



# THE EASTER TREE



## AIM

Bring together the story of Easter, from Lent and Palm Sunday to the cross and the empty tomb. Then use our Easter egg templates to create decorations to hang on 'The Easter Tree'.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- The Easter Tree Decorations Template
- Scissors
- Colouring Pens/Pencils
- Ribbon
- Prayer Tree or Similar

# GET INTO THE BIBLE: THE EASTER TREE

THEME: CELEBRATING



## LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to download and print the tree decorations. They should also be cut into their individual egg shapes. You'll also need to source an appropriate 'tree' to hang the decorations from, for example a prayer tree.



[Download The Easter Tree Decorations Template](#)



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Explore the Easter story together as a group with this creative and visual re-telling.

- 1 Start by asking the children what they can tell you about the Easter story. What parts of the story can they remember, encouraging them to think right back to Palm Sunday if they can.
- 2 Now show them the 12 Easter egg decorations from the template sheet. Are the children able to match any of the images to the parts of the Easter story they have just talked about?
- 3 Explain to the group that you'll be looking at the Easter story in more detail soon, but before you do, they'll be decorating these decorations so they can hang them on an 'Easter Tree'. When they hang them on the tree later on, you'll explore the Easter Story more then.
- 4 Hand the decorations to the group for them to decorate with colouring pens/pencils. Try to ensure all 12 decorations are being made (some children could do more than one). If you end up with more than one of each decoration, that is fine.
- 5 Pierce a hole in the top of each decoration and feed a piece of ribbon/string through to make a loop so the egg will be able to hang from it.
- 6 Finally bring the group together in front of the 'tree'. This could be a prayer tree, a tree branch or similar. Alternatively, you could create the outline of a tree on a notice board and then pin the decorations to this.
- 7 Starting with the desert (Lent) and work through Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Jesus' betrayal, the crucifixion, the empty tomb and the resurrection, sharing the Easter story with your group. As you get to each part of the story where there is a decoration, let children place that decoration on the tree. You could share the Easter story as a conversation, but this could also be done by using a children's Bible or finding a suitable YouTube video (i.e. Saddleback Kids).



## IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Try and find somewhere in your meeting space for the Easter Tree to be displayed, so other people can see your visual re-telling of the meaning of Easter.



## KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

To reduce risk, leaders could cut out the egg decorations beforehand. Leaders should also take responsibility for piercing a hole in the top of each egg.





