up quickly. Charity Wemp, Eric French and John McConnell have stepped up and stepped up big. Recent comments have been "That sounds like a lot of fun, can I come join?", "I don't know what you are singing but my children are really enjoying it", and "How wonderful that some can give our children the gift of music." If you have any questions or would like to join this blossoming team make sure to talk to Tammy French or Lynn Dove-Russell.



PRAYER CORNER

Five Finger Prayer

Thumb – This is the strongest. Use this to pray for family like your parents, brothers, sisters and friends.

Index – The pointer. Use this to pray for those who point you in the right direction like our pastor and your teachers.

Middle – The tallest finger. Use this to pray for those in authority, like our elders, our prime minister and world leaders.

Ring Finger – The weakest. Use this to pray for the lonely, the sick, shut-ins, and those in trouble.

Little Finger – The smallest. Use this to pray for yourself.



FAST FACTS - EASTER EGGS AND CHRISTIANS

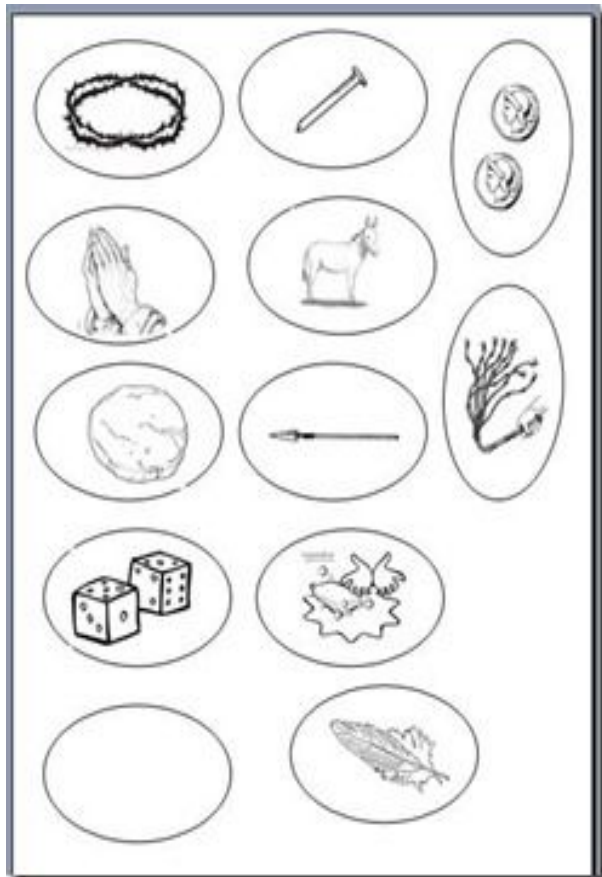
Isn't it funny how colorful eggs have come to be a part of Easter. Easter is our holiday to celebrate Jesus and how he rose from the dead. Have you ever wondered how we ended up with eggs though? Traditionally, early Christians would not eat meat, eggs or dairy during Lenten fast. That means that, because chickens won't stop making eggs, there would be a lot of eggs left over. The egg is seen by followers of Christianity as a symbol of resurrection. Some link the cracking open of Easter eggs with the empty tomb of Jesus. There are many different reasons, and ways, to color the eggs. One tradition is to dye the eggs red to symbolize the blood of Jesus Christ. Another tradition is to celebrate the new birth of spring with brilliant colors. We would love to hear about your traditions at Easter. Do you color eggs?

As a Family - RESURRECTION Eggs

As we celebrate Easter do we know the different symbols and what they mean? Why don't you try some Resurrection Eggs over Easter. These are eggs that you can create as a family and use them to experience together as a family.

You will need: 1 dozen plastic Easter Eggs, an egg carton, the items listed below. Fill each egg with the item listed (or a picture or be creative), and a print out of the corresponding scripture. Then place the eggs in the decorated egg carton.

Continue reading for ideas.



1. **(Donkey) Matthew 21:5** "Say to the daughters of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

2. **(Coins) Matthew 26:14-15** Then one of the twelve disciples, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and asked, "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?" They counted out thirty silver coins and gave them to him.

3. **(Cup &/or Bread - crouton) Matthew 26:26-28a** While they were eating Jesus took a piece of bread, gave a prayer of thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples. "Take and eat it," He said, "This is My body." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins..."

4. **(Praying hands) Mark 14:32** And they went to a place Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

5. **(Sword) John 18:10** Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear.
6. **(Thorns or toothpick) Matthew 27:29** Then they made a crown out of thorny branches and placed it on His head, and put a stick on His right hand; then they knelt before Him and made fun of Him. "Long live the King, of the Jews!" they said.
7. **(Scourge - a small piece of rope, leather or thick string) Mark 15:15** Pilate wanted to please the crowd, so he set Barabbas free for them. Then he had Jesus whipped and handed Him over to be crucified.
8. **(Purple cloth, representing a purple robe) Mark 15:17** They put a purple robe on Jesus.
9. **(Rooster or feather) Matthew 26:74b-75a** And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."
10. **(Cross) John 19: 17-18a** He went out, carrying His cross, and came to "The Place of the Skull," as it is called. (In Hebrew it is called "Golgotha.") There they crucified Him.
11. **(Nails) John 20:25b** Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in His hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in His side, I will not believe."
12. **(Sign) Luke 23:38** Above Him were written these words: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.
13. **(dice) Mark 15:24** And they divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.
14. **(Sponge) Matthew 27:48** One of them ran up at once, took a sponge. He filled it with vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink.
15. **(Spear) John 19:34** One of the soldiers plunged his spear into Jesus' side, and at once blood and water poured out.
16. **(White cloth [& spices]) Matthew 27:59** Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a new linen...
17. **(A Stone) Matthew 28:2** And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
18. **(Empty) Matthew 28:6** He is not here He has risen just as He said.

**Wishing you a Happy Easter filled with love, friends, family,
and of course lots of chocolate.**