

I want to tell you the Easter Story – using Cadbury mini-eggs. And this is going to blow your mind.... In every packet, there are ONLY four colours! White, Purple, Pink and Yellow. Who knew? We're going to use these to hear the amazing true story of the first Easter. If you've never heard it, you're in for a treat! And if you know every detail already, this is the most delicious version you will ever hear.

The White Egg – THE LAST SUPPER – the last meal Jesus ate with his friends. The white egg gives us a clue about what they ate – BREAD! Because bread is White. All children prefer white bread, don't they? Mum always tried to get me into the brown stuff. I'm sure it was made using cardboard. What about you? A white egg for white bread with Jesus' best friends. When Jesus ate the bread with his friends, he said "I've really looked forward to eating this... before I suffer" WHAT? Why is he going to suffer? He's the boss! He's God's son. Surely nothing bad can ever happen to him? Jesus broke the bread and said "My body is about to be broken.... for you" Confused? So were Jesus' friends. What did Jesus mean? Jesus is the most powerful human ever to walk this earth. Who was going to break his body? Jesus knew all that was about to happen to him. He was still in charge. That night – Jesus was arrested by men with swords What? Why?

The Purple Egg – TRIAL AND SENTENCE It's for when Jesus got bashed. The soldiers beat Jesus up. Jesus, who healed the sick, loved those who no one else did and had never done anything wrong– was being beaten and bashed. It wasn't fair. This bit of the Easter Story is hard, but there will be an even happier ending the other side of the sad story. We have to keep going, and we need to keep hoping! The men who arrested Jesus hurt him and made fun of him. They put a purple robe on him. In those days only the most important emperor was allowed to wear a purple robe – they put one on Jesus as a joke, because he said he was God's king. It's like they're saying, "You can't be God's chosen king if you're being beaten up by us" They brought Jesus before the most powerful judge in the land in his purple robe and crown of thorns. He'd done nothing wrong but the crowd shouted, the religious leaders demanded and he was found GUILTY . Jesus was sent to death as a punishment. That's the Purple egg.

The Pink Egg – The CROSS I know the purple egg was sad, but now it gets worse. Please keep listening, long enough for the good news! The pink is the blood It happened just like Jesus said at the Last Supper. His body would be broken, his blood would be spilt. Jesus was put on a cross to die. It explains why the symbol of Christianity is a cross. It is sad, but Christians call it Good Friday because Jesus was secretly winning. Jesus is so powerful, he could do anything. He'd already done loads of things that seemed impossible, like raising people from the dead. He could easily have escaped from the cross. But he chose to stay, because by dying he was rescuing us to live with him forever. He let out his final breath. He had died. He was taken down and laid in a tomb. They rolled a huge stone across the door. So sad...but that's not the end of the story!

The Yellow Egg – EMPTY TOMB The yellow egg reminds us what happened next. Jesus' body was put in a tomb on the Friday evening. On Sunday morning, some of the women who were his friends went to the tomb to put spices on the body. This is what happened on Easter Day, the first Easter Sunday. When the sun came up the women went to the tomb and they found the tomb empty! Jesus' body had gone. Jesus was alive! That morning, everything changed. Jesus had beaten death. Jesus had made death just a doorway to new life with him. That's why we give each other eggs. New life. New life comes in an egg. New life for you and I now and for ever comes from Jesus. Trusting him, means we can get new life, like his, after death.

