



Families with under 5s



Tell the Easter Story using plastic eggs.
Instructions on the next page.

Go on to YouTube and sign along to **1,2,3 Jesus is alive**



[\(2\) One Two Three - YouTube](#)

Sing the Easter Story

(To the tune of Jingle Bells)

SONGS



Easter bells, Easter bells – Jesus dies for us.

All the wrong things we have done were nailed to the cross – but! –

Easter bells, Easter bells – that was not the end:

God brought Jesus back to life so we could be His friends!

Create an Easter Story



You know how we have a Nativity scene at Christmas?

Well, this is the same principle. Create the main characters from the Easter story for your kids to move around and play with.

To make this set, ten small wooden figures were needed (available on Amazon or Baker Ross) and some paints. Although, you can use less if you want. They are painted in different colours to depict Jesus, two soldiers, two angels, two criminals crucified next to Jesus, and the three woman who followed him to the cross.



Create an Easter card

There are loads of easy ideas on Pinterest for very young children – but a favourite is simply making a masking tape cross on a card, then inviting your child to draw, paint or spread glitter over it (depending on your tolerance for mess!) When everything dry's, peel away the cross and you have a beautiful work of art!

Telling the Easter Story and Jesus' Resurrection with Eggs

Materials:

- An empty egg carton
- 12 plastic eggs
- 11 story starters, as described below



Instructions:

1. An egg carton holds 12 eggs, right? So let's go with 12 parts to our story. Number your eggs from 1 to 12.
2. 12 Bible verses that are important to our kids' understanding of the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.
3. For each verse or theme, I chose an object that would fit into my Easter egg.
 - **A tiny plastic donkey** (or make a felt one) – Jesus rode to Jerusalem on a donkey. (Matthew 21:1-11)
 - **A tiny perfume bottle or piece of cotton soaked in perfume** – Mary poured perfume on Jesus' feet. (John 12:2-8)
 - **A tiny loaf of bread, dinner plate, or fork** – The Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-19)
 - **3 pieces of silver** (3 nickels, dimes, or quarters would be great) – Judas betrays Jesus (Matthew 27:3)
 - **A cross** (I found a tiny silver one in the bead department of the craft store, but you could make one from toothpicks.) – Jesus carries his cross to the site of the crucifixion. (John 19:17)
 - **A crown of thorns** (I had to be creative here. I got a crown charm from the bead section of the craft store but you can make one.) – Jesus crowned king of the Jews. (John 19:2-4, Mark 15:17)
 - **Dice** – Soldiers divide up Jesus' clothes. (John 19:23)
 - **Nail** – Jesus was nailed to the cross. (John 19:18,37 & John 20:25-29)
 - **Sponge** – They give Jesus a sponge soaked in vinegar to drink. (John 19:28-30)
 - **Spices** (Whole cloves are small and fragrant.) – Jesus' body is prepared for burial. (John 19:40)
 - **A stone** – They covered Jesus' tomb with a great stone. (Matthew 27:59-60)
 - **{Egg should be empty}** – The tomb was empty. *He has risen!* (Matthew 28:6)
4. Place the eggs into an empty egg carton.
5. Decorate the carton.

To use the eggs:

You can either count backwards 12 days from Easter, and plan ahead so that you can open one egg each day, or simply open the carton and tell the whole story at once, using each object as a reminder of that part of the story.

If you focus on one egg a day, you can talk about the image, read the verses, and re-tell the story as you've learned it so far. Begin and end with a prayer.