

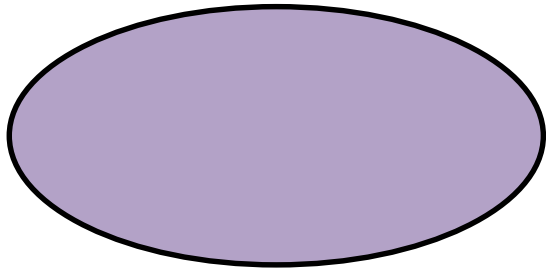
Jesus is the JOY of Easter... Egg Hunt!

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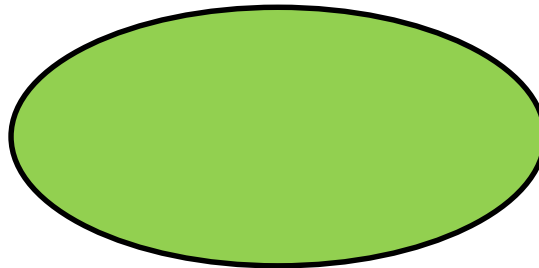
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This Easter Egg Hunt activity emphasizes the JOY of Easter all the way from Palm Sunday through Pentecost. Color print the picture ovals and descriptions on these pages and cut them apart. The matching description/oval squares can be cut in strips of 3 or a block of 6. For use year after year, laminate all the pieces for the set. Place picture ovals in plastic eggs and hide as in a typical egg hunt, including treats and/or coins in the eggs as you like. Once hunters have found all the eggs, they can work together to place images on the correct oval in the description square to tell the story of all of Jesus' Easter surprises and JOY! To start simply with very young children, you can choose 6 ovals for the first year and then add 6 additional images each year till you include all 24. (Illustrated images are from the books, *Easter Bunny's Amazing Day*, by Carol Benoist and Cathy Gilmore, and *Little Lamb Finds Christmas*, by Cathy Gilmore ©Liguori Publications.)

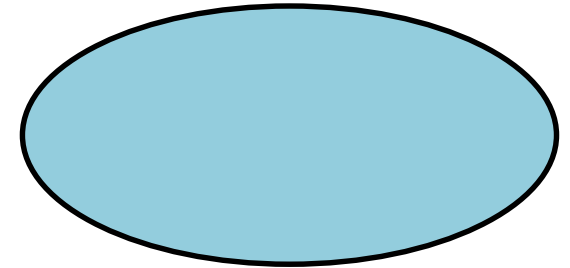
Olive Tree: Jesus went to the Garden of Olives to pray as His suffering began.



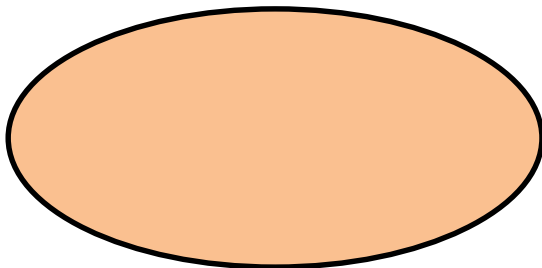
Cross: which Jesus carried and on which He died



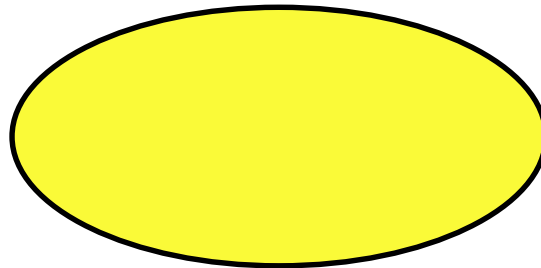
Soldier: Who helped crucify Jesus, who then was sorry and said, "Truly, this was the son of God"



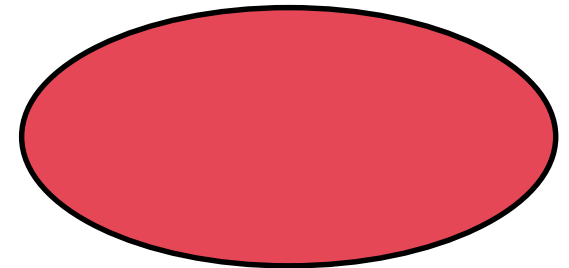
Round Stone: that rolled away on Easter morning.



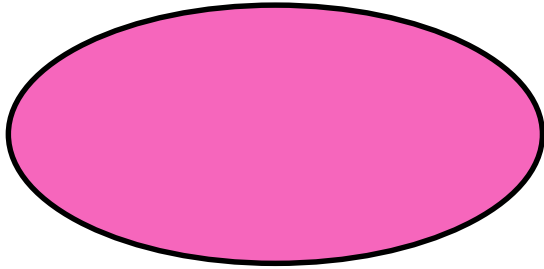
Sun: Shining bright on Easter Sunday...Jesus is alive again!



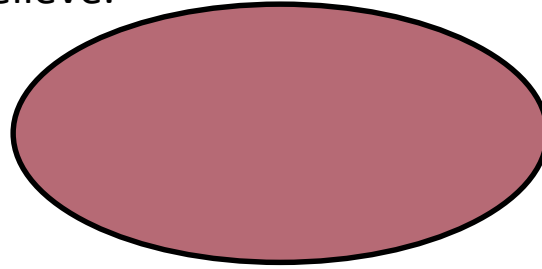
Jesus: Because Jesus is the JOY of Easter and He loves YOU so much!



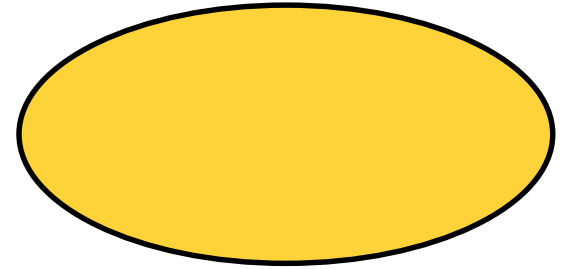
Flowers: When Mary Magdalane first saw Jesus, she thought He was the gardener.



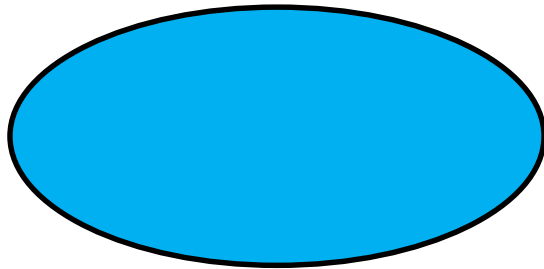
Wounds of Risen Jesus: Thomas, the Apostle, had to see the wounds of Jesus to believe.



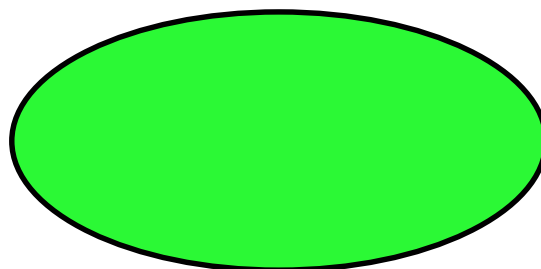
Flame: 50 days after Easter, God sent the Holy Spirit, so He can be with each of us, always.



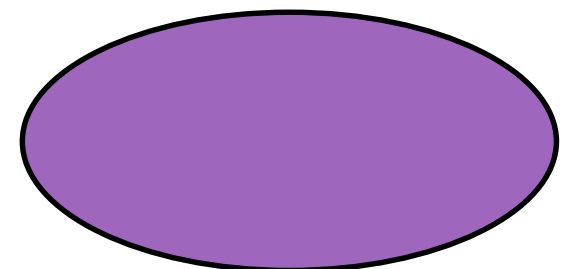
Bible: The Apostles wrote down Jesus' story, so that we can share it with everyone!



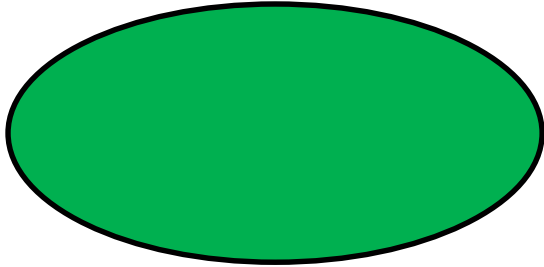
Bunny: because Jesus loves everyone who is little, especially children and even little bunnies.



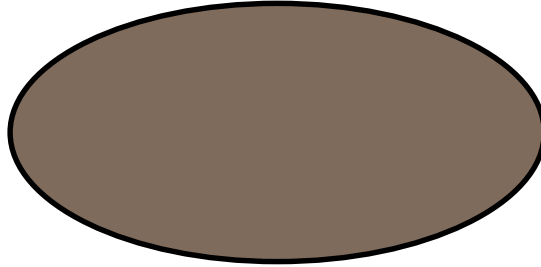
Candy: because the love of Jesus is so sweet!



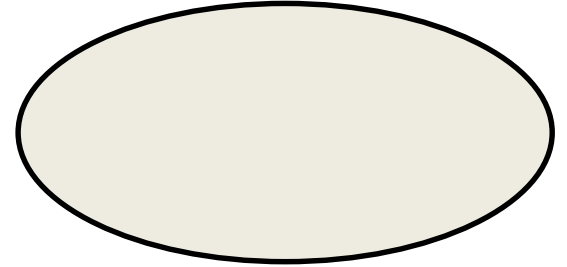
Palm Branches: One week before He died, people treated Jesus like a king and waved palms cheering, "Hosannah!"



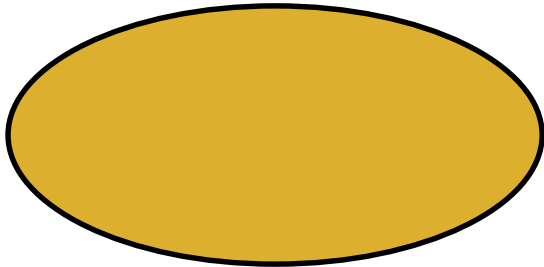
Donkey: Jesus came into Jerusalem as a humble King, riding on a colt.



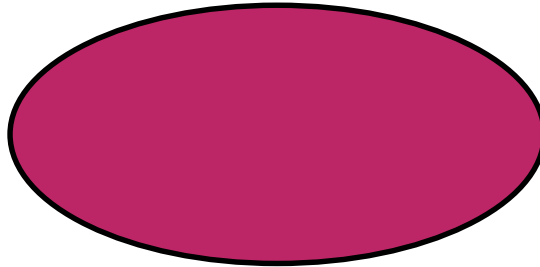
Cloth towel: Jesus washed His Apostles' feet.



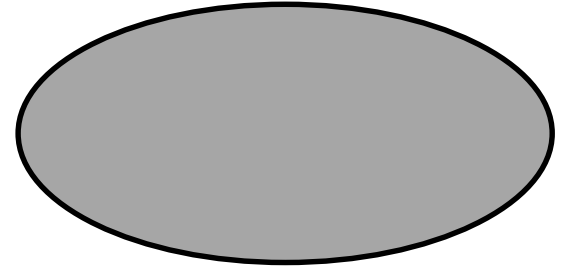
Unleavened bread: about which Jesus said, "This is my body."



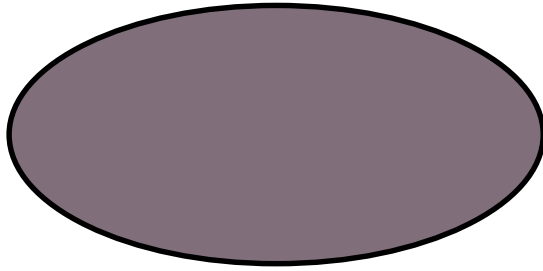
Chalice: for wine about which Jesus said, "This is my blood."



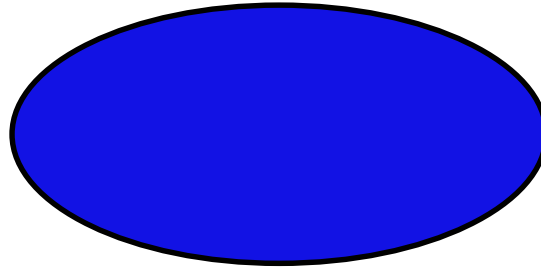
30 Pieces of Silver: Jesus was betrayed by a friend for a bag of silver coins.



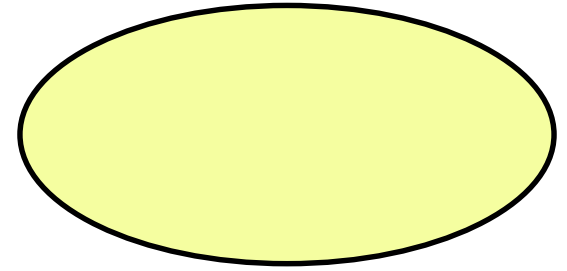
Three Nails: He carved His love for us on the palms of his hands and feet.



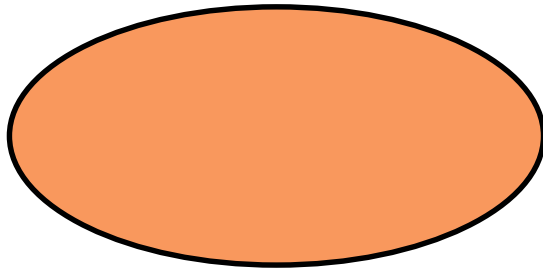
Blessed Mother Mary: On the cross Jesus said, “Here is your mother.” Mary is mother to all of us on Earth and in Heaven.



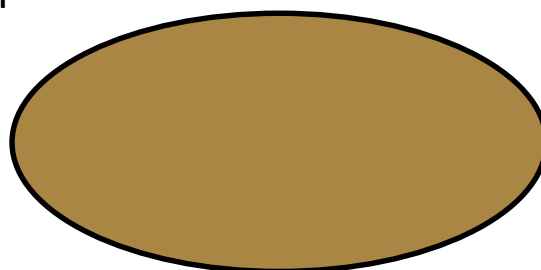
Angel: who announced, “He is risen, just as He said!”



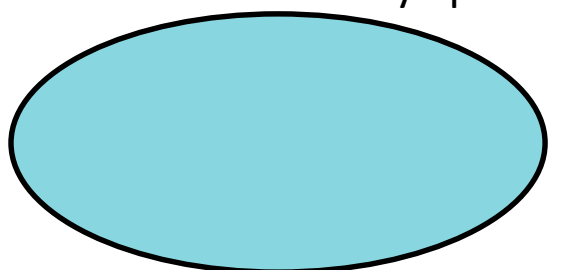
Running Feet: Because Peter and John ran to the tomb. It was empty! Jesus was alive!

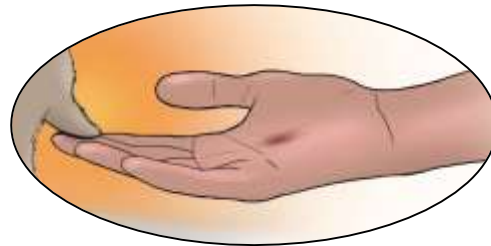
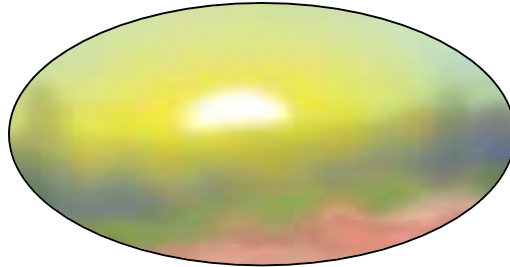


Wooden door: Jesus came *through* the locked door into the Upper Room to be with His apostles.

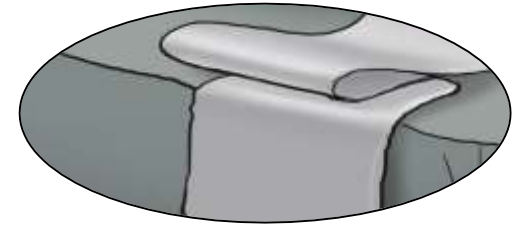
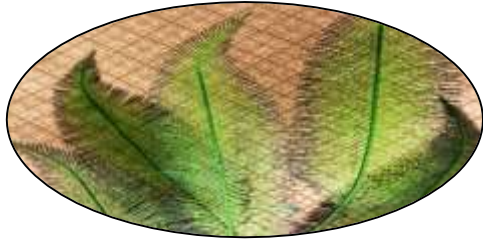


Puffy Cloud: 40 days after Easter, Jesus ascended above the clouds to Heaven so He could send us His Holy Spirit.





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Easter Story Egg Hunt

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Egg Carton Cover

Once you print, laminate and load your little ovals in all 24 plastic eggs, keep them in a typical egg carton to store from year to year.

Here's a printable graphic you can attach to the top of the carton to make it official!

If you decide to laminate the squares with matching information and colored ovals in strips of 3, those strips can fit in the egg carton too. In order to do so, use a sharp knife and shave off the three places on the lid where the carton typically indents to keep eggs separated.