**An eggs-traordinary story**

***Use the eggs in this order, with some points to talk about. If you have eggs to match the colours listed, great! Choose from the two options in italics, to suit your ‘audience’ – or do both if you have enough eggs.***

1. **Donkey or small crown (green egg)** – the donkey is a reminder that Jesus rode (on a donkey) into the city of Jerusalem the week before, and people greeted him as King, shouting ‘Hosanna’ and waving palm branches. Christians call this day Palm Sunday, when they celebrate that Jesus is King. **I wonder how it felt to be in the crowd that day?**
2. ***Soap / flannel (blue egg) –*** *this is a reminder that Jesus washed the disciples’ feet before the Passover meal. He reminded them that they should love and serve each other, just as he had done.* ***I wonder how we might love and serve each other today?***
3. **Wine & bread (orange egg) –** the wine cup and the bread are a reminder of the special meal Jesus ate with his friends the day before he died. Christians today still eat bread and drink wine to remember this part of the story: Jesus said to do it to ‘remember him’. **I wonder why he chose bread and wine?**
4. **Flower (yellow egg) –** the flower is a reminder of the garden that Jesus prayed in after the meal. After he had eaten supper with his disciples, Jesus took them into the garden, called Gethsemane, and asked them to stay and watch while he prayed. Unfortunately, they all fell asleep….! **I wonder how Jesus felt when that happened?**
5. ***Purple cloth (blue egg) –*** *this is a reminder of the purple robes the soldiers gave Jesus to wear. Purple cloth was very expensive, so it was often worn by kings. When they gave Jesus the purple robe, they were making fun of him, because they certainly didn’t believe that he was a king at all.* ***I wonder if you’ve ever been made fun of?***
6. **Cross (red egg) –** I expect many of you could tell me what this means. The cross is a reminder of Jesus’ death, on a cross. Christians believe he did this to show just how much he loves all people – enough to die for them. **I wonder what you think about this idea?**
7. **Empty egg (gold egg) –** this empty egg is a reminder of the first Easter day, when Mary and some of Jesus’ friends went to the place where Jesus had been buried, which was a cave with a big round stone rolled across the entrance. When they got there, the stone had been rolled away, the tomb was empty, and an angel told them that Jesus was alive! People chose the egg to be a symbol of the empty tomb because they are similar in shape – which is why we see Easter eggs at Easter time! **I wonder if eggs might help you to remember this Easter?**