

EASTER EGG STORY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Before you begin:

Props:

- 3 large plastic Easter Eggs that break apart and are big enough to hold items.
You could try buying them from Spotlight- or online from eBay or various other sellers.
- A large smooth stone/rock



Download the following pictures from the internet (for eg. from free clipart), resize to about 10cm in diameter, print, then cut out and laminate if available. Examples can be seen below.

- A sad face
- A Cross
- A number 3
- A smiley face



Script:

At Easter time, we have lots of fun eating chocolate eggs and hot cross buns.

But Easter is also about a very special person.
His name is Jesus.

When Jesus grew up, he did some amazing things-
he made sick people better;
he made a big storm calm just by saying, "be still,"
and many people came to Jesus, to hear him teach about God.

But one day something happened...

(Holding First egg with cross & sad face inside)

Let's open this egg and see what happened.
Crack, crack, crack... *(while tapping the egg on a hard surface)*
This person looks... *(Sad)*
Let's try making a sad face.
And there's something else in here...
A cross.
Some people didn't like Jesus.
On a very sad day they put him on a cross and he died.

(Holding Second egg with stone & number 3 inside)

I've got another egg here.
Let's see what's inside it.
Crack, crack, crack... *(tapping egg on hard surface)*
A stone.
In those days, when someone died, their body was taken away
and put inside a special cave by people who loved them.
They then rolled a big stone across the entrance to keep it safe.
The stone, however, would be much bigger than this stone.
It would be a very heavy and huge stone!
But there's something else in here...
A number ... *(3)*

Three days after Jesus died,
his friends went back to the cave to put perfumes and spices on his body
as a way of showing just how much they loved him.
But when they got there...
they found a big surprise in the cave.
Let's open our last egg to find out what it was...

(Last egg with smiley face stuck on outside - use Bluetac/double sided tape)

I wonder what's inside? *(Shake & listen)*
Can you hear anything?
Crack, crack, crack... *(tap egg against a hard surface then open egg)*
There's nothing inside!
And that's what Jesus' friends found when they went to the cave.
Nothing inside.
The big, heavy stone had been rolled away and Jesus wasn't there anymore.
He'd come back to life again -
in fact, the Bible tells us Jesus then appeared to Mary and her friends,
and then to his disciples,
and then to over 500 other witnesses to show them he was alive.
Amazing!
This was God's Son - his promised King -
who was born at Christmas and raised back to life at Easter.

So, as you eat your yummy chocolate eggs and delicious hot cross buns this Easter,
you can also be reminded that Jesus is alive!

[The story could end with singing, Easter Friday, by Emu Music, with tune to Humpty Dumpty, available at <https://emumusic.com/products/easter-friday>]