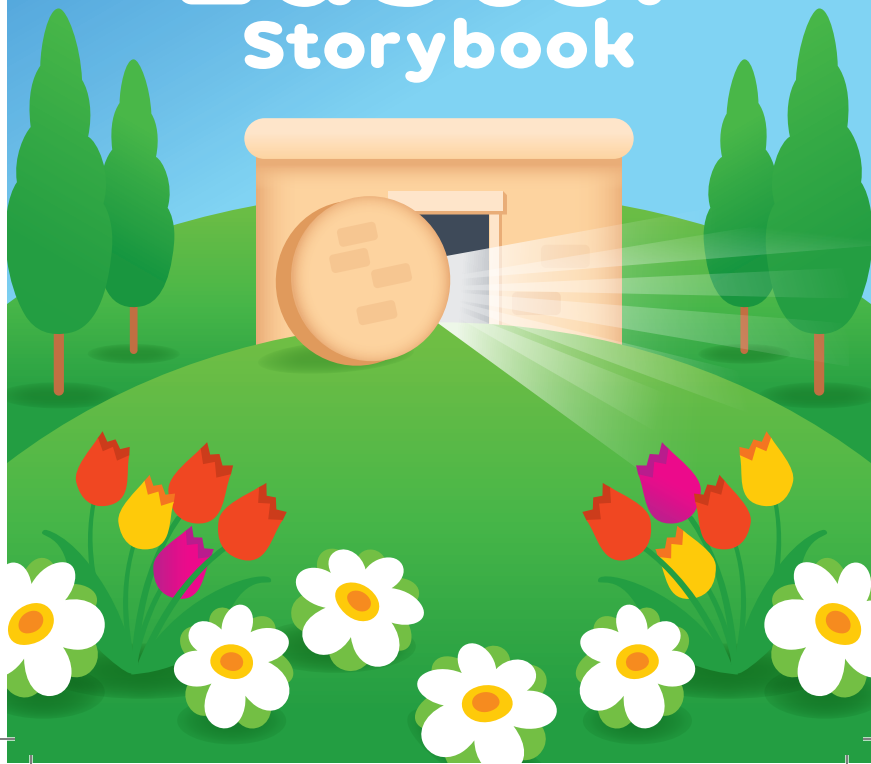


My Little

Easter Storybook





Parents,

Your child's Easter bag is a tool for you to help teach your child the truth of the gospel. We encourage you to spend time walking through this story of Jesus with your child, using the objects inside the bag to help bring the story to life.

We are so encouraged that you have allowed us to partner with you in laying a firm spiritual foundation for your children. We pray for you and your families often.

Happy Easter!

Citizens Church
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Leaf

One day, Jesus rode a donkey into a very important city called Jerusalem. Many people came to see Jesus. The people put clothes and leaves on the ground in front of Jesus like they would for a king. Many of the people worshiped Him...



Sick Heart

...but not everyone worshiped Jesus. Some of the people in charge of the city and the temple didn't love Jesus. They did not like Jesus at all; they hated Him. Because they hated Jesus, they began to make a plan to kill Him.



Cup

While some men were working on a plan to kill Jesus, Jesus got together with His closest friends to eat a meal. His closest friends were called disciples. At the meal, Jesus gave the disciples a cup of wine and some bread and told them, "Eat and drink to remember me."

People who love and trust Jesus still eat bread and drink wine to remember His death on the cross. This is called communion.



Flower

After Jesus and the disciples were finished with the meal, Jesus went to a garden to pray. Jesus is God the Son, so He prayed to God the Father. In the garden, Jesus prayed because He knew He was going to die soon and that it would not be easy. Jesus died to save sinners and offer forgiveness.

There is only one God, and He is three different Persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. We call God in three persons the Trinity.



Coins

Not all of the disciples were honest with Jesus. One of them, a man named Judas, was planning to do a very bad thing. Judas took money from the men who hated Jesus and then showed them where they could find Jesus. Remember, the men who hated Jesus wanted to kill Him. Judas showed these men where Jesus was so he could get money. Judas loved money more than he loved Jesus.



Rope

The men who hated Jesus arrested Him and took Him away. They tied Jesus up and then took Him to the man in charge of the city, a man named Pilate. Pilate and the men who hated Jesus did not understand that Jesus is God and that Jesus came to save sinners, so they decided to kill Him.



Band-Aid

Jesus let the men hurt Him; He knew that He had to die to make a way for our sick hearts to be made healthy. Jesus did not fight back when they hurt Him. Jesus did not deserve to be hurt because He didn't do anything wrong; He lived the perfect life. The men hit Jesus many times with a whip. They found sharp thorns and made them into a crown that they pressed into His head to hurt Jesus and to make fun of Him. They laughed at Jesus.



Nail

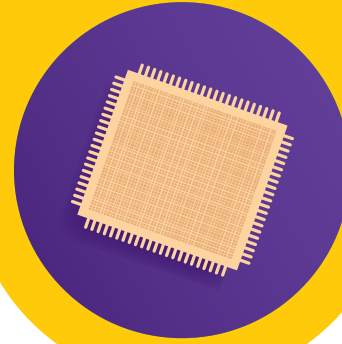
The men laid a wooden cross on the ground and nailed Jesus' hands and feet to it. The nails really hurt Jesus, but He let them do it so He could pay for the sins of the whole world. Because Jesus never sinned, He could pay the price for all of our sins. Sin is when we do or think something that is different from what God wants.

Sin is in our hearts and comes out in what we do and think. We are all sinners.



Cross

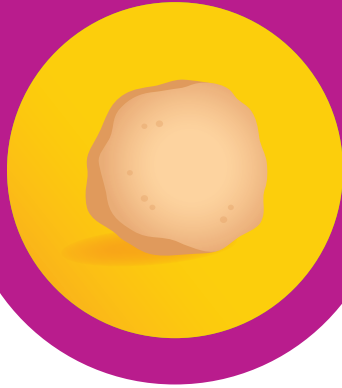
After Jesus was nailed to the cross, the soldiers stood the cross up. It hurt Jesus very badly, and it was very hard for Jesus to breathe. After a while, Jesus died. God is in charge of everything! Jesus could have come down from the cross any time He wanted to, but He died on the cross for us so that our sick hearts could be made healthy.



Cloth

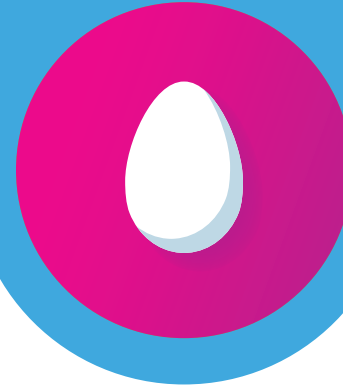
After Jesus died, His friends were very sad. His friends did not understand why Jesus had to die to save sinners. They wrapped Jesus' body in cloth and laid Him in a tomb.

A tomb is like a grave. Instead of under the dirt, a tomb is carved out of rock. It is a place where people put dead bodies.



Rock

Jesus' body was put into the tomb. A huge rock was rolled in front of the opening. The rock in your bag is small, but the rock in front of Jesus' tomb was HUGE! The man in charge of the city, Pilate, put a guard in front of the tomb so that no one could steal Jesus' body.



Empty Egg

(Empty Tomb)

On the third day after Jesus died, two women who were friends of Jesus went to visit the tomb. The ground shook, and an angel of the Lord rolled away the huge rock that was in front of the tomb where Jesus was buried. The angel told the women, "Do not be afraid. Jesus is not here. Jesus has come back to life as He said He would."

The women looked inside, and the tomb was empty! Jesus is alive!



Fish

Jesus paid for the sins of the whole world and then came back to life!

Jesus' friends saw Him many times after He came back to life.

One time they saw Jesus by the water, and they ate some fish together. Jesus also met with His disciples on a mountain. He told them to go everywhere and tell everyone the good news that Jesus came to save sinners!



Crown

After Jesus met with His disciples, He went back to heaven to be with God the Father. Right now, Jesus is in heaven sitting on the throne because He is King over all that He made! Jesus will reign as King forever and ever!



Cloud

(Cotton Ball)

God promises us in the Bible that one day Jesus will come back to the Earth. The Bible says that Jesus will come back in the clouds and that every person will see Him. No one but God the Father knows when that day is coming, but it will be such a wonderful day because everyone who loves and trusts Jesus will get to live with God forever!

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