

Easter

BINGO

Palm Leaf	Plastic Cup	3 Dimes	Sword
Leather Strip	Cross	Dice	Sponge
Linen	Rock	Spices	Empty Egg

Each item represents a moment from the Easter story. Find each item and be the first to send a picture to Kay-Marie at: immanuelcreativearts@imagegod.ca. Let us enjoy this day, resting in His victory as we recall the events of Easter through this game.

For those that enjoy a bit of healthy competition, the first to send Kay-Marie a picture will receive a \$20 Amazon gift voucher. Winner will be announced that evening.

Welcome to Easter Bingo!

Each item represents a part of the Easter story. As you find each item read the passages and prayers and may you be blessed as you recall the incredible story of when Jesus laid down his life because of his love for you!

Happy Easter

1. Palm Leaf (Matthew 21 verse 1-11)

Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into town called Jerusalem. Jerusalem was an important city; it is where the temple was that the Jewish people would go to worship. Every year they celebrated a feast called the Passover. The Passover Feast was a remembrance of how God saved their ancestors from slavery by sending the plagues on the Egyptians.

Find a Palm Leaf (feel free to be creative if you don't have a palm leaf to hand) and mark it off on your bingo card. As you remember how God brought the Israelites out of Egypt, let us pray for our leaders that God would give them wisdom to lead us out of our current pandemic.

2. Plastic Cup (Mark 14 verse 12-26)

Last Supper, on the night before Jesus was arrested. He had a meal with His friends. Jesus knew He was going to have to die so that everyone else could be saved. We remember what Jesus did at Easter.

Jesus blood covers all our wrongdoings with His mercy and grace. Bring to mind those things you are sorry for where you have wronged God and thank Him for His forgiveness and never ending love.

3. Dime (Mark 14 verse 43-52)

Jesus' friend Judas was scared; he was scared that what Jesus was teaching the people would get him in trouble. People were starting to get mad at Jesus, especially the Jewish leaders, Judas knew the Jewish leaders wanted to arrest Jesus so he agreed to help them. He would take the soldiers to Jesus when he wasn't in a big crowd and kiss him, and then Jesus could be arrested. Judas was given 30 pieces of silver for that kiss.

Have you ever been wronged? Or is there someone you need to forgive? When we come to the Lord's table many churches offer a sign of Peace, the purpose of this is to go to the person who has wronged you and to offer peace to them. Just as Jesus forgave us He calls us to forgive others. Recall those people who have wronged you and pray for the strength to forgive them, be attentive to what God may be asking you - is he asking you to offer peace to them?

4. Sword (Mark 14 verse 47-50)

When the soldiers went to arrest Jesus, one of Jesus' friends grabbed a sword to protect Jesus. Jesus did not want to fight and went with the soldiers. Jesus' friends ran away because they were scared.

Now not may of us have a sword lying around the house so feel free to be creative, and mark it off your bingo card. We live in uncertain times, and fear can creep in easily. Take your sword and pray for the Spirit to help you to continue to trust in God who is the way, the truth and the life

5. Leather Strip (Mark 14 verse 53-65, Mark 15 verse 1-15)

When Jesus was arrested He was put on trial first by the Jewish leaders, then by the Roman official Pilate. Pilate could not find Jesus guilty of anything but the Jewish people wanted Jesus to be killed. Pilate had Jesus whipped hoping that it would be good enough, but the crowd still wanted Jesus to die.

Jesus was innocent, dying for our sins. There are many Christians across the world who are innocently suffering because of their faith in Jesus. As you find your leather strip remember to pray for the persecuted Christians that are suffering for their faith.

6. Cross (Mark 15 verse 1-15)

Even though Jesus had done nothing wrong He was nailed to a cross until He died and that is what we remember on Good Friday.

The cross is the pinnacle of our faith, we remember the sacrifice Jesus made every time we take communion together. Take time to thank Jesus throughout the day for the cross.

7. Dice

The soldiers took everything that Jesus had and shared it. They played a game with dice, the winner got Jesus' clothes.

This game was cruel and the soldiers didn't understand who Jesus was! Pray for those who don't know Jesus, that during this time they will come to understand the incredible gift that Jesus is.

8. Sponge (Mark 15 verse 25-27)

Even on the cross people were mean to Jesus. They teased him and when He was thirsty they dipped a sponge in wine vinegar and gave that to Him to drink.

Try tasting a tiny bit of watered wine vinegar. It doesn't taste nice! Jesus took upon him all the bitterness of the world, where in your life do you feel bitter? Pray for Jesus' love to turn it sweet.

9. Linen (Mark 15 verse 42-47)

When someone died they would be wrapped in linen cloth and spices were put on the body. When Jesus died, there was only time to wrap Him in a cloth and put him in a tomb, a cave because it was almost the Sabbath - that was a day when people were to just rest and worship God.

Recall the accounts of Good Friday, and thank God for the journey to today.

10. Rock (Mark 15 verse 46)

A big rock was rolled in front of the tomb. It was really heavy and it would keep animals and people out of the tomb.

Find the biggest rock you can fit in your palm. Jeff spoke a while back about holding on to hurts and hangups. Hold it for as long as you can, how does it feel holding it in your

palm? Jesus rose and removed those rocks from our lives. Lay down the rock and thank God for His freedom.

11. Spices (Mark 16 verso 1-3)

3 days after Jesus had died some of the women who were His friends decided to put the spices on Jesus' body. They went to the tomb and were surprised with what they found there.

The tomb was empty, imagine the shock on their faces, the confusion. Had Jesus really rose from the grave or was this the effects of their grief playing tricks on them? How do you think they would have felt?

12. Empty Egg (Mark 16 verse 1-20)

The Tomb was empty, an angel came down from heaven and rolled the stone away and sat on the stone. The women were amazed and went to tell Jesus' friends. His friends rushed to the tomb and found it empty too. But what happened to Jesus? He was no longer dead. He was alive! Jesus appeared to His friends and showed them His hands and feet. Jesus was perfect and because He was perfect He could be the sacrifice for all the things that we do wrong so that we can be children of God and live in heaven with Him forever. All we need to do is accept Jesus as our Saviour.

How would you celebrate a victory? How would you celebrate when a friend has won a race or when your child came first in a spelling competition? Use today to truly celebrate Jesus victory over death! The women then went and spread the good news of Jesus to all their friends, who could you invite to watch our Easter service this Sunday morning? Take a bold step and reach out to someone who doesn't know Jesus and invite them into the party.

Don't forget to take photos and send them to Kay-Marie for a chance to win \$20 Amazon gift voucher at immanuelcreativearts@imaginegod.ca.

Have a blessed day and Happy Easter!