

# Object Lesson to Explain Easter

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The events of Christmas are simple for kids to understand, a wondrous star, a heralding angel, a baby from heaven. However, those same kids who completely “got” the nativity story often miss the crucial points of Easter. For many children, Easter is related to hunting eggs, devouring chocolate bunnies and spending time at Sunday School.

If you've ever read anything I've ever wrote, you probably already know that I'm a big fan of object lessons. Did you know you can use object lessons to explain Easter? These handy visual aids help teachers demonstrate how sin separates and the price of sin that Jesus paid.

## Easter Object Lesson / Erase Our Sin

For this object lesson, you'll need two white sheets (or pillowcases if you have kid volunteers), a plastic poncho and squirtable food coloring. Oh, and you may need goggles too. Here's how to do it.

“I need a volunteer to help me demonstrate how sin stains our soul.” (When your volunteer steps forward, cover them with a plastic poncho, then over that with a white pillowcase or sheet. You'll need to cut a hole for the child's head before class.)

“We all sin, the Bible says, ‘If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.’ (1 John 1:8) Although you can't see sin with your eyes, it makes us have spiritual stains. These sin stains keep us from God. What sins can we think of?”

(As kids give some examples squirt the child's white tunic to show sins. Avoid squirting the skin and make sure the child's goggles are on tight.)

“Wow, that's a big old mess. We'll never get to God with a stained soul like that. Guess what? You don't have to thanks to Jesus. Jesus was the Son of God. His blood was the only thing that would erase our sins. Jesus came to love us, to give his blood for us so we could be with God.”

(Help the child remove the stained sheet and replace it with a new sheet. If you prefer, you can have the child step behind a screen or in another room to change. It makes a more powerful impact if kids can't see that there is a second sheet. While he's changing, say this.)

“If we pray to Jesus and accept his blood, we can be clean and free from sin. The blood that flowed down the cross still works today. Would you like to ask God to remove your sins with Jesus' blood?”

(Ask your volunteer to step out and show his clean sheet.) “Look at this! We can look like this! Let us pray...”

Read more of Mimi's work on her blog, Encouragement for Christians.