

## Easter Activity

You will need:

\* 5 Easter eggs numbered 1-5 on the outside of the egg

\* A basket to put the eggs in

\* In egg #1 put a small washcloth (or piece of material),

Egg #2 - sacrament cup,

Egg #3 - tree (little toy one or picture of one),

Egg #4 - a rock

Egg #5 – leave empty

\* GAK (Gospel Art Kit) pictures and some magnets:

#226 Jesus washing feet; goes with egg #1

Possible songs: I'm trying to be like Jesus, I'm learning the ways of Jesus

# 225 Last supper; goes with egg #2

Possible songs: As I have loved you

# 227 Gethsemane; goes with egg #3

Possible songs: He Sent His Son

# 232 Tomb; goes with egg #4

Possible songs: He Died that we might live again

# 233 Resurrection; goes with egg #5

Possible songs: Jesus has risen

Post pictures on the board.

Time: Full 20 minutes

Activity: Choose a child to come up and open egg #1. Have them show the children what is inside and see if they can guess which picture it goes with. Show the children the picture and give a brief explanation of what the picture is about. Sing the song that goes with the picture, then choose a super singer to pick the 2<sup>nd</sup> egg, and so on. Egg 5 is empty because the tomb was empty when Christ was resurrected.

Variations:

1. Get an additional copy of each GAK picture. For Sr, hand out a picture to each class or small group of children. Tell them they are to study the picture and the summary on the back. You will be asking each group to come up and tell about their picture. Give them 2-3 minutes.

Then, have someone come up and open egg #1. Have them guess which picture it goes with. Then the group that had that picture comes up and tells about the picture. Then sing the corresponding song. Repeat. . .

2. You might also consider having a “way” to sing each song. Sometimes the kids need a little motivation to sing a song. Frequently, a different way of singing will help keep them engaged. You could have them direct the 1<sup>st</sup> song (in 6/8 – just making the backwards “J” outline. Very easy and Jr can do this too). For song #2, they don’t sing the word “LOVE”.

Other ideas for songs: If it’s in 4/4 then have them do a simple hand rhythm. For example, beat 1 – right hand slaps right thigh; beat 2 – left hand slaps left thigh; beat 3 – hands claps; beat 4 – snap fingers, then repeat for the next measure. OR beat 1 – rest; beat 2 – rest; beat 3 stomp right foot; beat 4 – stomp left foot, repeat.

If they don’t know one of the Easter songs you picked. You could write the words on a large posterboard using a couple of different colors. Then sing it through once, then sing it again and have them only sing the words that are written in blue and red or just the green words, etc.

Use a flashlight – sing when the light is on, they sing in their heads (piano keeps playing though) when the light is off.

Hot/cold with the object from the egg.

3. You could also bring in shaky eggs for the children. Hand out the eggs at the beginning of singing time. Have them use the egg in a different way for each song. They can conduct with the egg, tap the egg on their hand, move the egg back in forth in front of them.

You could break the song into 3-4 different parts and tell them to watch you and follow what you do with the egg. For the first part you could shake the egg in the air, 2<sup>nd</sup> part tap it on your hand, 3<sup>rd</sup> part tap it on your stomach, 4<sup>th</sup> part tap it on your leg. The possibilities with the eggs are endless! Especially for Jr primary. They will just be so excited that they get to hold the egg!

4. If you like to give out treats, you could have a big egg or basket full of the Dove chocolates that are heart shaped. At the end of the activity, share your testimony of Christ’s love with the children, then hand out the hearts to remind them of His love.