
Easter Floor Game

Use this game to help your children learn more about the facts of Jesus' death and resurrection, the reason we celebrate Easter. Before you play the game, read Matthew 26:47-28:20 with the children or tell the story in your own words.

Materials Needed:

- Heavy paper (construction paper or cardboard) for the game squares large enough for children to stand on.
- Small cards for the actions (see below)
- A die for determining how many squares to move
- A copy of the questions (below)

Preparation:

You may want to let the children help you make the game squares.

1. Make 6 white squares for penalties. Print the following on them:
 - Go back 1 square
 - Go back 2 squares
 - Go back to Start
 - Lose 1 turn
 - Lose 2 turns
 - Stay where you are
2. Make 14 red squares. Draw a smiley face on each one. Copy the 8 cards below on red paper and cut them apart. Read one each time a child lands on a red square.
3. Make 20 white squares with the outline of a cross on each one.
4. Make 1 START square and 1 EASTER JOY square, any color.
5. Tape all the squares on the floor in a winding path.

Play:

The first child throws the die and walks on the game board to the correct square. If it's a red square, the child must do the action that is read from a small red card. If it's a white square with a penalty on it, the child must do whatever it says. If the child lands on a square with a cross on it, the teacher reads one of the questions and the child answers. If the answer is correct, the child may move ahead 3 squares. The next child takes a turn and so on. The first child to reach EASTER JOY wins the game.

Review Questions:

1. Where was Jesus when the soldiers came to arrest him? (Garden of Gethsemane)
2. Who betrayed Jesus with a kiss? (Judas)
3. When Jesus was arrested, did He try to get away? (No)
4. Who denied that he knew Jesus three times? (Peter)
5. What did the soldiers put on Jesus' head? (Crown of thorns)
6. How did they put Jesus on the cross? (They nailed Him on the cross.)
7. What did they hit Jesus with? (A whip, a strap of leather embedded with pieces of metal and bone.)

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8. Who was crucified with Jesus? (Two robbers.)
 9. Before He died on the cross, what did they give Jesus to drink on a sponge? (Vinegar)
 10. Why do we call it “Good” Friday if that is the day Jesus was killed? (Because when He died, He took my punishment for my sins.)
 11. Where did they put Jesus after He died? (In a tomb)
 12. What was put across the entrance of Jesus’ tomb? (A stone)
 13. What did the women see when they went to Jesus’ tomb? (Nothing! No one was there; He had risen!)
 14. How did Jesus get to heaven? (He soared up into the clouds—alive!)
 15. What does it mean to “believe in Jesus”? (That you trust in what Jesus did for you on the cross.)
 16. Why do we celebrate Easter? (Because Jesus died for our sins!)

Action Cards:

Sing the chorus of “Jesus Loves Me.”	Hop on one foot and say, “Praise the Lord!”	Hug someone.	Tell someone “I really like you.”
Give someone a compliment.	Say your favorite Bible verse.	Tell what you like best about your best friend.	Tell what you love most about Jesus.

Game Card Fronts:

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What did the soldiers put on Jesus' head?	How did they put Jesus on the cross?	What did they hit Jesus with?	Who was crucified with Jesus?
Before He died on the cross, what did they give Jesus to drink on a sponge?	Why do we call it "Good" Friday if that is the day Jesus was killed?	Where did they put Jesus after He died?	What was put across the entrance of Jesus' tomb?
What did the women see when they went to Jesus' tomb?	How did Jesus get to heaven?	What does it mean to "believe in Jesus"?	Why do we celebrate Easter?

Game Card Backs:

(Garden of Gethsemane.)

(Judas.)

(No.)

(Peter.)

(Crown of thorns.)

(They nailed Him on the cross.)

(A whip, a strap of leather embedded with pieces of metal and bone.)

(Two robbers.)

(Vinegar.)

(Because when He died, He took my punishment for my sins.)

(In a tomb.)

(A stone.)

(Nothing! No one was there; He had risen!)

(He soared up into the clouds—alive!)

(That you trust in what Jesus did for you on the cross.)

(Because Jesus died for our sins!)