Easter Egg Prayer Game

Downloadable Easter Resource for Children

Easter Egg Prayer Game (for 2 to 6 players)

RESOURCES TO DOWNLOAD (ON WHITE PAPER)
- Prayer egg sheets - larger version (6 sheets - 1 prayer egg per A4 page)

OPTIONAL EXTRAS
- Prayer egg sheets – smaller version (2 x A4 sheets with 6 eggs in total – 3 per sheet). This is for the children to make an Easter Story Prayer Book of their own.

YOU PROVIDE:
- A die for each group playing the game.
- A4 coloured paper or card (card, if possible), colouring pencils and glue sticks.

BEFORE YOU PLAY
Download and print the 6 x A4 prayer eggs.

Cut each egg across the middle following the different shaped line on each egg.

Muddle up the top and bottom halves of the eggs and place face upwards on the table or floor.

Explain that you are going to play a game that shows what happened to Jesus at Easter. You will, also, be praying for children who are persecuted because they and their families love Jesus. (Give a brief explanation about persecuted children who face great danger and harm, along with their families, from people who do not want them to follow Jesus. Remind them of their prayers at Christmas, sticking pictures on the advent calendar, if you used that resource).
**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. One child throws the die. He / she picks up the bottom half of the egg with the number that matches the same number thrown on the die. He / she finds the matching top half of the egg, based on the shape of the line cut across the middle (like a jigsaw).

Now pray the prayer on the bottom half of the egg. Either the adult reads and leads the prayer or asks one of the children to read and / or lead the prayer, depending on the child’s age and ability.

**N.B. Should you wish, you can wait until you have collected all the prayer eggs and say the prayers altogether later in the session.**

2. The next player throws the die and finds the matching number on the bottom half of the egg. Continue as above.

3. Keep playing until all the eggs have been matched. Should a child throw a number on the die that has already been thrown, he / she can have more attempts to throw a different number OR pass the die to the next child.

4. Should you have more than one group playing the game at the same time, you could add a competitive element in that the first group to collect and match all the eggs wins. The prayers can be said after the game has finished.

**AFTER THE GAME**

Stick the matching eggs together – one each on A4 coloured paper or card. Place them in sequence and use them to talk through the Easter story. Add more details to the story according to the age and ability of your children.

Afterwards, the children can colour in the pictures as you reinforce how much God and Jesus showed their love for each one of us at Easter. Display them on the wall so that they can be a reminder of Christ’s sacrifice and love. Also, to remind the children to pray for persecuted children.
**INDIVIDUAL STORY BOOKS**

Give each child a smaller version of the Easter egg prayer pictures (2 sheets with 3 eggs on each).

The children or an adult can cut up the halves of the eggs and muddle them up. The children find the matching halves of the eggs and stick them together in a zigzag book.

N.B. A zigzag book is a piece of A4 coloured card or paper. Place it down horizontally (landscape) and fold it into 3 equal sections, zigzag style:

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Number the sections on one side of the card: 2, 3 & 4. Number the sections on the other side of the card: 5, 6 & 1. See illustration below. Write the numbers quite small at the bottom centre or left.

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Stick the matched eggs on each page according to the number of the prayer.

When folded, page 1 will be the front page and as you open it up you will see pages 2 & 3. Turn over and you will see page 4. Open it up to reveal pages 5 & 6.

The children can take it home and colour it in as a reminder of why we celebrate Easter and as a prompt to remember to pray for the persecuted children in the book.