

Lenten Family Activity Night - Stations of the Cross Eggs

Materials:

- 15 Plastic Easter Eggs
 - 14 eggs of one color (for Lent, could be Purple)
 - 1 egg of a different color (for Easter, could be yellow)
- 15 Slips of Paper

OR an item for each Egg that you can write on for each station (could be pieces of colored paper or could be wooden hearts painted red - discuss as a family what you'd like to use and make it your own!)
- Specific Items for each egg to depict each station:
- Piece of String
- Cross (could be a Popsicle stick cut into the shape of a cross, etc. can get creative!)
- Band-Aid
- Miraculous Metal, which has Mary on it (could print a small picture of Mary, could paint a Mary peg doll, could put in a Rosary, or even a small piece of blue felt to symbolize Mary)
- Hand Shaped Button (to symbolize a 'helping hand' - could cut out a hand-shape from paper)
- Scrap of white fabric (could also sketch Jesus' face on it - could also use a cotton ball)
- Another Band-Aid
- A tissue
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- Small garment cut from felt (would look like a small tank top) with a piece of string tied around it (doesn't have to be fancy, could simply be a small square piece of felt or of material)
- A Nail
- Small plastic crucifix (usually used to make rosaries)
- A Picture of Michelangelo's Pieta (can simply be a small printed picture and 'laminated' with packing tape or regular tape)
- A Rock
- 1 Container - could be an egg carton or small box to label "Lenten Eggs"

NOTE: You do not need to use the materials listed above, get creative! Talk to your family about what you'd like to use to symbolize each station for your family's set of Station of the Cross Eggs.

Instructions:

Below will be information for each egg.

NOTE: You'll want to grab a sharpie and label each Egg #1 - 14 (if you want to label the "Easter" Egg #15 you can, otherwise you can leave it blank as it is a different color).

Under each egg it will say "To Write."

This is what you will put on your slip of paper or other item your family has chosen to use to write information about each station on for your Station of the Cross Eggs.

Then there will be a small list of what to include in that egg and to close it when everything is together to work on the next egg.

WHEN DONE:

Once you've completed each of your Station of the Cross Eggs, place them in your container and label your container "Lenten Eggs" or "Station of the Cross Eggs"

Pull them out before Easter or during your Easter Celebration to read through together as a family. Each family member could get a different egg (or multiple) and read them aloud in order and state what is inside each egg and what it symbolizes.

Families can also pray through the stations of the cross with full station readings while doing the eggs as well!

Egg 1:

TO WRITE: Station 1: Jesus is condemned to death

Piece of String

The Piece of String symbolizes Jesus' hands being bound.

*Include the station information and the piece of string, close egg.

Egg 2:

TO WRITE: Station 2: Jesus takes his cross.

Cross

*include the station information and the cross your family wants to use for station 2, close the egg.

Egg 3:

TO WRITE: Station 3: Jesus falls for the first time.

Band-Aid

Note: Write a #1 on this Band-Aid. That way you can easily tell which Band-Aid goes where you take items out when you use them.

*Include the station information and the #1 Band-Aid, close egg.

Egg 4:

TO WRITE: Station 4: Jesus meets his Mother.

Miraculous Metal (or other)

The Miraculous Metal is to symbolize Mary

*Include the station information and a Miraculous Metal or what your family has decided to use to depict Mary, close egg.

Egg 5:

TO WRITE: Station 5: Simon helps Jesus carry his cross.

Hand-shaped Button (or other)

*Include the station information and hand-shaped item your family wants to use to depict a 'helping hand', close egg.

Egg 6:

TO WRITE: Station 6: Veronica wipes Jesus' face.

Scrap of white fabric (or other)

*Include the station information and scrap of white fabric, close egg.

Egg 7:

TO WRITE: Station 7: Jesus falls the second time.

Band-Aid

Note: Write a #2 on this Band-Aid. That way you can easily tell which Band-Aid goes where you take items out when you use them.

*Include the station information and the #2 Band-Aid, close egg.

Egg 8:

TO WRITE: Station 8: Jesus meets the Weeping Women

A tissue

The Tissue is to symbolize drying their tears.

*Include the station information and the tissue, close egg.

Egg 9:

TO WRITE: Station 9: Jesus falls for the third time.

Band-Aid

Note: Write a #3 on this Band-Aid. That way you can easily tell which Band-Aid goes where you take items out when you use them.

*Include the station information and the #3 Band-Aid, close egg.

Egg 10:

TO WRITE: Station 10: Jesus' clothes are taken away

Small garment cut from felt with string tied around it (or other - see example image)

*Include station information and the small garment, close egg.

Egg 11:

TO WRITE: Station 11: Jesus is nailed to the cross

A Nail

*Include station information and small nail, close egg.

Egg 12:

TO WRITE: Station 12: Jesus dies on the cross

Small Plastic Crucifix (usually used to make rosaries)

*Include station information and small plastic crucifix, close egg.

Egg 13:

TO WRITE: Station 13: Jesus is taken from the cross.

A picture of Michelangelo's Pieta (can be a small printed picture and "laminated" with packing tape or regular tape)

*Include station information and small picture of the Pieta, close egg.

Egg 14:

TO WRITE: Station 14: Jesus is put into the tomb.

Rock

*include station information and small rock, close egg.

Egg 15

TO WRITE: Jesus rises from the dead! He is risen! He is alive!

Leave egg empty, just like the tomb was empty!

*Include resurrection note, close egg.