## Resurrection Eggs

Here's what you do:
1.Collect 12 plastic eggs and a used egg carton to store them in.

2.Use a permanent marker to number the eggs from one to twelve.
3.Collect representative items (listed below) and put them inside the eggs. Place the eggs inside the egg carton.
4. Introduce the story by asking the children how they would feel if they went on an Easter egg hunt and every egg they found was empty. Lead into the lesson by saying sometimes it is GOOD if an egg is empty. Sometimes an empty egg is the best egg of all.
5.Open the egg carton and begin the lesson by opening egg number one.
6.As you open the eggs one at a time you re-tell the story to the children. You might let them guess what each of the items might represent.
7.After you tell the story distribute the eggs to the children and let them take turns retelling the story.
8.If you are able and have fewer children then you might help the children make one of these sets each to take home.

Here's a list of items for inside the eggs:
■Egg \#1: A leaf or twig for the Triumphal Entry- Matthew 21:1-11
■Egg \#2: A cracker or communion cup for The Last Supper- Luke 22:7-23
■Egg \#3: Coins for Judas betraying Jesus- Matthew 26:14-16
■Egg \#4: Thorns from a bush for the crown of thorns Matthew 27:27-31
■Egg \#5: A cross for Jesus carrying the cross John 19:17
■Egg \#6: Nails for Jesus being nailed to the cross John 19:18; John 20:25-29
■Egg \#7: Dice and purple cloth for the soldiers casting lots for Jesus' clothes- John 19:23-24
■Egg\# 8: Black paper or cloth for darkness covering the earth- Matthew 27:45
■Egg \#9: Sponge for the offer of vinegar on a sponge- Matthew 27:46-48
■Egg \#10: Cloth (white) for Joseph of Arimathea wrapping Jesus in cloth- Matthew 27:57-60
■Egg \#11: A stone for the stone that was rolled away- Matthew 28:1-4
■Egg \#12: EMPTY!!- Jesus is alive! Matthew 28:5-7

