**HE HAS RISEN!**

**PREP**

Locate three (3) medium or large eggs. Before the lesson, remove the yolk and whites of two eggs by using the blowout method. For instructions, go here - <http://www.ehow.com/how_15776_hollow-egg.html>

Place the three eggs and a bowl at the front of your teaching area. You also may want to have some paper towels on hand, if needed.

*Optional: Decorate the eggs as Easter eggs with dye kits or another method.*

**DEMONSTRATION**

Hold up two eggs for the preteens to see. Make sure that you do not give away the fact that one of them is hollow.

**Say:** What are these? That’s right, they’re Easter Eggs. Everywhere you go, you see Easter eggs. The Easter egg really has nothing to do with the real reason that we celebrate Easter, but it’s still a really fun tradition. Instead of an egg hunt, let’s play a little game with our Easter eggs.

Choose a preteen to be the contestant on a game show. The contestant will try to answer trivia questions, while the egg is held above their head. If they answer any question incorrectly, the egg will be smashed on their head. Demonstrate the egg smashing by using the regular egg. Crack the egg and allow it to run into the bowl. For the actual game, use one of the hollow eggs.

Play the game until the contestant incorrectly answers a question. Create some suspense with the contestant and then crack the hollow egg over their head.

**OBJECT LESSON**

**Say:** Were you expecting something else to be inside the egg? That egg reminds me of the greatest story ever. It is the story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

After Jesus was crucified, they laid his body in a tomb and rolled a stone over the entrance. On the third day, Mary Magdalene and some other women went to the tomb. They got a huge surprise! ***Read Luke 24:1–8:***

What would it be like to show up and find an empty tomb? What would you have done in that situation? (Pause for responses)

Mary Magdalene and the others were probably scared and confused. They expected to find Jesus’ body in the tomb where they had left it, but it was no longer there. Instead of finding his body, they found an empty tomb. Jesus had risen!

This is the greatest story ever told because of what it means for each of us. Jesus rose from the grave with a new life so that we could also have new life. If we believe in Him, the Bible says that we will be saved from the punishment of sin and given eternal life with God. ***Lead preteens in a salvation response.***

**WRAP UP**

*Crack the third egg.* **Say:** As you think about this empty egg this Easter, remember that Jesus is not in the grave. He has risen!