

The story of Easter

Cast:

Satan

God

Jesus

Narrator

Story:

Narrator will introduce drama as being the story of the first Easter Sunday, short talk about eggs, bunnies etc. then along the lines of there's nothing wrong with that but Easter is really about...

Narrator	Happy Easter everyone! I'm here to introduce you to the story of the first Easter. We all know about the eggs and the bunnies and the chocolate. Well they're great and fun, but do you know what actually happened? Why we even have Easter?
Satan	<p>Hello everyone. Do you know who I am? I am the Devil. (makes fiendish laughing noises) Ever since my pet snake tricked Adam and Eve into eating that fruit God had told them not to, I've been having some real fun here on earth.</p> <p>You see, all the bad things that happen here, make God feel quite sick. So, I've been winding people up, tricking them, getting them to do stuff they shouldn't be doing.....all that smelly, greasy stuff that is known as sin. It's like having two teams some are on God's side but most people are on my side.</p>
God	Devil I am watching you and it might be fun for you now, but I am going to send someone to sort you out.
Satan	Huh what can you do? Ever since Adam and Eve, people can't resist doing what they want and taking no notice of you. So, they've been dying, and what happens when they die? They can't come to heaven with you because the sin gets in the way, it makes them smell of dead things and you can't have dead things in heaven, can you? So, they have to stay in the grave where I can lock them up.
God	Watch your back Devil, I'm sending my son Jesus down to earth to sort you out.
Satan	I got the better of Adam and Eve, I'll get the better of him (fiendish laugh again, audience boos)

Narrator	<p>Do you remember the story of Christmas? How Jesus was born as a baby in a stable? Well you know Jesus grew up to be a man and he told people how to live like God wanted them to. He told them how much God loved them and that God wanted to be their friend, but that he couldn't because they were ignoring him and living the way they wanted to. The things Jesus did and said are all written down in the Bible. (hold up bible).</p> <p>Now the Devil spent all of Jesus' life trying to trick him into doing things wrong. He tried to persuade him to ignore what God had told him was best and to do his own thing, just like he did with Adam and Eve. But Jesus never took notice of the Devil. Every time the Devil tried to trick him, he told him to go away and leave him alone. The Devil got very cross about this and decided to get Jesus killed so that he could lock him up with the other people who had died.</p>
Satan	I have been making a plan. I've been stirring it a bit for Jesus, with the soldiers and the kings. They've arrested him and they're going to hang him on a cross until he's dead. Oh, look there he is now, pathetic isn't it.
	Spotlight goes to Jesus on a cross.
Jesus	God please forgive them they don't know what they are doing.
Satan	Ha look, he's dying now, soon I'll have him locked up in my grave.
	Jesus dies and lights go down. Satan and Jesus come back stood up with Satan poking Jesus
Satan	So, where's God now eh Jesus? Look you are his son and yet here you are in a grave, stuck with all the other miserable people who have died. You see all that lovely sin that's in the world, all that doing your own thing and taking no notice of God and this is where everyone ends up. With me in the grave.
Jesus	(looks down cast for a short time then lifts his head) Devil you are an idiot, you think you've won but you haven't. I have never sinned, I have always done what God told me to. You have no power to keep me here. I have come here to prove to you and everyone else that I can rise from the dead and I can beat you. (Satan starts to cower) I will be leaving this place, I will be coming back to life and I will be going to heaven to live with my father God!
Satan	(cowering but not done for) Big deal I thought you'd come to help people. So, you've told them how to live God's way, but I'm still around, I'll persuade them to keep sinning and doing stuff their own way, they'll be on my side cos I bet your way is dead boring.
Jesus	No, actually once people get to know me, they find out that I'm really good fun and if they feel miserable or are poorly, I can help them feel better.

	And now I've shown I can beat you, any of them that decide to come and be on my side, well, when they die, I'll take them to heaven to be with me.
Satan	But not everyone will know about you, the earth's a big place, so people will do their own thing and they just won't know about you and they'll still be sinning.
Jesus	But I'll send people to tell them. You see God and I want to have people be in our family, so if they say they're sorry for all the things they've done wrong, then promise to try their best to do things our way from then on, God will forgive them. And if you try to touch them after that, you'll have me to answer to.
Satan	And what about the ones who still won't listen? The ones who don't want to be your friend and do things your way?
Jesus	Well I can't protect them from you if they won't be on my side. Now I have been down here for three days and I've had enough, Devil, you have no power to keep me here, I am going back to life! (Jesus swirls about a bit and Satan cowers lower and lower until he's gone).
Narrator	<p>You see folks, ever since Adam and Eve, people have thought they know what is best for themselves, but that means that they do things God doesn't like and that is called sin. God can't live in a place where there is any sin, so if we keep doing things our way and not God's he can't be with us here on earth and when we die, we can't go to be with him.</p> <p>But Jesus came and proved that he could live God's way, with no sin and so he could be with God all the time and he didn't have to stay dead he could live again and be with God in heaven.</p> <p>Because Jesus did this if we are on his side, he will be our friend, he will look after us, help us live our life well and take us to heaven to live with him and God when we die.</p>