



Owlegories: The Egg

Family Discussion Guide

STORY SUMMARY:

The Owlegories crew is going on an Easter Egg hunt! They've got lots of eggs full of yummy candy to find plus twelve super special Easter Story eggs. When mean 'ole Devlin tries to steal all the eggs, he ends up discovering the true meaning of Easter through the sweetest eggs of all. In the end, the class learns how eggs can remind us of Easter and how to share God's sweet grace with those who may not deserve it.

BIBLE VERSE

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.'"

John 11:25-26 NIV

BIG IDEAS:

Symbols - Symbols, like the ones found in the Easter story eggs, are objects or pictures used to represent something in order to help you remember and understand.

Sin - We sin when we choose our own way instead of God's way. Because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, we can receive God's forgiveness.

Grace - Grace means receiving something you do not deserve. It is because of God's grace that we receive His love and forgiveness even though, because of sin, we do not deserve it.

"[God] is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins."

Ephesians 1:7 NLT

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you remember what each of the Easter story egg symbols represent? (Use the attached cards to review.)
2. How does it make you feel to know that God sent His son to die on the cross for YOU?
3. God's grace offers us forgiveness and love without condition. The owls showed Devlin grace by sharing their candy even though he tried to steal all the eggs! What is one way you can show grace-filled love to someone in your life?

RECAP:

3 Ways Eggs Remind Us of Easter

Easter eggs full of candy can remind us of the sweet grace of Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus died on the cross for our sins.
2. He was buried for three days.
3. On the third day he rose from the grave.



12 Eggs to Tell the Easter Story



This cotton ball dipped in perfume represents the perfume that was poured on Jesus' feet before He was crucified. This anointing prepared Jesus for His burial and symbolically acknowledged His position as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

READ Matt 26:6-13



These coins represent the money given to Judas (one of Jesus' disciples) to betray Jesus. Judas was more concerned with himself and his greed than following Jesus. He betrayed Jesus and handed him over to be crucified.

READ Matthew 26:14-15



This purple cloth represents the purple robe they put on Jesus to make fun of Him. Purple represents royalty. The people crucifying Jesus didn't think He was a king, so they dressed Him up as one so others would laugh at Him.

READ John 19:5



In addition to a purple robe, the people crucifying Jesus put a crown of thorns on His head to mock Him. As they put it on His head, the thorns cut Jesus and made Him bleed. It must have been painful, but He didn't retaliate because He was ready and willing to be crucified for the sins of all people.

READ Matthew 27:29



The people crucifying Jesus flogged Jesus as well. Flogging is a very harsh punishment where a person would get whipped with a special, painful whip on the back. Jesus, the Son of God, still didn't retaliate. He was innocent of any crimes, but still chose to endure this persecution that He might take the punishment for our sins.

READ Matthew 27:2, 26



After Jesus was flogged and made fun of, He was placed on a wooden cross. Crucifixion was a very painful and final form of punishment reserved for the worst of criminals. Jesus wasn't a criminal. He didn't deserve to die this way. But He did so in order to save the entire world.

READ 1 Peter 2:2 4

12 Eggs to Tell the Easter Story



This nail represents the nails that the soldiers used to put Jesus on the cross. But the nails the soldiers used were much larger. One was driven through each hand and one nailed through both feet. Can you imagine how painful that must have been?

READ John 20:25



This dice represents the lots that were cast for Jesus' clothes. Once the soldiers put Jesus on the cross, as He lay dying there, they "rolled the dice" to see who would get to keep His clothes.

READ Matthew 27:35



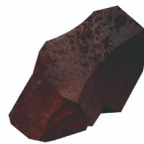
This toothpick represents a spear the soldiers used on Jesus. After a time of intense suffering, Jesus eventually died on the cross. Soldiers came by and checked to see if He was really dead. They pierced His side with the spear and if blood and water flowed out they would know Jesus was really dead.

READ John 19:33-34



When Jesus died, He was wrapped in linen cloth and prepared for burial. This detail is important because it demonstrated that Jesus was really dead. His body was then placed in a tomb. Soon Jesus' followers would see this linen again, but not like they expected!

READ John 20:5-7



This rock represents the stone they placed in front of Jesus' tomb to seal it. Once Jesus' body was prepared for burial, it was placed in a rock tomb and a giant stone was placed in the entrance. Soldiers also sealed and secured it so no one could steal the body.

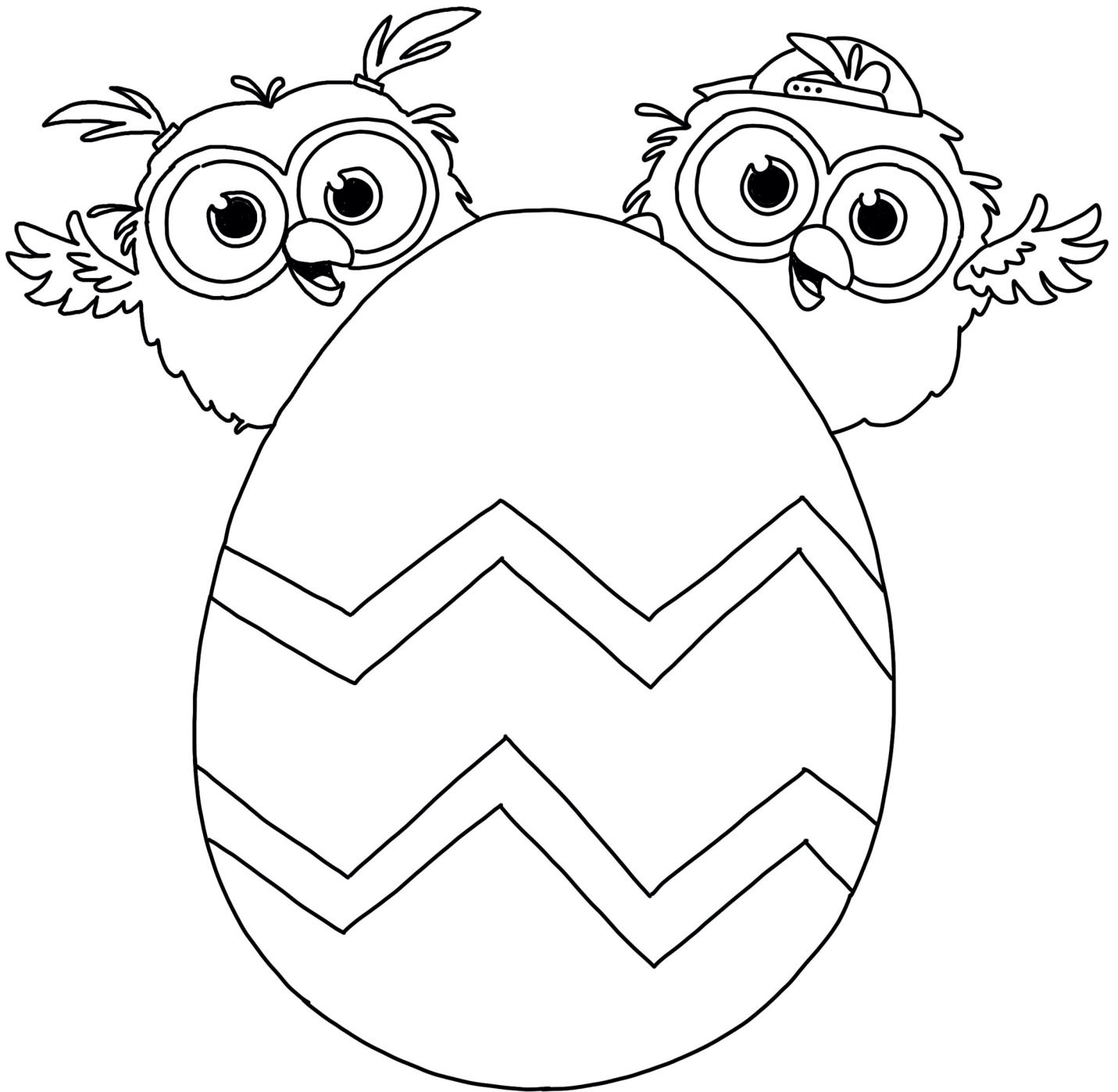
READ Matthew 27:57-66



He is Risen! Three days after being placed in the tomb, Jesus conquered death and came back to life! By dying on the cross as an innocent man, He was sacrificed for our sins and took the consequences we deserve. Jesus made a way for us to return to God and spend eternity in heaven with Him! Praise God! He is Risen Indeed!

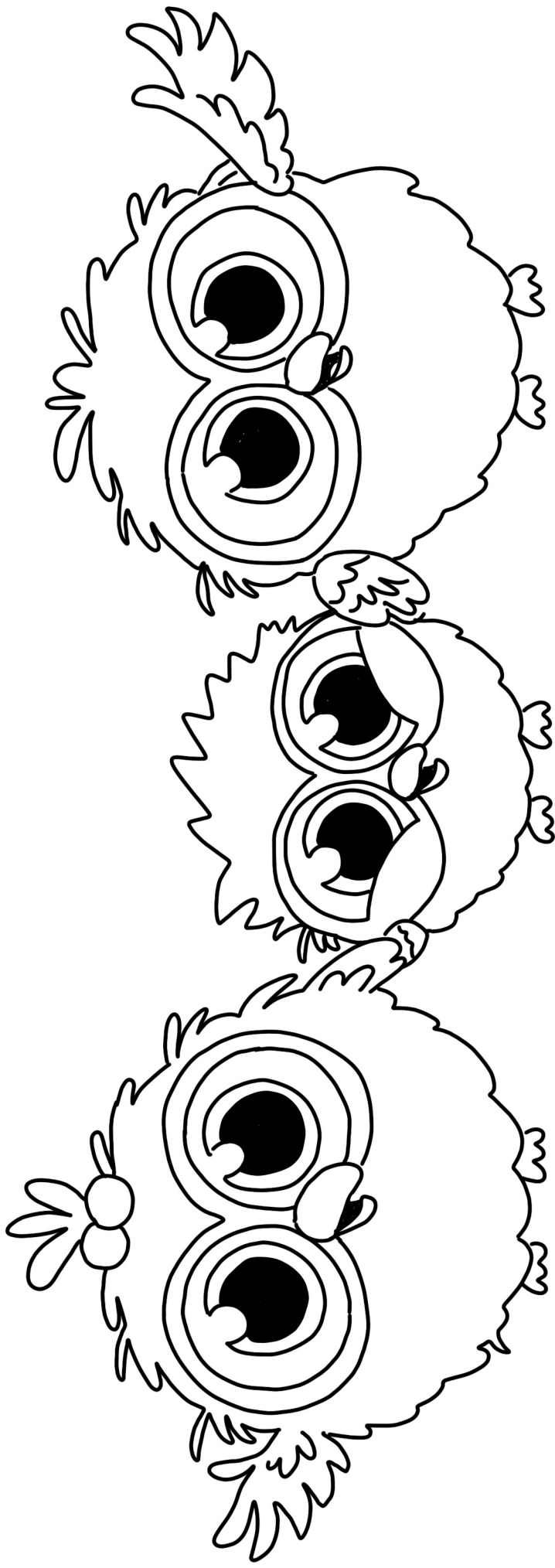
READ Matthew 28:1-7

HAPPY EASTER!



“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3

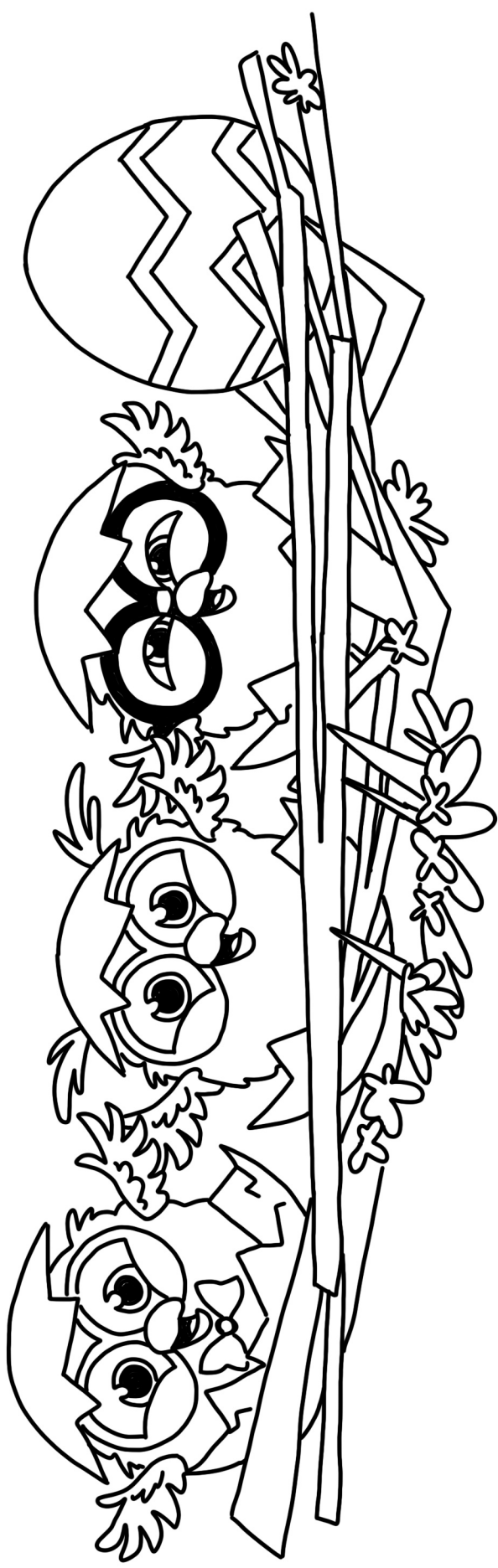
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HE IS RISEN!

“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.’” Matthew 28: 5-6



HAPPY EASTER!