

## The e-Bunny

Type: An Easter Skit for Youth

Overview: Easter has become so commercialized that it is almost impossible to tell “Which came first: the Bunny or the Egg?” However, this skit helps sort some of that out, as our two heroes, Margo and Devin, seek to help their buddy, Fred (the e-Bunny) discover that there is more to Easter than just what is sold in a store.

Synopsis: Fred is a teen working in a “Mega-Mart” near Easter. His job involves dressing as a gigantic Easter Bunny (the e-Bunny) and welcoming customers. Fred is unhappy about the bunny costume because, as he puts it, he looks like “a big, purple nightmare that someone had after eating too much Easter candy.” There must be more to Easter than this, but what is it?

Two of his friends from school recognize him and engage him in conversation about the real meaning of Easter. Fred begins to realize that no one’s “going to find True ‘Hoppiness’ in Aisle 4 next to the purple grass.”

Characters: 3 main speaking parts and various additional small speaking parts as desired.  
Fred – The e-Bunny  
Margo – A friend from school  
Devin – Another friend from school: He and Fred are buddies on a sports team.  
Man and Lady Shopper, Boy, Various other shoppers, their children and families.

Setting: The front entrance of a “Mega-Mart.” Customers come and go across the stage.

Costumes: Fred, the e-Bunny, has on the most pathetic looking, giant Easter Bunny costume available. *(If possible, his costume is purple and white and comes complete with feet and long fuzzy ears. But any costume will do, including just a set of ears and a puffy tail. NOTE: If costume is not purple, change lines to reflect color used.)*

Props: Devin needs a cell phone/camera. Shoppers may have shopping baskets or bags, as desired. Optional items include Easter baskets setting around, as if for sale.

Director’s Notes:

This is a fun skit to do with teens. It is fast-paced and electronically savvy. That being said, feel free to allow the students to adjust the “jokes,” regarding posting the picture on the web, to fit with what they routinely do in real life. Consider casting two of your most athletic guys for the parts of Fred and Devin. What fun!

**NOTE:** *It is difficult to write a skit for Easter, because the subject matter is so important to all of us! “The e-Bunny” is not meant to be irreverent, or to make light of a serious and holy subject. It is meant to be a skit teens can do to help facilitate discussions about an important and somewhat difficult topic: Whether or not we, and those around us, understand what Easter is really all about. It is about **the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.***

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*An Easter Skit for Youth*  
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**SKIT OPENS**

**[LIGHTS UP.]**

*[As the skit opens FRED (the e-Bunny) is dressed in his full-length bunny costume and is standing at CENTERSTAGE FRONT. SHOPPERS may come and go across the stage as desired throughout the skit. As they approach or walk by, FRED addresses them with welcoming comments. Optional signs reading “Mega-Mart” or “Easter Specials” may be seen in the background. FRED may or may not carry a large Easter Basket.]*

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

*(Loudly to passing SHOPPERS.)*

Welcome to Mega-Mart!

I am the e-Bunny! ‘Hoppy’ Easter!

Easter Baskets and Purple Grass on Aisle Four!

Hop right in for ‘Egg-stra’ Special Savings!

*[MARGO and DEVIN ENTER and stand watching FRED (the e-Bunny) incredulously. Finally MARGO speaks to him.]*

**MARGO**

Fred?! Fred, is that YOU?!!

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

*(Turns and sees MARGO and DEVIN. He is somewhat embarrassed, but pretends not to be.)*

Fred? Who me?

*(loudly)* Uh... No, I’m not Fred! I’m the e-Bunny! Welcome to Mega-Mart! ‘Hoppy Easter’!!

**DEVIN**

Come on, Fred! We’re on the same team! I’d know you anywhere... on or off the field.  
*(Teasing him about his costume)* But what kind of uniform is this? These aren’t school colors!

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Shhh... quiet! You want to get me fired?! Today I'm not Fred, OK? Today...

*[LADY SHOPPER ENTERS. As she enters, FRED (the e-Bunny) notices her and finishes his sentence by speaking more loudly and looking directly at her.]*

*(to LADY SHOPPER)* ... I am the e-Bunny! Welcome to Mega-Mart!

**LADY SHOPPER**

Excuse me, where can I find the purple grass?

*[As FRED (the e-Bunny) is talking to the LADY SHOPPER he notices DEVIN getting ready to take his picture with his camera/phone.]*

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Purple Grass... Yes, Ma'am... Aisle Four, just above the Easter Baskets.

**LADY SHOPPER**

Thank you.

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

You're welcome! 'Hoppy' Easter!

*[DEVIN clicks the photo just as LADY SHOPPER turns to EXIT.]*

**DEVIN**

Hold it! *(Click)* Nice!

*[DEVIN prepares to post the photo online]*

Say, Fred... is that "e" in e-Bunny a lowercase or a capital letter?

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

NOooo!! (*Making a grab for the camera/phone*) Gimme that!

**DEVIN**

(*Managing to escape*) Lowercase it is!

(*Dramatically*) SEND!

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

(*groaning*) Arrgghhhh!

**DEVIN**

Sorry, buddy... Had to be done.

**MARGO**

Hey, Fred... Did I hear you tell that lady 'Hoppy' Easter?!

That is sad, Fred... truly sad.

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

(*frustrated*) You don't have to tell me! I know that! I didn't write this stuff! We have a store manager who thinks he's a real comedian. He wrote it! I just have to say it! And, as for this costume... No, it's NOT school colors... It's ridiculous! I mean, look at me... I look like a big, purple nightmare that someone had after eating too much Easter candy!

**MARGO**

Sorry, Fred...

**DEVIN**

Yeah, me too...

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Well, no one's sorer than I am... I have to stand here all day, every day, until Easter, and wear this stupid costume and say stupid things like "Hoppy Easter" and "Hop right in for Egg-stra Special Savings!" And it's a long time until Easter!!!!!!!

**MARGO**

*(Trying to be nice)* Calm down, Fred. It's not so bad. I mean... you don't look that bad.

**DEVIN**

*(Trying not to laugh...)* Yeah, maybe it's not that bad...

*(Laughing anyway)* Oh, who am I kidding? Yes it is!! *(Laughs harder)*

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

*(Menacing to Devin)* You just wait until I get you back on the practice field!

**DEVIN**

*(Laughing out loud now)* Will you be sure to wear this, so I'll know who you are??!!

*(Checking phone)* Hey, look! Five people "Like" your photo, and two have already made comments.

*[FRED now wants to punch Devin. But MAN SHOPPER ENTERS just in time.]*

*[MAN SHOPPER is rugged and has a loud, matter-of-fact way of talking. He sounds like a drill sergeant addressing the troops, or a Coach talking to a sports team. He walks up behind FRED, the e-Bunny, and startles him when he speaks. FRED jumps a little.]*

**MAN SHOPPER**

*(Loudly)* Hello, Bunny! *(short pause for laughter)* Where'd you hide the eggs?

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

*(Startled, jumping a little)* Huh?! What?!

**MAN SHOPPER**

Eggs, son... Eggs! Plastic Easter Eggs! You got any?!!

*[DEVIN is laughing so hard now that he can barely breathe...]*

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Oh, Easter Eggs! Yes, sir. Aisle Four, right next to the Purple Grass, just above the Easter Baskets.

*[MAN SHOPPER TURNS to exit.]*

*(Calling after him)* Hop right in for 'Egg-stra' Special Savings!

*[MAN SHOPPER EXITS.]*

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

*(Under his breath to Devin)* I am going to kill you!

**DEVIN**

*(Laughing so hard he now wheezes when he inhales)* No need... I'm dying here already!!

**MARGO**

*(Getting in between them)* Stop it, you two! You're scaring off the customers! Show a little respect!

**DEVIN**

For this! You have got to be kidding!!

*(Imitating Man Shopper)* Hello, Bunny! Where'd you hide the eggs?! *(Laughs out loud again)*

Boy, he really made you "Hop to it!" Didn't he?!! *(Laughs)*

*(Checking phone)* Hey, Fred! Someone's started you a group! "I believe in the e-Bunny!" It's got 40 members already! *(really impressed)* Oh... you're going to be famous!

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

*(Appealing to Margo)* Please let me kill him... Just a little?

**MARGO**

No! Enough already! Stop it, both of you! You could at least remember the real reason for Easter and have a little respect for that.

**DEVIN**

*(Controlling his laughter, slowly)* Oh, OK. I'm sorry... you're right.

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Wait a minute. The real reason for Easter... what are you talking about?

*[DEVIN and MARGO glance at each other and then look at FRED in disbelief.]*

**DEVIN**

Easter... You know... Eas-ter! The REASON we have Easter...

*[FRED, the e-Bunny, has no clue.]*

**MARGO**

*(Figuring out that Fred has no clue, she says gently)* Well, Fred, maybe you'd like to hear about the true meaning of Easter. I mean... we could tell you how it all got started.

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

You could, huh? OK... I'll bite... *(Dramatically, as if telling a joke)*

Go ahead... tell me... Which came first? The Bunny or the Egg?

*[FRED may point at himself when he says "Bunny" and hold up an Easter Basket when he says "Egg." Otherwise he may indicate the two different choices by holding up one hand and then the other.]*

**MARGO**

*(Rambling a bit)* Well, neither... really. I mean the bunny and all the eggs... those are all really fun... and, don't get me wrong, I really like getting my Easter basket every year... but Easter didn't actually start with any of those things... See, it really started a long time ago... Way back before any of those other things... And they were just sort of added on later...

*[As MARGO finishes speaking DEVIN and FRED, the e-Bunny, who have been staring at her, glance at each other and then shake their heads a little as if to say, "Women!"]*

**DEVIN**

Yeah....

Well, Easter doesn't have anything to do with bunnies or baskets. It has more to do with Salvation and Eternal Life.

**MARGO**

And it wasn't started just because people like springtime... or flowers. It got started because the most awful thing and the most wonderful thing that ever happened... happened.

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Say, what are you two talking about?!

**DEVIN**

We're talking about the reason we have Easter in the first place. We are talking about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

You're kidding... right?

**MARGO**

No, we're not kidding. We mean it. The reason we celebrate Easter is that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead on Easter Sunday almost 2000 years ago.

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Oh, you guys don't really believe that old fairy tale?! Do you?

**DEVIN**

Yeah, we do. (*Assertively*) And, not only that, I've been believing it for a long time now. And it's NOT a fairy tale... It's true.

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

You're kidding me! No one believes that stuff anymore. It's a story in some dusty old book!

**MARGO**

(*Also assertively*) It's a reality, recorded in the Bible. And the one I have at home isn't all that dusty!

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Oh, come on! Don't tell me that you believe that someone was actually raised from the dead!

**DEVIN**

Well, it's easier than believing in giant, purple Easter Bunnies that show up and bring you baskets of chocolate Easter eggs.

**MARGO**

Yeah, or the Tooth Fairy... or... Santa Claus!

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Hey, lay off Santa Claus... We're buddies... He works in Aisle 9.

**DEVIN**

Listen... The truth is that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. He is alive again and from now on He will live forever and ever. And because I've trusted him as my Savior, so will I!

**MARGO**

Me too. See, Jesus died on the cross to pay for all the bad things we've ever done or ever will do. He is the Savior who came to fulfill all the promises that God made to save us from our sins. John 3:16 says "*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*" Because Jesus died in my place, I am completely free of my sins. And because Jesus rose from the dead, I have eternal life! I will live with Him forever, and so can you!

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Hold on a minute! Sin and death... eternal life! I have no idea what you're talking about. I don't even know if I want to live forever. I think I'd settle for just being happier than I am right now!

**DEVIN**

Well, you can be. See, it's sort of a package deal: Eternal Life later, joy and fulfillment now.

**MARGO**

Yeah, you don't really think that anyone's going to find 'True Hoppiness' on Aisle Four next to the Purple Grass, do you?

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

No, we don't sell 'True Hoppiness' on Aisle Four... or anywhere else in the store...

**DEVIN**

*(Very sincerely)* Fred... Easter isn't fluffy bunnies and plastic eggs. It's powerful and meaningful. It's life or death... for you... for us... for everybody.

**MARGO**

The reality is that you can hunt all the Easter eggs you want, but you'll only find the true meaning of Easter in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*[DEVIN puts his arm on FRED's shoulder and says his next line in a cheesy and somewhat obnoxious way]*

**DEVIN**

She's right, Bunny. If you keep on looking, you'll find that Easter has a deeper meaning...than a basket full of plastic grass.

*[DEVIN slaps FRED, the e-Bunny, on the back, as if to show that the "Special Moment" is over]*

So... *(slap on back)* What's it going to be? Gonna keep wearing that big purple bunny costume?

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Well, I really need this job. So, yeah... I am... at least for now.

But I'd like to hear a little more about this eternal life stuff. That sounds pretty good. And if someone died for me, I'd like to hear His story too. Can we meet up after work?

**MARGO**

Sure, Fred.

**DEVIN**

Absolutely! Let's meet for burgers! My treat!

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

That sounds great! Thanks!

*[DEVIN and MARGO turn to leave]*

**DEVIN**

No problem! (*checking phone*) After all, since your group now has over 1,000 members, it's the least I can do!

Hey... be sure and wear the costume! You're famous! We'll probably get our meals for free!

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

(*Pointing and hollering*) OUT!! Get Out! Both of you!! (*laughing too*) See you later!

[*DEVIN and MARGO wave and make a hasty EXIT as other SHOPPERS ENTER.*]

(*Loudly, and more happily than at first, to passing SHOPPERS*)

Welcome to Mega-Mart!

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[*BOY ENTERS and walks up to FRED, the e-Bunny, and interrupts his lines.*]

**BOY**

Excuse me, sir. Are you the e-Bunny?

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

Yes, I am the e-Bunny! Welcome to Mega-Mart!

**BOY**

(*Shouting to other shoppers*) It's him! It's him! I told you it was! It's the e-Bunny! It's him!

[*ALL SHOPPERS crowd around FRED, the e-Bunny, asking for autographs, etc. FRED, the e-Bunny, shouts his last lines as he is being swept offstage by the SHOPPERS.*]

**FRED (the e-Bunny)**

*(Shouting as he is being swept offstage by his adoring fans!)*

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**[LIGHTS OUT.]**

**THE END**