An Easter Treasure Box

Materials needed:

- Bible
- List of Bible verses (see below)
- Photos/pictures or items corresponding to each Bible reading (see suggestions below)
- Container to use as a treasure box

Directions: Many people are visual learners and are better able to remember and retell special events with the help of visual aids such as photos, pictures, or actual objects. This activity uses visual aids to recall the story of Christ’s Passion and resurrection. Read the selected verses one at a time. After each reading, envision what “treasure” will help you remember that portion of the story best. Find a photo, picture, or item of what you envisioned. Number it with the numeral corresponding to the Bible verses read. Add the item to your treasure box.

NOTE: A list of suggested items is given, but you should use whatever will be most meaningful to you. Sometimes purchased stickers have been used in place of photos.

1. Matthew 21:1–11
2. Matthew 26:14–16
3. Matthew 26:17–30
4. Matthew 26:36–46
5. Matthew 27:24–26
8. Matthew 27:35–38
9. Matthew 27:45–60
10. Matthew 28:1–10

1. a palm frond, a piece of woven material (to represent a cloak), or brown fake fur (to represent a donkey’s hide)

2. coins

3. cup and/or wafer
4. praying hands
5. leather strip
6. thorns
7. nail
8. dice
9. cloth (white gauze)
10. stone

Alternate suggestions:
1. Add other Bible verses from the story of Christ’s Passion and resurrection in Matthew.
2. Choose your own list of verses about the story of Christ’s Passion and resurrection from another Gospel.
3. Use an egg carton or an Easter basket as a treasure box and plastic Easter eggs with numerals on them to hold each “treasure.”