

The e-Bunny Returns

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Based on original characters from the skit, "The e-Bunny"
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Type: A Church Skit for Children and Youth

Time: Approximately 10-12 minutes

Characters: Fred – the e-Bunny

Margo – friend from school and church

Devin – friend from a sports team and church

Other Church Friends – Justin, Noah, Eleanor and Susie

Rachel – Justin and Noah's mom

Setting: Outside of the Mega-Mart and then at Rachel's home

Costumes: Regular school or church clothes for the kids

Props: None needed

All Scripture References from THE HOLY BIBLE – King James Version.

Song Suggestion – "Only A Boy Named David" – Music and Lyrics by Arthur Arnott, 1931. Colonel Arthur Arnott (1870-1941.) Used only as permitted in your area. Feel free to substitute a different song, or leave the song out altogether. Always check with your Church Music Director or Staff to find out about church permissions to use songs.

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(As Curtain Rises, FRED is onstage, in front of the Mega-Mart.)

FRED: Hi! Remember me? Yes, I'm Fred. Probably you remember me best as the e-Bunny... the e-Bunny with a very sore throat. I could hardly talk for about a week. My friends made the e-Bunny famous by posting my picture on Social Media. It was quite an experience at Easter. My friends, including Justin and Noah's mom, Rachel, invited me to church and I learned the real meaning of Easter. I continued going to church and accepted Jesus as my Savior. I thought that when God saved me that I would have a life with no problems, but no way! If anything, my problems are worse today and I really don't know about this God-thing. My friends from church are coming to pick me up and we're going over to Rachel's house today. They think they can help me, but I'm not so sure.

(DEVIN, MARGO, ELEANOR, and SUSIE ENTER)

DEVIN: Hi, Fred! How's it going?

FRED: Well, to tell the truth not so good. I'm still working at Mega-Mart. I thought being the e-Bunny was hard, but moving around all of this spring merchandise isn't easy either.

SUSIE: What do you mean?

FRED: Those bags of topsoil and mulch are heavy. We carry them to the car for our customers. My back is killing me!

ELEANOR: What else?

FRED: I think I'm allergic to the potted plants. Marigolds make me sneeze!

MARGO: Sounds like you are feeling very sorry for yourself. Any other problems?

FRED: You know about my family's financial problems. That's why I work here. My grandma died a few weeks ago. I miss her very much.

SUSIE: Anything else?

FRED: I'm just not so sure about being saved and what it means. Does God really care about ME? I thought when I accepted Jesus as my Savior that everything would be wonderful, that I'd be full of happiness and my problems would all be solved.

DEVIN: No way! That isn't what salvation is. Salvation is as easy as A-B-C: A – Accept that you're a sinner; B – Believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and rose from the dead; C – Confess your sins and ask Him to come into your heart.

ELEANOR: Salvation changes you, but it doesn't take away all of your problems like magic.

FRED: I think I was looking for some magic cure, but it didn't come and I'm so disappointed.

MARGO: We better get going to Rachel's. I think she'll be able to help you.

FRED: I hope so, because I'm confused.

(NOAH, JUSTIN and RACHEL ENTER. The others approach them, as if they have just arrived at Rachel's house.)

RACHEL: Hi, kids! I'm happy you all came over today.

JUSTIN: Mom even baked some cookies.

NOAH: Chocolate chip, my favorite! I can't wait to eat them.

MARGO: Sounds good to me!

RACHEL: Wait a minute! Our purpose is not to eat cookies. We're having a Bible Study, remember?

ELEANOR: Oh, yes, that's the most important part.

DEVIN: Before we start, Fred is having some problems and needs our help. Do you think we could work on that?

RACHEL: Of course. Fred, you know that the Lord loves you and since you accepted Him as your Savior you are one of His children.

MARGO: God loves us very much and wants you to be filled with joy.

FRED: Oh, yeah – that's what you all say.

JUSTIN: It's true. Jesus lives in my heart.

RACHEL: Okay, what's your first problem?

FRED: Where do we start? First, there's my job, then my family's money problems, my Grandma died, and I ...

MARGO: What else?

FRED: I'm not sure I believe in a God who allows all these bad things to happen.

RACHEL: Okay, sit down. I want to tell you about a man who lived long ago – David. Everyone can help me tell Fred a few things about David.

MARGO: You mean King David. We studied about him.

SUSIE: He did many other things before he became King David

- NOAH: You're right. David was the youngest child in his family. When he was a teenager, he had a job that wasn't easy. He was a shepherd. He had to find food and water, and protect the sheep.
- JUSTIN: He killed a lion and a bear. He was very brave and it was hard work, but God was with him.
- ELEANOR: He also played the harp and wrote many songs which we have today in the book of Psalms.
- NOAH: So, you see, he had to work hard just like you. God even inspired him to write Psalm 23, "The LORD is my shepherd." It's famous!
- MARGO: David was called home from the fields when the prophet Samuel visited. During that visit, Samuel anointed David to be King of Israel, but it was many years before he finally became king. David learned a lot about being patient. Maybe you need to learn to be more patient, too.
- RACHEL: King Saul heard about David's musical ability and called him to the palace to play his harp. He met Jonathan, King Saul's son, who became his best friend.
- JUSTIN: David was a famous warrior
- DEVIN: We all know about David and Goliath.
- FRED: Even I know that story of how David killed Goliath with just one stone and his slingshot.
- NOAH: God guided that stone.
- JUSTIN: I know the song "Only A Boy Named David." May we sing it? Please, please, Mom?
- RACHEL: Yes, come on boys and girls, sing with him.
- (Song Suggestion: "Only A Boy Named David." Music and Lyrics by Arthur Arnott, 1931.)*
- ELEANOR: Later in life, King Saul became jealous of David and tried to kill him. Jonathan saved David's life.
- NOAH: David ran away. He had nothing. Once he had to pretend to be insane and another time he ate food that was reserved for the priests only. He was on the run for a long time.
- RACHEL: David was kind to King Saul. He had a chance to kill him at least two times, but he spared his life. Both Jonathan and King Saul were later killed in a battle with the Philistines.

- SUSIE: Two of David's children also died; one of them in battle.
- MARGO: David knew how sad it is when a loved one dies and he mourned. In Psalm 69:3 he wrote, *"I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God."*
- RACHEL: David suffered disappointment. He wanted to build a temple for the LORD, but God stopped him because he was a man of war. He obeyed.
- ELEANOR: The Bible says in 1 Samuel (13:14) that *"The LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart."* David was a sinful man, but each time he committed sin, he was humbled, asked for God's forgiveness and repented.
- DEVIN: Sometimes it takes us a long time to do that.
- JUSTIN: Didn't anything good happen to David?
- RACHEL: Yes, of course, and he wrote many beautiful psalms about that and his relationship with God when he was living very close to the Lord. You know a few of those if you think about it. Some praise psalms.
- FRED: I know one. Psalm 8:9 *"O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"*
- NOAH: Psalm 18:3 *"I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies."*
- DEVIN: Psalm 145:2-3 *"Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."*
- FRED: I can see what you mean. I guess I just expected too much, too fast. I am beginning to see that even people from the Bible had problems.
- ELEANOR: You need to focus on being thankful for all that the Lord has given you.
- FRED: Like what?
- SUSIE: How about a job and the strength to work? Many teenagers can't even find a job. Others are sick or have physical problems and don't have the strength to work.
- MARGO: We are really sorry about your Grandma. It is very hard to lose someone you love.
- FRED: I miss her so much. She was just like you guys. Always going to church, praying, reading her Bible.
- DEVIN: What? She was a Christian?

- FRED: I guess.
- DEVIN: Then you have real hope! Someday you'll see her in heaven.
- FRED: Hope – Really!
- NOAH: REALLY! That's one of our greatest hopes, being with our loved ones forever.
- SUSIE: The Bible also says in Philippians (4:19) that the Lord will supply all of our needs. You just need to trust God and He will take care of your family's financial problems.
- ELEANOR: Life has many ups and downs, good things and bad things, but as we learn to trust Him more and more, the good things become "very good" and the bad things are "not so bad."
- MARGO: More and more of His joy will come into your life.
- SUSIE: Also remember what John writes in his gospel, "*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*" (John 3:36) We can never lose our salvation. As you grow in the Lord by attending church, praying, reading your Bible and spending time with Christians, you'll see the Lord working in your life. You'll feel His presence and know that He works everything out for our good.
- FRED: You have given me hope. I will try to trust in God's timing to help me solve my problems. I'll spend more time talking to God in prayer. I do know that you love me and God loves me, too. No, my life isn't perfect, but I will now have hope. I can trust God to work all things together for good in my life. Thank you all for sharing with me about how to face problems as a Christian. See yah in church on Sunday.
- JUSTIN: Can we eat those cookies now?

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