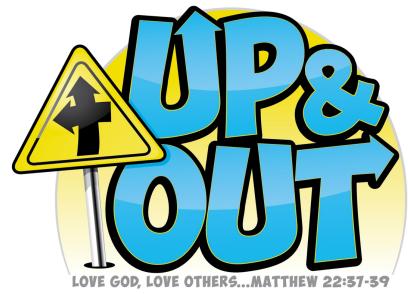


# Easter Huddle



## SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the "In" slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

### Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- What are we celebrating today? (*Easter*)
- What are some of your family Easter traditions?
- Why do we celebrate this day? (*Because Christ has risen, we have been given hope and redeemed relationship with God.*)

### Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

### Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

## LESSON HUDDLE

Let's all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out! Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (pause) **TO OTHERS**.

### Materials:

Resurrection Eggs  
Bible

This week, rather than looking out to others we are going to take time to look back at the meaning of today. Who can tell me what we are celebrating today? (*Easter*)

What does Easter mean to you? (*Allow for responses*)

How about eggs? Does anyone think of Easter eggs when you think of Easter?

Let's look inside these "resurrection eggs" and learn more about Easter together. Each egg holds something that should remind us of the Easter story; the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

As you open each egg, see if there is a child who will answer why they think the item is included in the Easter story. Why is it in the egg?

Share the reason and the verse associated with each egg. Order is important!

Follow the order working from the top left down to the bottom right. Start with **Blue** and end with **Light Blue**.

**Blue:** Donkey – Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey before His death (Matt 21:1-9)

**Light Pink:** Coins – Jesus was betrayed by Judas for 30 pieces of silver (Matt 26:14-16, 46-50)

**Light Purple:** Cup – At the Last Supper (Seder) He used the cup to explain His death. It represents His blood that is poured out for our sins. (Matthew 26: 17-19, 26-28; Exodus 12:23)

**Orange:** Praying Hands – Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-42)

**Green:** Leather – Jesus' trial and 30 lashes (Mark 15:15)

**Light yellow:** Crown – The “crown of thorns” used to mock Jesus (Matthew 27:29)

**Yellow:** Nails – They used nails to crucify Jesus (John 20:25B)

**Light Green:** Die – Gambling for Jesus' robe (Matthew 27:35)

**Purple:** Spear – A soldier pierced Jesus' side (John 19:34)

**Cream:** Linen – Jesus was wrapped in linen in the grave (Matthew 27:59)

**Pink:** Stone – Jesus rolled the stone away (Matthew 27:60)

**Light Blue:** Empty – Jesus resurrected from the grave (Matthew 28:6)

*Huddle Up, Pray, & Break*

## ACTIVITY: Empty Easter Egg Hunt

### Materials:

- 20+ Empty Easter Eggs
- Candy

Before allowing the children to come outside (if space allows), have some of the leaders scatter and hide the Easter Eggs. (All Easter Eggs should be empty.)

1. Gather the children outside. This can also be done in the classroom if an outside space is not available.
2. Everyone is to find an egg.
3. They should not open their eggs until everyone has found an egg.
4. Have them all gather back around once they have found eggs, and ask them to open their eggs (*They should be empty eggs*).
5. Engage them in a conversation about the empty eggs.

Why do you think the eggs are empty? (*Allow answers*) The eggs are empty to represent the empty tomb of Jesus. Why was the tomb of Jesus empty? (*Allow answers*) That's right! After 3 days, Jesus rose to life. He conquered death and restored the relationship between God and us! God was and is making all things new, conquering death and restoring us to Himself through Jesus.

He does this because of His love, His never ending, never giving up, unbreakable, always and forever love. He has rescued us from our sin through the death and resurrection of His son, Jesus.

After discussing the empty eggs, you can tell the kids to hide their eyes and hide the eggs again. This time when they return you can give them a piece of candy for the eggs that they find. Make sure that if you have 20 children that each child picks up one egg, or if you have 10 children that they each can get two eggs, etc.



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