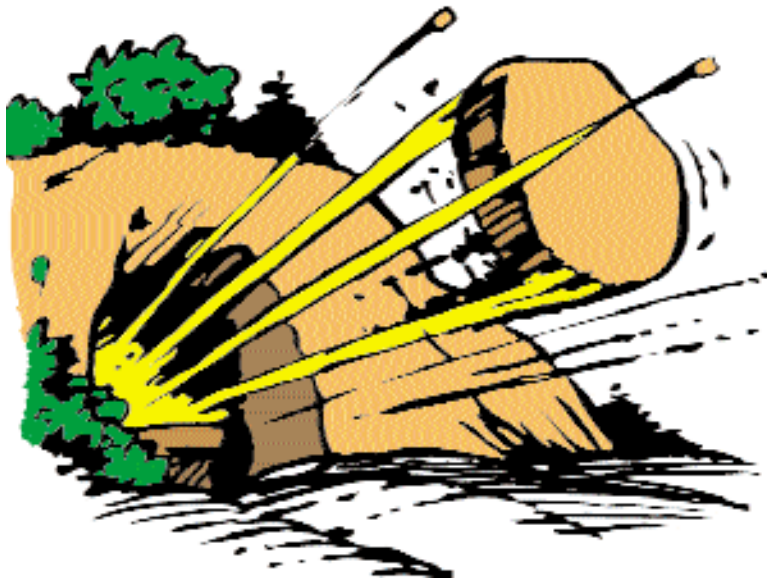


# EASTER OFFERING



## Roll the Stone Away

Construct a tomb and a stone out of cardboard and papier-mâché. Place it in a prominent location in the church for the people to track how much money has been raised toward the Easter Offering. Across the bottom, place a narrow board marked in sections to represent amounts of \$50 or \$100 (you decide what increment to use based on your church's goal). As your church approaches the goal, move the stone away from the opening of the tomb. As the stone is rolled away, have it reveal a sign that says, "He is risen!"

Adapted from *Council Tidings*, 1972

## Show Me the Money

Divide the children of your church into two groups. Challenge each of them to find coins and currency for the Easter Offering that were minted the year they were born (for example, 10-year-olds would hunt for coins minted in 1991; six-year-olds, 1995; etc.).

Have each child make a 4x6 notecard with his/her picture, birthday, and information about the child. At least one month before Easter, introduce the children to the church from the platform. Explain that every child needs an adult sponsor. Put the children's notecards in a large container and pass it around the church. Have the adults choose a child to sponsor (preferably not one from the adults' family, to encourage interaction between the generations). Explain to the adults what the children have been challenged to do ask them to help the child search for coins and currency minted the year that child was born (point out that the child's birthday is on the card).

Use the competition between the groups to boost the offering. Check each Sunday to see how each side is progressing and give recognition to those who work the hardest.

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