

EGG IN A BOTTLE

Here's an effective object lesson for Easter.

Start with several games using eggs. Use your creativity or consult the *Ideas* library for a variety of egg games (egg toss, egg roll relay, and so on). After the games, describe how an egg is a lot like God. An egg can be compared to the Holy Trinity in that each has three parts. The shell is the part we see or Christ. The Holy Spirit is the white and God the Father is the center or the yolk.

Hard-boil an egg and cut it to show the kids the three distinct parts. Describe how when you take any one of the three parts away, you don't have a complete egg.

In order for a hard-boiled egg to enter a milk bottle (the milk bottle is a person), the shell or the part we see must be broken. This symbolizes the breaking of Christ's body. Take a match or two. Light them and throw them in the bottle and immediately put the shelled egg on top of the bottle. The matches will burn up the oxygen in the bottle and the egg will be sucked into the bottle intact. Draw the analogy that in order for God to come into our lives, the shell must be sacrificed and there must be a tiny spark or opening of our will to allow him to come in.

Discussion questions:

1. How is the bottle like people who need to let God in?
2. What did it take for the egg to be drawn in?