

Children & Young Children

Eggs-cuse Me?

Best Use

As a breakfast (or "breakfast for dinner") meal chat

Value

Illustrating the Gospel and discussing our true status without Christ

Advance Preparation

- Have enough eggs to make an omelet for everyone, including whatever ingredients you want to add (cheese, mushrooms, bacon, etc.).
- Set apart one egg that will be your "rotten egg" (you can use a regular egg, discolor one yourself, or plan ahead to use an actual rotten egg).
- Be prepared to share the Gospel with your child. If you need help, read the "Sharing the Gospel with Your Child" pointer (available at the @home center or online at growfaithathome.com)

Game Plan

SAY: Share that you have something to confess about the omelets—"I discovered that one of the eggs was rotten but I used it anyway to make sure we would have enough food."

ASK: "Who wants to taste their omelet first?" (Wait for reactions and then reveal that you were just kidding and have everyone begin eating).

ASK: During the meal, hold up your designated "rotten egg" and ask what they would have thought if your attitude had been, "I'll just mix this rotten egg in with all the good ones and no one will know the difference."

READ: Read James 2:10: "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it."

SHARE: Explain that every sin is like one rotten egg in an omelet—it ruins the whole person.

DISCUSS: Ask if anyone knows the solution to our rottenness (i.e., Jesus' sacrifice on the cross pays the penalty for our sin). Talk with your children about how to trust and follow Jesus (for help, read the "Sharing the Gospel with Your Child" pointer available at the @home center or **growfaithathome.org**).

DIG DEEPER: For further study and discussion on how sin impacts humans, look up Romans 3:23-24 together.

PRAY: We thank you, Lord, that even though we are sinners, you have provided a cure for our rottenness. Thank you for your death on the cross and for providing the way to heaven. And thank you for our time together. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

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