**Easter Eggs with a Difference**

*Here’s an activity by Jeanne Zornes from Pockets Magazine to help you and your family observe Holy Week. Pockets is a fun devotional magazine from Upper Room for children ages 6-12.*

Begin with 11 of those plastic Easter eggs that pull apart. In the first ten eggs, put a different item listed below and a slip of paper with the accompanying Bible verses. Beginning ten days before Easter, your family can open one egg each day, read the Bible verses, and talk about them together.

**Egg 1**: A bit of greenery to represent the palms that the people spread in front of Jesus when he entered Jerusalem (Zechariah 9:9; John 12:12-15)

**Egg 2**: Pennies or miniature doves to represent Jesus’ cleansing of the temple (Matthew 21:12-13)

**Egg 3**: A small strip of terry cloth to represent Jesus’ washing his disciples’ feet (John 13:3-17)

**Egg 4**: Silver sequins to represent the coins that Judas received for betraying Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16; 27:3-7)

**Egg 5**: A piece of leather shoestring to represent Jesus’ flogging (Mark 15:15-20)

**Egg 6**: A miniature lamb or bit of wool to represent Jesus’ silence when accused (Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 26:62-63)

**Egg 7**: A nail to represent Jesus’ crucifixion (Psalm 22:16; Matthew 27:35-40)

**Egg 8**: A bit of sponge to represent Jesus’ thirst (John 19:28-30)

**Egg 9**: A piece of purple cloth torn in two to represent the splitting of the temple curtain at Jesus’ death (Matthew 27:50-51)

**Egg 10**: A rock to represent the stone rolled in front of Jesus’ tomb (Mark 15:46-47)

**Mark the Eleventh Egg with a cross.** Leave it empty and open Easter morning and talk about the empty tomb (Luke 24:1-12)

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**Prayers for Lent and Easter**

“Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for our sins.”

—Hebrews 10:12

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<td>30 God, I am grateful for today. Let me focus my thoughts on praise for you. Psalm 150:3-4</td>
<td>31 God, thank you for being present at the beginning and end of my journey and every point along the way. Matthew 28:20</td>
<td>3 God, teach me to recognize the gifts you have given me and help me to use these gifts for your glory. 2 Timothy 3:16-17</td>
<td>4 God, show me a meaningful way to express my faith today and every day. Open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise. Luke 10:12-14</td>
<td>5 God, I have sinned against you. I am sorry and I repent. Please help me replace my old ways with your ways. Luke 15:6-8</td>
<td>6 God, send your Holy Spirit to renew me and transform me, to change my attitude and my actions. Matthew 28:20</td>
<td>1 God, during this season of Lent help me to experience your love and grow in my relationship with you. 2 Peter 3:18</td>
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<td>2 God, provide me with an opportunity to reflect on my commitment to you and show me how to pray more deeply. Romans 8:26</td>
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<td>8 God, lead me to be tolerant and unselfish toward others, to pray for my enemies and to forgive them. Luke 3:11</td>
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<td>9 God, instruct us, your church, in the ways of your kingdom. Mold us and shape us into your people. Luke 11:1</td>
<td>10 God, help me clear out the clutter from my life and to experience peace. Genesis 1:2</td>
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<td>18 God, I am grateful for the gift of my church family. May I be a support to them as they are to me. Romans 15:1</td>
<td>19 God, you are the potter and I am the clay. Restore and rebuild me. Isaiah 64:8</td>
<td>20 God, help me learn from Christ’s deep expression of humility and love at the Last Supper with his disciples. Matthew 26:17-35</td>
<td>21 God, on this day of sorrow let us know you are always beside us. We turn our sadness over to you. Galatians 2:20</td>
<td>22 God, open my eyes, my heart and my mind to the coming of Christ. 2 Corinthians 2:14</td>
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<td>23 God, thank you for the gift of eternal life. May the risen Christ raise us up and renew our lives. Hebrews 10:12</td>
<td>24 God, as we remember Easter Sunday, help us to continue in the spirit of hope that the resurrection brings. 2 Corinthians 5:17</td>
<td>25 God, as we celebrate rebirth, let us praise you for the beautiful creation we have to enjoy. 1 Peter 1:3</td>
<td>26 God, as we celebrate everlasting life, let my life be a sign to others of the hope you bring. Hebrews 11:1</td>
<td>27 God, as we celebrate your love, help us feel your presence in our hearts. James 4:8</td>
<td>28 God, as we celebrate victory of life over death, remind me that you son gave his life for me. Ephesians 2:4 -5</td>
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