

Easter Eggs

Everyone Has the Same Great Need

PREP

Supplies:

- One hard-boiled egg for each student.
- Paint, brushes, stickers, ribbon, glue, etc. for decorating egg.
- One egg, not hard-boiled, beautifully decorated in advance and one hard-boiled egg that is not decorated.

Mark a Bible to Romans 3:23.

DEMONSTRATION

Give each student a hard-boiled egg and decorations and let them paint and/or decorate their eggs however they like.

OBJECT LESSON

Isn't it interesting how outwardly we can decorate these eggs to look so different, but inside each egg is the exact same thing?

Even if we coated one egg in pure gold and another in dirt, they would still just be eggs on the inside. In the same way, we may dress differently than others, or have different strengths and abilities, but inside we all have the exact same problem. Our problem is that we all have sinned, we have all done wrong things.

But, what if an egg is in a different place? Would being in a different place change what's inside an egg?

What if we're inside a church building several times per week, does that take away our sin? No, being in church is important, but only through God changing what's inside our hearts can our sin problem go away.

Romans 3:23 says, "For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."

Every person in the world, no matter where they are from, how much money they have, who they are related to, has sinned.

And because we've all messed up, we are empty inside and do not have a relationship with God. This is why Jesus had to come to the world and die for our sins. That is the only way we truly can know God.

Take an egg that you've decorated beautifully and smash it (preferably somewhere easy to clean).

[Then hold up an egg you've hard-boiled.]

This egg has been boiled and it represents a person who has committed to follow Jesus. When we ask Jesus to come into our lives, we are not the same on the inside ever again.

[Drop this egg and show your students that even if the outside gets cracked the inside did not break.]

When Jesus comes into a person's life, He changes what's inside, and we no longer have to be separated from God.

WRAP UP

Say, "No matter how rich or athletic or cool a person is, inside we all have the same problem and same need. We all are sinners—which means we are separated from God—but thanks to Jesus' sacrifice, we can all be changed on the inside forever."