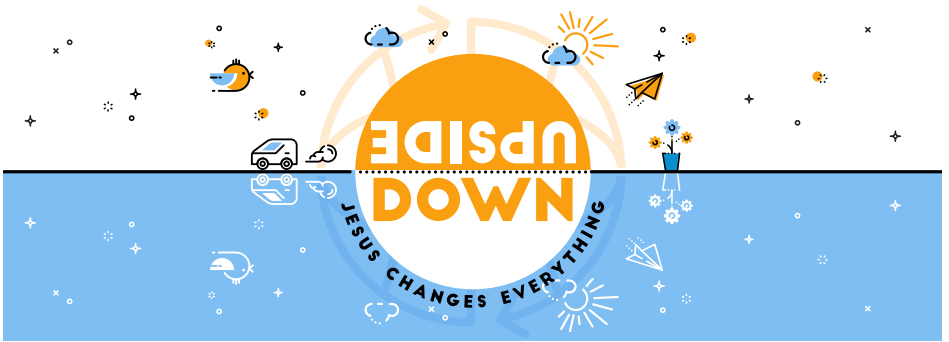


APRIL 2020

ELEMENTARY



WEEK ONE

JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE • MATTHEW 26:36-56



SAY THIS:
PUT OTHERS FIRST.



REMEMBER THIS:
"Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves."
PHILIPPIANS 2:3, NIrV



DO THIS:



Create a humility jar for this month and write, "put others first" on your jar as a reminder. Pick any item you would want to add; such as, pom poms, cotton balls, or M&M's. Anytime you see a family member put another family member or friend first, add one item to the jar. See if you can fill the jar by the end of the month and then celebrate with a special treat.

HUMILITY:
PUTTING OTHERS FIRST BY GIVING UP
WHAT YOU THINK YOU DESERVE

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH YOUR ELEMENTARY-SCHOOLER

By Holly Crawshaw

Every Easter my brother, sister, and I got brand new and coordinating Easter outfits and baskets. My mom wasn't the kind of mom who baked cookies and did crafts with us. In today's terms, she wouldn't have been a "Pinterest Mom." But she made a big deal about Easter. And because of that, I look forward to Easter as an adult. It doesn't carry the pomp and splendor (read: pressure) of Christmas, but it's a sweet holiday—one with traditions and activities I've passed down to own my kids.

So how do we do that? How do we create Easter traditions for our children that will not only create fun and fond memories, but also reinforce the levity of the day itself? Here's an idea for elementary-aged kids.

Resurrection Eggs

You can either buy a set of plastic eggs online (Amazon carries them), or you can make your own set. Basically, it's an egg carton filled with multi-colored plastic eggs. Inside the eggs are items that are part of the Easter story. Those items are:

- Egg #1: Oyster cracker (or bread) – Matthew 26:26
- Egg #2: Silver coins – Matthew 26:14-16
- Egg #3: Purple cloth – Matthew 27:28
- Egg #4: Thorns – Matthew 27:29
- Egg #5: Rope – Mark 15:15

- Egg #6: Cross – John 19:16-17
- Egg #7: Nail – John 19:18
- Egg #8: Sign that says, "This is the king of the Jews." – Luke 23:38
- Egg #9: Sponge (with vinegar) – Matthew 27:48
- Egg #10: Cloves or spices – Luke 23:5-6
- Egg #11: Rock – Matthew 27:59-60
- Egg #12: Empty – Matthew 28:55-56

You can either walk your child through each egg and explain the contents yourself, use the scripture above, or you can purchase a book to help you. *Benjamin's Box, The Story of the Resurrection Eggs* by Melody Carlson is a great option. If your child is already familiar with the Easter story, maybe ask them to walk you through the story with the eggs.

If you want your child to read the Easter story to you, I love the *Adventure Bible* for Early Readers for this age group!

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