

EASTER EGG STORY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Before you begin:

Draw or download from the internet (e.g., www.freepik.com), large pictures of a sad face, a cross, the number 3 and a happy face. Examples are below:



A sad face



A Cross



A number 3



A happy face

Props:

- 3 x large plastic Easter eggs that can break apart and are big enough to hold items. These eggs may be available from Spotlight or online by searching, "Fillable plastic eggs."
- 1 x large stone.
 - In one egg place the cross and sad face.
 - In another egg place the stone and number 3.
 - On the last egg, attach the happy face to the outside.



Script:

At Easter time, there is lots of fun eating chocolate eggs and hot cross buns.

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

Jesus did amazing things-
he healed sick people;
he made a big storm calm just by saying, "be still,"
and people followed 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 is something else in here...
A cross.
Some people did not 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 have another egg here.
Let's see what is inside it.
Crack, crack, crack... *(tapping egg on hard surface)*
A stone.
In those days, when someone died, people close to the person would take their body and place it inside a special cave.
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 is 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 happy face stuck on the outside)

I wonder what is inside? *(Shake & listen)*
Can you hear anything?
Crack, crack, crack... *(tap egg against a hard surface then open egg)*
There is nothing inside!
And that is 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 had 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 five hundred 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 risen – hurrah, he's 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>]*