

Easter Basket

Leading Others to the Prize

PREP

Supplies:

- Easter basket
- 10 plastic eggs.
- Blindfold
- White Board
- Markers

In each egg put a piece of paper with a different word on it. In one egg write “eternal life,” in one write “hope” and in each of the rest write one of the fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control).

Mark a Bible to Galatians 5:22-23.

DEMONSTRATION

Blindfold a volunteer and give them the empty Easter basket. Have another volunteer hide Easter eggs around your classroom. Then have a third volunteer lead the blindfolded volunteer to find all the eggs. Only the blindfolded volunteer can put the eggs in the basket and give them one minute to try to find them all.

When the minute is up have the volunteers open the eggs and read what’s inside as you write each word on the white board.

OBJECT LESSON

Say, “Imagine you’re at an Easter egg hunt and your basket is overflowing with Easter eggs. But you look to your right and notice another person who has no eggs at all, and they are discouraged and confused. What would you do?”

Let your students give answers out loud.

In the same way, if you are a Christian, your life is like this full Easter basket, and God has filled you with countless, wonderful things. To name a few, he has given you eternal life—which means that your spirit never has to die—and hope, and the fruit of the Spirit, which is a gift we receive from following Jesus.

Galatians 5:22-23 tells us through God’s Spirit living in us we have, “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control.”

Jesus died on the cross so we could enjoy all these gifts for the rest of our lives.

So, if you are a follower of Jesus, you have all these wonderful gifts inside you. And, hopefully, you're living in a way that others can see those gifts.

What are you doing for those around you who have empty baskets? What about the people you know who don't know Jesus and are without hope, without the fruits of the Spirit, and without the promise of eternal life?

Will you tell them how to fill their basket?

WRAP UP

Say, "If you have a relationship with Jesus, then he has filled you with the Holy Spirit and these beautiful spiritual gifts, but sadly there are people all around us who are empty inside and don't know where to look to find these wonderful gifts. Will we share with others how to find them?"