

A script from



“An Interesting Egg Hunt”

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- What** A group of kids finish up a typical Easter egg hunt with an account of the Resurrection story, which turns into an apologetic dialogue between the kids and the storyteller. Themes: Easter, apologetics, God, Jesus, Truth, Gospel
- Who** Storyteller
Miles
Mandy
Kid #1
Kid #2
Kid #3
Kid #4
- When** Present day; Easter Sunday
- Wear (Props)** Miles and Mandy - brother and sister; dressed alike
Everyone should be in Easter clothes - dresses, ties, etc.
Plastic eggs
Easter baskets
Calculator
Optional - storybook, jelly beans, 6 preschool chairs
- Why** Matthew 27:32-28:17, Mark 15:21-16:14, John 19:30-21:1, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8,12-22, Acts 2:23-24,32, Acts 3:15, Acts 4:10-12
- How** The Storyteller begins with a “Barney”-like tone but progressively struggles between being annoyed and sweet.
- Time** Approximately 6-8 minutes

Actors burst in from each of the worship center doors. They're carrying Easter baskets and looking for plastic eggs which have been "hidden" all over the room. Actors engage congregation by climbing over them in rows, looking for eggs in their diaper bags, asking them to stand so they can look in their chairs, crawling under the chairs, "stealing" an egg from someone else, etc. Singing, skipping, and general frolicking is encouraged.

Storyteller: Okay, boys and girls. I hope we all enjoyed the hunt! Everybody hold up your baskets!

*Kids get excited and say things like, "Look at mine!" or "I have the most!" **Kid #3** steals an egg from **Kid #2** in the process.*

Storyteller: Very good! What a beautiful bundle of eggs! Now everyone gather around. It's time for the annual Easter story.

Kids cheer.

Storyteller: *(Story can be printed in a book and read; it is presented best as OVERLY dramatic and memorized)* Jesus was born in Bethlehem a long, long time ago. When he was 33 years old, something very important happened. Jesus celebrated the Jewish tradition of the Passover with His closest friends – his very last mealtime with them – and then He went into the garden to pray. After He had prayed, some men came and took him away. They made fun of Him and hurt him. Finally, they nailed Him on a big cross made of wood. There He breathed His last breath just like He said He would. Then they placed Him in a tomb with a giant rock to cover the entrance. Three days later, a few ladies who loved Jesus came to the tomb. An angel was there and spoke to them saying, "He is not here; He is risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee." The women looked for themselves and saw the empty tomb and the wrappings that had covered Jesus. They ran and told others the good news. Because Jesus – God's Son – came and died, was buried and rose again, we can have a relationship with God. That good news is what we celebrate at Easter each year.

Kids cheer

Storyteller: Isn't this a wonderful story! But we all know that Jesus was just a very good man, not really the Son of God.

Kids freeze and all the squirming stops for a moment.

Kid #1: What?

Kid #2: But He did miracles that only God's Son could do!

Kid #4: Yeah.

Kid #3: And He never did ANYTHING wrong – never, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever . . .

Storyteller: Okay.

Kid #2: He never told a lie. He never fought with his brothers. He never stole anyone else's Easter egg. *(Looks at **Kid #3** and takes back his egg)*

Kid #4: Yeah.

Kid #1: And he didn't get a big head when crowds of people cheered for him. Plus, he didn't get back at them when others made fun of him or told lies about him or hurt him.

Kid #2: There's nobody but Jesus who's done all that.

Kid #3: Yeah, nobody ever, ever, ev . . . *(kids look at him before he can get started)*

Miles: *(Punches numbers into calculator)* According to my calculations, Jesus fulfilled over 300 prophecies recorded in the Old Testament. For example, at least 400 years had passed between the time the prophets recorded that Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem and when He was actually born there.

Mandy: Yes, Miles, that's true. And it should be noted that these prophecies were recorded by a variety of men over several centuries.

Miles: Also true.

*Kids look confused at **Miles & Mandy**; storyteller looks impressed.*

Storyteller: Interesting. Are you boys and girls from a special school?

Kid #1: Over and over again, He said He was God. And He didn't lie. He backed it all up.

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Kid #1: Plus, they were soldiers! They would've been punished in a big way had they been caught sleeping. Even if one of them had been sleeping, both or more wouldn't have been.

Storyteller: You have a good point . . . Um, I think I hear your mother calling.

Miles: According to Jewish burial customs, Jesus would have been wrapped in several hundred feet of linens.

Mandy: Correct, Miles. All of which were left in the tomb, including the burial cloth that covered his head, which was folded up separately.

Kid #2: Who would take the time to unwrap the body and fold up the cloth?

Kid #1: Especially, if they were sneaking around the guards to steal the body?

Storyteller: I suppose that makes a lot of sense. I guess it comes down to faith, doesn't it.

Kid #4: Yeah.

Kid #1: Sure does.

Kid #2: When you look at all the evidence, it takes a lot of faith to believe that Jesus didn't really die like the Bible says or that someone stole His body.

Mandy: After all, why would all His followers choose to live the rest of their lives telling what they had witnessed and be willing to die for a hoax or a lie?

Miles: The numbers all point to the probability of His resurrection.

Kid #3: Anything else would just be unbelievable.

Kid #4: Yeah (**Kid #3** steals an egg).

Lights out. The end.