

## Memory Verse Cards

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## Printout 1A

### SCENE 1: THE ARREST IN THE GARDEN

**(Setting: Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus kneels as if praying. Three disciples sit a short distance away, looking tired and sleepy. Judas enters quietly, looking anxious.)**

**Narrator:** Late at night, Jesus went to a garden called Gethsemane to pray. He knew something hard was about to happen, but he still chose to do what God wanted because he loves us so much.

**Jesus (praying):** Father, if it's possible, let this cup pass from me. But not what I want—what You want.

**Narrator:** While Jesus prayed, His disciples were nearby, but they fell asleep, even though Jesus had asked them to keep watch.

**(Jesus looks back at his sleeping disciples.)**

**Jesus:** (quietly, but kindly) Couldn't you keep watch with me, even for a little while?

**(Suddenly, Judas enters with guards.)**

**Narrator:** Then, Judas, one of Jesus' friends, came with guards. Judas betrayed Jesus by showing the guards who he was with a kiss.

**Judas:** (pointing) This is the one.

**Guard 1:** (seizing Jesus) You're coming with us!

**Narrator:** Jesus could have stopped them, but he didn't. He went with them because he loves us so much that he was willing to face what came next.

### SCENE 2: THE TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION

**(Setting: Courtroom. Jesus stands silently before Pilate, who looks stern and judgmental. A crowd stands around, pointing fingers and looking angry.)**

**Narrator:** Jesus was taken to trial, even though he hadn't done anything wrong. The people were angry and wanted Jesus to be punished, even though he had only shown them love.

## Printout 1B

**Pilate:** (to the crowd) What should I do with Jesus?

**Crowd** (loudly): Crucify him! Crucify him!

**Narrator:** So, Pilate gave in to the crowd. Jesus was led to a place called Golgotha, where he was put on a cross.

***(Jesus kneels down with a cross behind him.)***

**Narrator:** Jesus suffered on the cross, not because he deserved it, but because he loved us so much. He was willing to go through all of this so we could be close to God.

### SCENE 3: FORGIVENESS ON THE CROSS

***(Setting: Jesus hangs on the cross, looking weary but peaceful. A few soldiers stand by, looking tough. Some onlookers watch with sad expressions.)***

**Narrator:** Even while Jesus was in pain, he thought of us. Instead of feeling angry or upset, he looked at the people who had hurt him and said something amazing.

**Jesus:** (with kindness) Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing.

**Narrator:** Even though he was in so much pain, Jesus forgave the people who put him on the cross. He did this so we could be forgiven too, showing us the greatest love of all.

***(Pause, then the narrator speaks to the audience.)***

**Narrator:** Jesus showed us the greatest love by giving his life for us. He was willing to suffer so we could be forgiven and close to God. Jesus' love is the greatest love we could ever know.

## Printout 2

# Resurrection Eggs: Instructions

- Collect Materials:** Gather 12 plastic eggs and an empty egg carton to store them.
- Label the Eggs:** Use a permanent marker to number each egg from 1 to 12.
- Add Items:** Place the representative items (listed below) inside each egg. Then put the eggs in the egg carton.
- Introduce the Story:** Start by asking the kids how they'd feel if they went on an Easter egg hunt and found only empty eggs. Explain that sometimes an empty egg is a GOOD thing—in fact, it's the best egg of all!
- Open Each Egg:** Begin with egg 1 and open each egg in order, retelling the Easter story as you go.
- Interactive Storytelling:** Let the kids guess what each item might represent. This can help make the story more engaging.
- Review the Story:** After telling the story, distribute the eggs to the kids and let them take turns retelling it, using the items as prompts.
- Make and Take Option:** If you have fewer children, consider helping each child make a set to take home as a reminder of the Easter story.

### ITEMS FOR EACH EGG:

- Egg 1:** A leaf or small twig – Jesus' Triumphal Entry (Verse: Matthew 21:1-11)
- Egg 2:** A small cracker or communion cup – The Last Supper (Verse: Luke 22:7-23)
- Egg 3:** Coins – Judas Betrays Jesus (Verse: Matthew 26:14-16)
- Egg 4:** Thorns or a small branch with thorns – The Crown of Thorns (Verse: Matthew 27:27-31)
- Egg 5:** A small cross – Jesus Carries the Cross (Verse: John 19:17)
- Egg 6:** Nails – Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross (Verses: John 19:18; John 20:25-29)
- Egg 7:** Dice and a piece of purple cloth – Soldiers Cast Lots for Jesus' Clothes (Verse: John 19:23-24)
- Egg 8:** A small piece of black paper or cloth – Darkness Covers the Earth (Verse: Matthew 27:45)
- Egg 9:** A sponge – Offer of Vinegar on a Sponge (Verse: Matthew 27:46-48)
- Egg 10:** A small piece of white cloth – Joseph of Arimathea Wraps Jesus' Body (Verse: Matthew 27:57-60)
- Egg 11:** A stone – The Stone Rolled Away (Verse: Matthew 28:1-4)
- Egg 12:** EMPTY – Jesus Is Alive! - (Verse: Matthew 28:5-7)

### AFTER OPENING ALL THE EGGS:

Discuss the story as a whole, focusing on the meaning of Easter and the Resurrection.

## Printout 3

### LISTEN WELL

Listen closely when others are speaking, showing you care about their feelings and thoughts.

### USE KIND WORDS

Words can build up or hurt, so saying things like "please", "thank you", and "I'm sorry" shows respect and love.

### SHARE AND TAKE TURNS

Sharing toys and snacks or taking turns in games shows kindness and makes others feel included.

### HELP OUT WITHOUT BEING ASKED

Whether it's cleaning up a shared space or helping a sibling with a chore, this shows love through action.

### PRAY FOR THEM

You can show love by praying for your friends and family members, asking God to bless and care for them.

### BE PATIENT

Being patient when others make mistakes is a way of showing kindness and understanding.

### CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESSES

Cheer on your friends and family when they accomplish something, big or small.

### SAY ENCOURAGING THINGS

A compliment or words like, "You did a great job!" or, "I'm proud of you!" can make others feel valued.

### FORGIVE QUICKLY

Let go of grudges and forgive others, showing grace just as Jesus taught.

### HELP THEM FEEL BETTER

When someone is sad or hurt, being there with comforting words or just sitting with them can be a huge support.