

## Easter Egg Hunt Gospel Lesson

Hey, kids! Are you excited about hunting Easter eggs today? Me too!  
Before we get started though, can someone tell me why we celebrate Easter? Is it about the eggs?

[Guide children in telling about Jesus' death, burial & resurrection. We will have parents listening as well, so we don't want to assume everyone has heard the Easter story.]

Did you know that even as we hunt Easter eggs today, we can be reminded of what Easter is really all about?  
Look, I've brought all these colorful eggs! Some are small and some are big! They're all different colors too! They're kind of like us! Don't they look good?

[Hold up the basket of empty plastic eggs for them to see.]

In a few minutes, you're going to go out and find some Easter eggs, aren't you? Jesus tells us He is the Good Shepherd and we are like lost sheep. All of Heaven celebrates when even one of us turns back to God and is **found!** ([Luke 15:1-6](#))

What's the best part of finding Easter eggs? [Allow some to answer.] Surprises inside...right?

[Open an egg and show that it's empty...look very disappointed.]

My egg is empty...

You know this reminds me of how I was before Jesus came into my life. My life felt empty...like something was missing and I couldn't find what.

Sin causes our life to be empty, but Jesus overcame sin and death so our sin can be **forgiven** and He wants to **fill** us with His life - abundant life (filled with good things) and forever life (never ending).

When we turn away from our sin (doing what we want to do instead of what we know God says is right) and turn to God, trusting Jesus to save us, He forgives us and also fills us!

Have you ever heard of the Fruit of the Spirit? Can we name them? - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self-control. God's Holy Spirit comes in and fills our life with all these good things!

When you open your eggs today and find good things like treats in them, remember how God wants to put His life and all these good things in you too when you trust Jesus.

Today you don't have to pay for the treats you find in your eggs; someone else has already paid for them. All you have to do is pick them up and receive them for yourself. In the same way, Jesus already paid the price to forgive our sins when He died on the cross; we just have to receive His gift.

What are you going to do with the Easter eggs you find today? Put them in your basket and take them home with you? When Jesus finds us, forgives us and fills us, He also puts us in His **family** so that one day He can take us home to Heaven to live with Him **forever!**

We probably all know John 3:16 [say together], but did you know John says something very similar in his letter - 1 John 4:9-10?

*"God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."*

Paul also tells us in Romans 5:8 that God didn't wait for us to get it right before loving us -

*"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."*

God loves you and I so much that He showed us by sending Jesus; that's what Easter...and life is really all about!

## Summary:

So as your hunting Easter eggs today and even later, I hope you will remember Five words. They don't begin with "E" like Easter, but "F"! [Tear or cut the bottom of the E to make an F. Write each word on the F as you say them.]

1. FOUND - Without Jesus, we are lost and need to be found.
2. FORGIVEN - With Jesus we are forgiven. All our sin has been paid for and taken away.
3. FILLED - Without Jesus we are empty and need to be filled.
4. FAMILY - With Jesus as our Lord & Savior, He puts us in His family so that one day we will go home to live with Him...
5. FOREVER in Heaven!

Close in prayer.