

Hard Eggs and Hard Hearts

Materials

- ☐ 1 regular egg and 1 hard-boiled egg, marked so you know which is which
- ☐ Bowl
- ☐ Knife
- ☐ Tray or cookie sheet with low edges

Instructions

Pick two volunteers to come up front to a table. Give each one an egg. Direct students to gently spin their egg on its side on the tray or cookie sheet. Ask students which egg spun easier/faster. They should point to the hard-boiled egg. Have volunteers return to their seats while you continue with the discussion below.

Suggested Discussion

- ?** Can anyone guess what the difference is between these two eggs? What made one spin easier/faster than the other? *Allow guesses.*

Gently crack and peel the shell from the hard-boiled egg. Cut egg in half and show hardened yoke to class. This egg has been hard boiled. It is like Pharaoh's hard heart. He was stubborn and proud and didn't want to obey God. Because of his hard heart, he made poor decisions for himself and his people. He endured ten plagues that devastated his people and his country.

Crack open the regular egg and dump it into a bowl. This egg is a regular egg with a soft yolk inside. God wants us to have a soft heart of humility and obedience to him. When we have a soft heart, we are kept from spinning around with no direction. God can help us make good decisions and avoid the consequences of sin.