

Easter Advent Calendar

This advent calendar explores the Biblical story of Easter using tiny symbols that fit inside twelve plastic eggs. It's a lovely family tradition to establish in the lead up to Easter.

You need:

12 plastic eggs (check out Spotlight or The Warehouse or similar)
12 symbols (as listed in brackets below)
A print out of the relevant scripture reference



1. (*Bread*) *Matthew 26:26*

While they were eating Jesus took a piece of bread, gave a prayer of thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples.
"Take and eat it," He said, "This is My body."

2. (*Coins*) *Matthew 26: 14-15*

Then one of the twelve disciples, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and asked, "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?" They counted out thirty silver coins and gave them to him.

3. (*Purple cloth, representing a purple robe*) *Mark 15:17*

They put a purple robe on Jesus. . .

4. (*Thorns*) *Matthew 27:29*

Then they made a crown out of thorny branches and placed it on His head, and put a stick on His right hand; then they knelt before Him and made fun of Him. "Long live the King, of the Jews!" they said.

5. (*Scourge-a small piece of rope or thick string*) *Mark 15:15*

Pilate wanted to please the crowd, so he set Barabbas free for them. Then he had Jesus whipped and handed Him over to be crucified.

6. (*Cross*) *John 19: 17-18a*

He went out, carrying His cross, and came to "The Place of the Skull," as it is called. (In Hebrew it is called "Golgatha.") There they crucified Him.

7. (*Nails*) *John 20:25b*

Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in His hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in His side, I will not believe."

8. (*Sign*) *Luke 23:38*

Above Him were written these words:
THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

9. (*Sponge*) *Matthew 27:48*

One of them ran up at once, took a sponge, soaked it in cheap wine, put it on the end of a stick, and tried to make Him drink it.

10. (*Spear*) *John 19:34*

One of the soldiers plunged his spear into Jesus' side, and at once blood and water poured out.

11. (*Rock*) *Matthew 27:59-60*

Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a new linen sheet, and placed it in his own new tomb, which he had just recently dug out of solid rock. Then he rolled a large stone across the entrance to the tomb and went away.

12. (*Empty*) *Matthew 28:6*

He is not here He has risen just as He said.