

## **GOOD FRIDAY 4. INSTRUCTIONS**

### **THE EGG CHALLENGE**

#### **AIM**

These activities focus more on the whole Easter message rather than just Good Friday.

To use eggs to raise questions about:

- How the disciples found that Jesus was the same, but different, after his resurrection.
- How putting your faith in something that you've never done before is scary, but rewarding.
- How Jesus rose from the dead and although no-one could explain how there was plenty of evidence that it really happened.

#### **John 20:15**

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

#### **1 Corinthians 15:6**

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living,

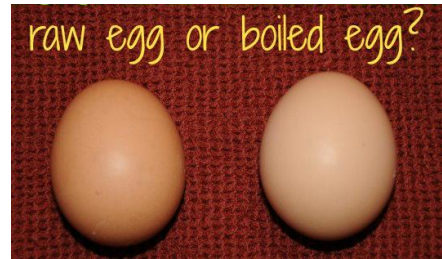
#### **YOU WILL NEED:**

- Three raw eggs and a hard boiled egg (you might need spares too, depending on how many you are expecting.)
- A supply of some things which MIGHT be useful for deciding which egg is hard boiled and which isn't. e.g. a magnifying glass, weighing scales, a tape measure.
- Four boxes of half a dozen eggs. These SHOULD be good to use afterwards!
- Plastic sheet for the floor – you shouldn't need it, but it's as well to be prepared!
- Bowls, water, large packet of salt, and a raw egg. (Again, spares might be needed.)

#### **WHAT YOU DO:**

## TASK 1

Provide 4 eggs; 1 hard boiled and 3 raw. **WITHOUT BREAKING ANY OF THEM** each person/group has to use a marker pen to make a mark on the one that they think is hard boiled. (To make it more confusing, you could put a few marks on each egg before anyone starts!)



Give them a range of equipment to use such as weighing scales, torches, magnifying glass, tape measure etc.

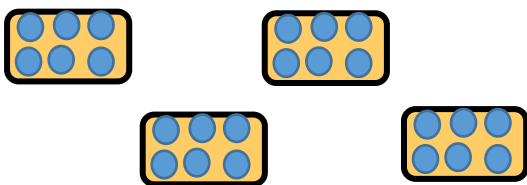
In fact, the solution is simply to spin each egg (gently!) on a flat surface. If you touch the egg while it is spinning the boiled egg will simply stop. The raw eggs will stop when you briefly touch them then start moving again when you move your finger.

The white and yolk carry on moving when you stop the shell, and have enough energy to start moving again.

When the disciples knew that Jesus was no longer dead, but alive they changed completely! People who knew them might have thought that they looked the same, but their lives had changed so much because what Jesus did on the cross on Good Friday had given them hope and life.

## TASK 2

Place 4 boxes of eggs on the floor so that they look like footsteps, on a plastic sheet if possible.



Show the eggs, and assure everyone that they are raw, not hard boiled!

Ask who would like to walk across the eggs. Removing shoes and socks adds to the drama but isn't strictly necessary!



Eggs are very strong when standing upright, and apparently even adults should be able to walk across them. You could save this for the end and have a drum roll before a larger person has a go!

Deciding that you're going to walk on something that seems fragile takes a good deal

of faith. How do you think the disciples felt as they started to believe that Jesus had risen again? They never thought that this would happen, and it must have seemed as unlikely as an egg taking your weight!

### **TASK 3**

Provide two glasses of water. Fresh water is needed for each turn, so you might need a couple of buckets to empty one lot of water and rinse the glasses out.

Put an egg into each glass and notice that they have sunk. (If one floats it means that the egg is rotten! Replace it with a fresh one!)

Challenge them to make one of the eggs float without touching it.

Give a variety of equipment that might be useful e.g. balloon pump, stones, etc. plus salt and a tablespoon.

Talk about what it must have been like when Jesus rose from the dead. Nobody understood what had happened, but because people saw him there was lots of evidence that it was true.



Tap Water



Salt Water