

## **“Believe It or Not: Easter Version”**

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- What** A game show that presents hard-to-believe facts leads us to think about the bizarre reality of the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.
- Themes:** Easter, Truth, Trust, Belief, Salvation, Comedy
- Who** Host  
Player 1  
Player 2  
Player 3  
Player 4
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** The set can be made to look like a game show set. Go as big or as small as you'd like. You can simply have each Player sitting on a stool and the Host standing beside them or behind a stand.
- Why** Matthew 27-28, Mark 15-16, Luke 23-24, John 19-20
- How** The host should be charismatic and bold. The contestants try to outdo one another.
- An idea is for your band or keyboardist to play music under the dialogue while the Players are giving their facts. Something upbeat and game show-y to build the tension. You can also have recorded music or simply a tick-tock sound effect. Just be sure to practice so that you'll sync up with the music or sound effects.
- Time** Approximately 3 minutes

*Graphic and music intro as if the "Believe It or Not" television show is coming on. Players are already in place. The Host enters.*

**Host:** Good evening! Tonight, we have a special episode of "Believe It or Not" in which several of our past guests will try to outdo one another with strange and hard-to-believe facts. Each of our guests will share his or her most bizarre facts until we are left with only one winner who has given the details of an event that is the hardest to believe! So let's get started with our guests right now!

*Rapid fire facts from the Players! Make sure to enunciate so you don't lose the words, but each fact comes quickly.*

**Player 1:** The human nose can remember one trillion different scents!

**Player 2:** A giraffe can clean its ears with its own 21-inch tongue!

**Player 3:** Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!

**Player 4:** A snail can have 25,000 teeth!

**Host:** Oh, wasn't that fantastic! We've made it through one round and all of our contestants are doing great. Are you ready for more?

**Player 1:** Wearing headphones for an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times!

**Player 2:** Poor eyesight is associated with higher IQ!

**Player 3:** The Eiffel Tower shrinks about 6 inches every winter!

**Player 4:** According to a British study, men drive an extra 276 miles per year because they refuse to ask for directions!

**Host:** Can you believe all these facts that they are coming up with? This is so exciting! Let's begin another round.

**Player 1:** You can't hum while holding your nose!

**Player 2:** Both the fur and the skin of a tiger are striped!

**Player 3:** Dust from Africa can travel all the way to Florida!

**Player 4:** *(pauses; a bit flustered trying to think of something, then...)* Uh...I just can't come up with anything else! *(Exits, dejected.)*

**Host:** Oh, so sorry... thank you for playing "Believe It or Not". We are now down to 3 contestants. Let's see how our next round goes.

**Player 1:** Ladybugs squirt smelly liquid from their knees when they get scared!

**Player 2:** A ball of glass will bounce higher than a ball of rubber!

**Player 3:** Hawaii is moving toward Japan by a rate of 4 inches every year!

**Player 1:** Cows can walk upstairs, but not downstairs!

**Player 2:** *(pauses, wiping his/her own sweat)* I can't come up with anymore!  
*(Exits)*

**Host:** Things are getting tougher by the moment. Let's get back to our strange facts!

**Player 3:** If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days, you would produce enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee!

**Player 1:** Iguanas have 3 eyes...one is on the top of their head!

**Player 3:** Eating chocolate while studying will help the brain retain new information more easily!

**Player 1:** The average person spends 6 months of their lifetime waiting on a red light to turn green!

**Host:** How much longer can these contestants make it? Let's see how they do in the next round.

**Player 3:** If all of the people in India stood on a chair and jumped exactly at the same time, they could knock the Earth out of its orbit!

**Player 1:** *(pauses; he/she is frantically trying to think of something...)*

**Host:** Do you have another fact?

*Player 1 is still thinking.*

**Host:** Five seconds. Do you have anything?

**Player 1:** Over 2000 years ago, a man, who claimed to be the son of God, was crucified on a hillside near Jerusalem. He was buried in a tomb. Three days after his death, he came back to life and appeared to many people. If we believe in him, we too can have everlasting life!

*Player 3 and Host stand there not knowing what to say.*

**Host:** Do you have anything more bizarre than that?

**Player 3:** *(shakes his head and walks off)*

**Host:** Well, folks you heard it right here. That's right...a man, God's son, killed and buried in a tomb, came back from the dead, and so on...so it's up to you to "Believe It or Not!"

*Game Show Music (optional) and lights out.*

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