

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” 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 a 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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Setting: The front entrance of a “Mega-Mart.” Optional signs reading “Mega-Mart” or “Easter Specials” may be seen in the background.

At Opening: FRED (the e-Bunny) is dressed in his full-length bunny costume and is standing DOWNSTAGE CENTER. FRED may or may not carry a large Easter Basket. SHOPPERS may be seen coming and going across the stage, as desired. They may push shopping carts or carry shopping baskets. As SHOPPERS approach, or walk by, FRED addresses them with welcoming comments

(LIGHTS UP.)

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 incredulously. Finally, MARGO speaks to FRED.)

MARGO

Fred?! Fred, is that YOU?!!

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

FRED (the e-Bunny) *(surprised)*

Fred? Who me?

(now 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 notices her and finishes his sentence by speaking more loudly and looking directly at her.)

FRED (the e-Bunny) (Continued)

...I am the e-Bunny! Welcome to Mega-Mart!

LADY SHOPPER

Excuse me, young man, where can I find the purple grass?

(As FRED is talking to the LADY SHOPPER, he notices DEVIN is getting ready to take his picture with his phone.)

FRED (the e-Bunny)

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

LADY SHOPPER (leaving)

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!

(takes photo)

Nice!

(preparing to post photo)

Say, Fred... is the "e" in e-Bunny lowercase, or capitalized?

FRED (the e-Bunny)

(grabbing for the phone)

NOooo!! 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 is NOT school colors... It’s ridiculous! I mean, look at me... I look like a big, purple nightmare that somebody had after eating too much Easter candy!

MARGO *(meekly)*

Sorry, Fred...

DEVIN

Yeah, me too...

FRED (the e-Bunny)

(still on a roll)

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 make him feel better)

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)

(menacingly towards DEVIN)

You just wait until I get you back on the practice field!

DEVIN *(laughing)*

Will you be sure to wear this, so I’ll know who you are??!!

(checking his phone)

Hey, look! Twenty people already “Liked” your photo... And there have been several comments... Some of them not so flattering.

(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. MAN walks up behind FRED, the e-Bunny, who doesn't notice him, and he startles FRED when he speaks. FRED jumps a little.)

MAN SHOPPER *(loudly)*

Hello, Bunny!

(FRED jumps a little)

Where'd you hide the eggs?

FRED (the e-Bunny)

(Startled, and a little nervous)

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.)

FRED (the e-Bunny)

(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...(wheeze)... I'm dying here already!!

MARGO

(getting in between the two of them)

Stop it, you two! You're scaring off the customers! Show a little respect!

DEVIN

(pointing at the e-bunny costume)

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?!!

(checking his phone)

Hey, Fred! Look! You're trending! #e-bunny #ibelieve

(really impressed)

Oh... you're going to be famous!

FRED (the e-Bunny)

(appealing to MARGO)

Please, can I 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 *(derisively)*

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

(FRED, the e-Bunny, has no clue. Finally, MARGO and DEVIN realize that he doesn't know about Easter.)

MARGO *(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)

(suspiciously)

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?

(NOTE: 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, who have been staring at her, roll their eyes and shake their heads, 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)

Hey, 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 *(assertively)*

Yeah, we do. 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've got to be kidding me! No one believes that stuff anymore! It's just a story in some dusty old book!

MARGO

(also assertively)

No, 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 bunnies that show up and bring baskets of chocolate 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 God's promise to save us from our sins.

DEVIN

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!

MARGO

We 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 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 for Easter eggs all 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 speaks in a cheesy fashion)

DEVIN

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

(slaps FRED on the back, getting back to business)

So... 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

(checking his phone)

No problem! After all, since you now have way over 1,000 "likes," it's the least I can do!

Hey... be sure and wear that 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, now)

See you later!

(DEVIN and MARGO wave and make a hasty EXIT, as other SHOPPERS ENTER.)

FRED (the e-Bunny)

(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, interrupting him.)

BOY

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

FRED (the e-Bunny) *(still loudly)*

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, taking photos, asking for autographs, etc. The crowd begins to carry him offstage.)

FRED (the e-Bunny)

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

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(LIGHTS OUT.)

THE END